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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
PROTEL ADVANTAGE, INC., d/b/a	)	DOCKET UT-970018
LONG DISTANCE SAVINGS	)	
for an Order Authorizing the	)	AUTHORIZING
Registration of Applicant as a	)	REGISTRATION
Telecommunications Company.	)	
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On January 9, 1997, Protel Advantage Inc., d/b/a Long Distance Savings filed an application for registration as a telecommunications company pursuant to RCW 80.36.350. The applicant proposes to offer resold switched and dedicated; direct dial long distance, inbound 800/888, dedicated line, and travel calling card services to the public.

Protel Advantage Inc., d/b/a Long Distance Savings is a Minnesota corporation, headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota. The corporation is wholly owned by Scott D. Lee. Rates, terms and conditions set forth in the proposed tariff are structured similarly to rates filed by other telecommunications companies for calls placed in the relevant market.

Protel Advantage Inc., d/b/a Long Distance Savings has provided information showing that it possesses adequate financial resources, and technical competence to provide the proposed services. The applicant does not propose to collect advance payments or deposits from customers.

FINDINGS

THE COMMISSION FINDS:

1. Protel Advantage Inc., d/b/a Long Distance Savings filed an application pursuant to the provisions of RCW 80.36.350 and the rules and regulations of the Commission for an order approving its application for registration as a telecommunications company.
2. As to form, the application filed herein, as supplemented and amended, meets the requirements of RCW 80.36.350 and the rules and regulations of the Commission adopted pursuant thereto.
3. The registration of Protel Advantage Inc., d/b/a Long Distance Savings as a telecommunications company is not inconsistent with the public interest.

4. In this proceeding, the Commission in no way endorses the financial viability of applicant nor the investment quality of any securities it may issue.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. After the effective date of this order and subject to the conditions hereof, the application of Protel Advantage Inc., d/b/a Long Distance Savings filed with the Commission pursuant to the provisions of RCW 80.36.350 requesting an order authorizing registration as a telecommunications company to provide service to the public in this state is approved.

2. The proposed tariff as filed on January 9, 1997, and amended in Exhibit G, attached to the application, is satisfactory. Prior to supplying service to the public as a telecommunications company, Protel Advantage Inc., d/b/a Long Distance Savings shall file an initial tariff with the Commission identical to the amended Exhibit G of the application. The tariff shall bear an effective date not less than 30 days subsequent to the date of receipt by the Commission.

3. Registration of Protel Advantage Inc., d/b/a Long Distance Savings as a telecommunications company shall not be construed as an endorsement of financial viability nor of the investment quality of any securities it may issue.

4. As a telecommunications company providing service to the public in this state, Protel Advantage Inc., d/b/a Long Distance Savings is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission under the provisions of Title 80 RCW and all rules and regulations of the Commission adopted pursuant thereto.

5. Protel Advantage Inc., d/b/a Long Distance Savings shall not collect advance payments or deposits without first showing that it has a satisfactory arrangement to protect customer monies as stated in WAC 480-121-040.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 29th day of January, 1997.



STEVE McLELLAN, Secretary