

Recommendation, dated December 7, 2016, recommending the Commission grant Nex-Tech, Inc.'s Application and approve the requested name change. According to Staff, Nex-Tech, Inc.'s Certificate of Convenience and Authority to provide switched local exchange and exchange access service in the State of Kansas derives from the Commission's January 14, 1999 Order issued in Docket No. 99-RTSC-422-COC, issued at the request of RTSC Communications, Inc. In a subsequent Order issued January 2, 2002, in Docket No. 02-NTHT-424-CCN, the Commission approved a name change from RTSC Communications, Inc. to Nex-Tech, Inc. Staff indicates that Nex-Tech, LLC is properly registered with the Kansas Secretary of State's office and authorized to engage in business in Kansas. Nex-Tech, LLC's status with the Secretary's office is shown to be "active and in good standing".¹

4. Staff reports that Nex-Tech, Inc. is current with regard to Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) and Commission assessments and has a current Annual Interrogatory on file with the Commission. Staff further indicates that access tariffs including the new name have been filed and are accepted for filing and that the requested name change will not affect any services or rates provided to the company's customers. Staff notes that Nex-Tech, LLC should be reminded to notify the Commission immediately of any change in address or contact telephone numbers, file timely annual reports, maintain current registration with the Kansas Secretary of State's office, and pay all Commission and KUSF assessments in a timely manner. Concluding, Staff recommends the Commission grant Nex-Tech, Inc.'s Application and approve its name change to Nex-Tech, LLC.²

5. The Commission adopts Staff's analysis and recommendation of December 7, 2016, as stated in its Report and Recommendation, which is attached hereto and made a part

¹ Report and Recommendation, pages 1 and 2.

² Id.

hereof by reference, and finds that the Application filed in this matter by Nex-Tech, Inc. should be granted. The Commission further finds that the requested name change under Nex-Tech, Inc.'s Certificate of Convenience and Authority to provide switched local exchange and exchange access service within the State of Kansas to Nex-Tech, LLC will promote the public convenience and should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

(A). Nex-Tech, Inc.'s Application filed in this matter on November 4, 2016 is hereby granted and the company's request for a name change from Nex-Tech, Inc. to Nex-Tech, LLC under its Certificate of Convenience and Authority to provide switched local exchange and exchange access service in Kansas is hereby approved.

(B). Nex-Tech, LLC is reminded to notify the Commission immediately of any change in address or contact telephone numbers, to file timely annual reports, maintain current registration with the Kansas Secretary of State's office, and pay all Commission and KUSF assessments in a timely manner.

(C). The parties have fifteen (15) days, plus three (3) days if service of this Order is by mail, from the date this Order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

(D). The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Emler, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: DEC 15 2016



Amy L. Green
Secretary to the Commission

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
UTILITIES DIVISION**

TO: Chairman Jay Scott Emler
Commissioner Shari Feist Albrecht
Commissioner Pat Apple

FROM: Kelly Mabon, Telecommunications Analyst
Christine Aarnes, Chief of Telecommunications
Jeff McClanahan, Director of Utilities

DATE: December 7, 2016

RE: Docket No. 17-NTHT-198-CCN (CLEC)
In the Matter of the Application of Nex-Tech, Inc. to Change Its Name to
Nex-Tech, LLC on All Certificates Previously Granted.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On November 4, 2016, Nex-Tech, Inc. filed an Application with the Commission to advise it has changed its name to Nex-Tech, LLC. Staff recommends approval of this Application.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission derives its authority to supervise telecommunications public utilities from K.S.A. 66-1,188.

ANALYSIS:

Nex-Tech, Inc. requests that the name on its Certificate of Convenience and Authority to Provide Switched Local Exchange and Exchange Access Service within the State of Kansas be changed to Nex-Tech, LLC. The Company states the change will not affect any services or rates provided to customers of the Company.

Nex-Tech, Inc. was issued a Certificate to provide Switched Local Exchange and Exchange Access Service in Docket No. 99-RTST-422-COC on January 14, 1999, under the name RTSC Communications, Inc. It subsequently changed its name to Nex-Tech, Inc. in Docket No. 02-NTHT-424-CCN on January 2, 2002.

Nex-Tech, LLC is properly registered with the Kansas Secretary of State's Office and authorized to engage in business in Kansas. They are currently "active and in good standing" with the Secretary's Office. Nex-Tech, Inc. is current with regard to KUSF and has a current Annual Interrogatory on file. The Company is current with regard to payment of Commission assessments. Access tariffs including the new name have been filed with this Application and are accepted for filing.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Nex-Tech, Inc.'s Application to change the name on its Certificate to provide Switched Local Exchange Services within the state of Kansas to Nex-Tech, LLC. The Company is reminded to notify the Commission immediately of any change in address or contact telephone numbers, file timely annual reports, maintain current registration with the Kansas Secretary of State's Office, and pay all Commission and Kansas Universal Service Fund assessments in a timely manner.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

17-NTHT-198-CCN

I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of first class mail/hand delivered on DEC 15 2016.

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