

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Pat Apple, Chairman
Shari Feist Albrecht
Jay Scott Emler

In the Matter of the Application of Cincinnati)
Bell Any Distance, Inc. to Change Its Name to) Docket No. 18-BWTC-194-CCN
CBTS Technology Solutions, LLC)
)

ORDER APPROVING NAME CHANGE

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and determination. Having examined its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. On November 6, 2017, Cincinnati Bell Any Distance, Inc. (Cincinnati Bell) filed an Application requesting that the name on its Certificates of Convenience and Authority to provide Competitive Local Exchange Carrier Services and Interexchange Services within the State of Kansas be changed to CBTS Technology Solutions, LLC (CBTS).

2. The Commission derives its authority to supervise telecommunications public utilities from K.S.A. 66-1,188. The Commission's authority to approve certificates of public utilities derives from K.S.A. 66-131. Respecting requests for a company name change, the Commission, in accordance with K.S.A. 66-131 and K.S.A. 66-136, must determine whether the proposed name change will promote the public convenience.

3. On November 30, 2017, the Commission Staff (Staff) submitted its Report and Recommendation, attached hereto and made a part hereof, recommending the Commission grant Cincinnati Bell's Application and approve the request to change the name on its Certificate to

provide Local Exchange Carrier and Services and its Certificate to provide Interexchange Services within the state of Kansas to CBTS Technology Solutions, LLC.

4. The Commission adopts Staffs analysis and recommendation of November 30, 2017, as stated in its Report and Recommendation, and finds that the Application filed in this matter by Cincinnati Bell should be granted. The Commission further finds that the requested name change on the company's Certificates will promote the public convenience and should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Cincinnati Bell Any Distance, Inc.'s Application filed in this matter requesting a name change from Cincinnati Bell Any Distance, Inc. to CBTS Technology Solutions, LLC on its Certificate to provide Local Exchange Carrier Services and its Certificate to provide and Interexchange Services within the State of Kansas is hereby approved.

B. CBTS Technology Solutions, LLC 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 KUSF and Commission assessments in a timely manner.

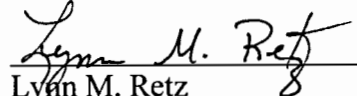
C. The parties have fifteen (15) days, plus three (3) days if service of this Order is by mail, from the date this Order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 77-529.

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

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Apple, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: DEC 12 2017


Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
UTILITIES DIVISION**

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

FROM: Paula Artzer, Senior Telecommunications Analyst
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DATE: November 30, 2017

SUBJECT: 18-BWTC-194-CCN
In the Matter of the Application of Cincinnati Bell Any Distance Inc. to Change
its Name to CBTS Technology Solutions LLC

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On November 6, 2017, Cincinnati Bell Any Distance, Inc., (Cincinnati Bell) filed an Application requesting to change the Company's name to CBTS Technology Solutions, LLC (CBTS). Staff recommends Commission approval of this filing.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission approved the Company's IXC Certificate in Docket 94-NLDC-207-COC in an Order dated June 6, 1994, and a CLEC Certificate in Docket 10-BWTC-220-COC in an Order dated December 17, 2009. CBTS is registered with the Kansas Secretary of State and the name change is on file. The account status is currently "Active and in Good Standing" for CBTS.

ANALYSIS:

The Commission derives its authority to supervise telecommunications public utilities from K.S.A. 66-1,188. The Commission derives its authority to certificate and de-certificate public utilities from K.S.A. 66-131.

The Commission must determine whether the proposed company name change would promote the "public convenience." See K.S.A. 66-131; K.S.A. 66-136.

Staff inquired why the filing with the Secretary of State was handled as a withdrawal of the incorporated name and a new filing of the limited liability name, if this was a name change only. Per the Company and per verification with the Secretary of State's office; there isn't a way to process a name change in Kansas when a Company is changing from an incorporated status to a *foreign* limited liability status (emphasis added). It must be processed as a withdrawal of the incorporated name and a new filing for the limited liability name.

With this filing, the Company states that the name change does not affect rates, terms or conditions for current customers. The customers were notified via bill statements. A copy of the customer notice was provided. The Company is in compliance with respect to Commission Assessments and Annual Report filing requirements.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve Cincinnati Bell's request to change its name to CBTS Technology Solutions, LLC on the IXC and CLEC Certificates the company has on file with the Commission. Staff reviewed the Application and available documentation and finds that the name change should promote the public convenience.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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 12 2017.

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