

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

Before Commissioners:                    Mark Sievers, Chairman  
   Thomas E. Wright  
   Shari Feist Albrecht

In the Matter of the Application of Cebridge                    )  
Telecom KS, LLC for a Certificate of Convenience                    )                    Docket No. 13-CKST-708-COC  
and Authority to Provide Interexchange Service                    )                    (IXC)  
Within the State of Kansas.                    )

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Telecom KS, LLC for a Certificate of                    )  
Convenience and Authority to Provide Local                    )                    Docket No. 13-CKST-711-COC  
Exchange and Exchange Access Service                    )                    (CLEC)  
Within the State of Kansas.                    )

**ORDER AND CERTIFICATE**

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

**I. BACKGROUND**

1. On May 17, 2013, Cebridge Telecom KS, LLC d/b/a Suddenlink Communications (Cebridge) filed separate Applications requesting Certificates of Convenience and Authority to provide Interexchange (IXC) Services and Competitive Local Exchange and Exchange Access Telecommunications Services (CLEC) within the State of Kansas.

2. On August 26, 2013, the Commission Staff (Staff) submitted its Report and Recommendation(s) dated August 16, 2013, recommending the Commission grant each of Cebridge's Applications and issue a Certificate of Convenience and Authority to Cebridge authorizing the company to provide both Interexchange Services and Competitive Local Exchange and Exchange Access Telecommunications Services within the State of Kansas.

## II. ANALYSIS

3. According to Staff, Cebridge is a Delaware limited liability company properly registered with the Kansas Secretary of State's office to do business in Kansas. Cebridge's status with the Secretary of State's office is active and in good standing. Staff states that Cebridge intends to provide local exchange, switched and long-distance intrastate wireline telecommunications services throughout the State of Kansas, as well as facilities-based and resold local exchange, exchange access, interexchange and related retail and wholesale telecommunications services to prospective customers throughout the state. Cebridge's proposed telecommunications services will include access to telephone numbers, transport, termination, interconnection with the public switched telephone network, and associated service arrangements, such as access to emergency services, operator services, directory assistance, interexchange service and other ancillary features that Cebridge must provide pursuant to applicable statutes and regulations. The company intends to rely on facilities and network equipment deployed by its cable affiliates, as may be necessary and appropriate. Staff further states its belief that Cebridge possesses adequate expertise to operate resold services and billing systems. Staff has reviewed Cebridge's financial data, which appears adequate to maintain operations. The sample customer bill submitted by the company conforms with the Commission's current billing standards. Staff indicates that all other aspects of Cebridge's Applications have been reviewed and are acceptable with respect to standards established through Staff's review process. Staff recommends approval of both Applications and the granting of Cebridge's requested Certificates.

4. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,188, the Commission has jurisdiction to supervise and control telecommunications public utilities doing business in Kansas. Cebridge is a

telecommunications public utility under K.S.A. 66-1,187 and is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. The Commission adopts Staff's recommendations of August 16, 2013, as stated in its Report and Recommendation(s), that are attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, and finds that Cebridge's Application should be granted and Certificates of Convenience and Authority should be issued to Cebridge authorizing it to engage in the business of providing Interexchange Services, as well as Competitive Local Exchange and Exchange Access Telecommunications Services within the State of Kansas.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:**

A. Cebridge Telecom KS, LLC d/b/a Suddenlink Communications' Applications filed in the above-captioned dockets are hereby granted and Cebridge is hereby issued a Certificate of Convenience and Authority to provide Interexchange Services and a Certificate of Convenience and Authority to provide Competitive Local Exchange and Exchange Access Telecommunications Services within the State of Kansas.

B. Cebridge 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 to pay all Commission and Kansas Universal Service Fund 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. 2012 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 AND CERTIFIED.**

Sievers, Chmn.; Wright Com.; Albrecht, Com.

Dated:     AUG 29 2013    

  
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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
UTILITIES DIVISION**

**TO:** Chairman Mark Sievers  
Commissioner Thomas E. Wright  
Commissioner Shari Feist Albrecht

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

**DATE:** August 16, 2013

**DATE SUBMITTED TO LEGAL:** 8/20/13

**DATE SUBMITTED TO COMMISSIONERS:** 8/26/13

**SUBJECT:** Docket No. 13-CKST-708-COC (IXC)  
In the Matter of the Application of Cebridge Telecom Kansas, LLC for a Certificate of Convenience and Authority to Provide Interexchange Services within the State of Kansas.

**SUMMARY:**

On May 17, 2013, Cebridge Telecom Kansas, LLC d/b/a Suddenlink Communications (Cebridge) applied for Certification to provide Interexchange Services within the State of Kansas. Staff recommends Commission approval of this Application.

**ANALYSIS:**

Cebridge is a Delaware Limited Liability Company and was properly registered with the Kansas Secretary of State's office on April 11, 2013. They are currently "active and in good standing" with the Secretary's office.

Cebridge proposes to provide local exchange, switched and long-distance intrastate wireline telecommunications services throughout the state of Kansas, upon approval by the Commission.

Staff believes that adequate expertise exists to operate resold services and billing systems. The Company's financial data has been reviewed and appears to be adequate to maintain operations. The Company submitted a sample bill which conforms with the Commission's current billing standards.

All other aspects of Cebridge's Application have been reviewed and everything is acceptable with respect to the standards established through Staff's review process.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of Cebridge's Application to provide Interexchange Services within the State of Kansas.

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.

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**SUMMARY:**

On May 17, 2013, Cebridge Telecom KS, LLC d/b/a Suddenlink Communications (Cebridge) applied for Certification to provide Competitive Local Exchange and Exchange Access Telecommunications Services within the State of Kansas. Staff recommends Commission approval of this Application.

**ANALYSIS:**

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Cebridge intends to offer facilities-based and resold local exchange, exchange access, interexchange and related retail and wholesale telecommunications services to

prospective customers throughout the state of Kansas. Cebridge's proposed telecommunications services will also include access to telephone numbers, transport, termination, interconnection with the public switched telephone network, and associated service arrangements, such as access to emergency services, operator services, directory assistance, interexchange service and other ancillary features that Cebridge must provide pursuant to applicable statutes and regulations. Cebridge intends to rely upon facilities and network equipment deployed by its cable affiliates, as may be necessary and appropriate.

Staff believes that adequate expertise exists to operate resold services and billing systems. The Company's financial data has been reviewed and appears to be adequate to maintain operations. The Company submitted a sample bill which conforms with the Commission's current billing standards.

All other aspects of Cebridge's Application have been reviewed and everything is acceptable with respect to the standards established through Staff's review process.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of Cebridge's Application to provide Competitive Local Exchange and Exchange Access Telecommunications Services within the State of Kansas.

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.



PLEASE FORWARD THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT (S) ISSUED IN THE ABOVE-REFERENCED DOCKET TO THE FOLLOWING:

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ORDER MAILED AUG 30 2013

The Docket Room hereby certified that on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, it caused a true and correct copy of the attached ORDER to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the above persons.