

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Transfer of Control of)
Touch 1 Communications, Inc. to Z-tel)
Technologies, Inc.)

DOCKET NO. 00-2257-01
REPORT AND ORDER

ISSUED: March 23, 2000

SYNOPSIS

No detriment to the public interest appearing, the Commission approved the proposed corporate merger.

By the Commission:

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On January 21, 2000, Petitioner Z-tel Technologies, Inc., sought Commission approval for the acquisition of the outstanding stock of Touch 1 Communications, Inc., a Utah certificated telephone corporation. The matter was referred for review and recommendation to the Division of Public Utilities, Utah Department of Commerce (DPU). DPU filed a memorandum recommending approval February 25, 2000.

The proposed merger will not change the name of the certificated entity and offers the possibility of enhanced financial viability. No detriment to the public interest appearing, we enter the following

ORDER

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

The petition be, and it hereby is, approved.

Any person aggrieved by this Order may petition the Commission for review within 20 days of the date of this Order. Failure so to do will forfeit the right to appeal to the Utah Supreme Court.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 23rd day of March, 2000.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

/s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Clark D. Jones, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard, Commission Secretary