

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

In each municipality served by an exchange carrier where public convenience requires it, the exchange carrier shall supply at least one public pay station that will be available to the public on a 24-hour basis. The requirement for this facility may be waived by the Commission for reasons such as: abusive vandalism or damage, excessive cost of maintaining the pay station, or lack of use.

Clarks states the Commission should grant the requested waiver because of 1) low usage and 2) excessive cost. Clarks has a total of three public pay stations. Each of these stations have

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had no dialed called usage since 2016 or before. No "in-box" coin collections have been made from these phones. Clarks provided a confidential summary of the maintenance costs for each of the phones, demonstrating that each pay station is costly to maintain.

Upon consideration of the waiver request, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that in light of the reasons cited by Clarks, including lack of use and excessive cost, the requested waiver is reasonable and should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the waiver of 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 5-002.06 sought by Clarks Telecommunications Company shall be, and is hereby, granted.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 6th day of August, 2019.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Cystal Knodes
Don Watterman
Tim Shaw

Mary Riddle
Chair

ATTEST:

Michael R. H. 20
Executive Director