

## SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the ) Application No. C-5171  
Application of Jess and Heather )  
Harwager, Hershey, Nebraska, )  
seeking authority to receive ) ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION  
advanced telecommunications )  
capability service from the )  
Hershey Exchange of Hershey )  
Cooperative Telephone Company. ) Entered: October 20, 2020

BY THE COMMISSION:

On September 8, 2020, an application was filed by Jess and Heather Harwager of Hershey, Nebraska ("Applicants"), seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Hershey Exchange of Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company ("Hershey") in lieu of service from the North Platte Exchange of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink"). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on September 14, 2020.

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

Hershey and CenturyLink are local exchange carriers holding certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange service in their respective territories. The Applicants, Jess and Heather Harwager, seek service to their house, which resides within the boundary of CenturyLink's North Platte Exchange, and have requested a boundary change so that they may receive advanced telecommunications capability service from Hershey's Hershey Exchange. CenturyLink has notified the Commission that it does not oppose the proposed boundary change. Hershey has also notified the Commission that it does not object to the boundary change and that it is willing to provide service to the Applicant.

Changes of a local exchange territory are governed by Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-135 - 86-138. Section 86-135 states that only upon non-consent of all telephone carriers involved shall the Commission hold a public hearing in the application. With no protest filed by any party and with each of the affected local exchange carriers consenting to the boundary change, the Commission processes this application administratively and without a public hearing.

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The Commission staff has modified the relevant exchange maps to show the boundary changes to the relevant exchanges. Copies of the exchange maps with the proposed revisions are attached as Attachment "A" to this Order and are hereby incorporated for reference. If either CenturyLink or Hershey have objections or changes to the proposed boundary maps, they must contact the Commission with said objections or changes on or before November 20, 2020. If the Commission receives no objections or changes from either party by November 20, 2020, the boundary maps shall be modified as proposed in Attachment "A".

The Commission finds that, in light of the consent between the parties involved, the application is in the public interest and should be granted. It is the expectation of the Commission that the two carriers involved in the boundary change shall collaborate in good faith to ensure that the transition of the customer's service from one carrier to the other shall be as seamless as possible.

## O R D E R





IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-5171 be, and it is hereby, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the revised exchange boundaries detailed in Attachment "A" to this Order be, and are hereby made, the official boundaries of the Hershey Exchange of Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company, and the North Platte Exchange of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 20th day of October, 2020.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director