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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the application) Application No. C-5220
of Nebraska Central Telephone)
Company, Gibbon, seeking a) ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION
waiver of the requirement of 291)
Neb. Admin. Code § 5-002.06)
regarding public pay stations.) Entered: April 27, 2021

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 9, 2021, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") received an application from Nebraska Central Telephone Company ("NCTC") of Gibbon, Nebraska, seeking a waiver of the requirement contained in 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 5-002.06 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations regarding public pay stations. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on March 12, 2021. No protests were filed to the waiver sought; therefore, this docket is processed pursuant to the Commission's rule of modified procedure.

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

NCTC is a local exchange carrier holding a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange service in the State of Nebraska. The Commission's regulations at 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 5-002.06 state:

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.

In its application, NCTC seeks a waiver of the Commission's rule to maintain a public pay station in its service territory of Gibbon, Nebraska. NCTC states the Commission should grant the requested waiver because the station has not been used for local coin or long-distance usage within the past year. NCTC further states that the station has frequently been a target of vandalism, and therefore generated costs without accompanying revenue. NCTC

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has no other public pay phone stations, as all other public pay stations in NCTC exchanges were removed pursuant to the Commission's granting of Application C-4711.

Upon consideration of the waiver request, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that in light of the reasons cited by NCTC that 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 Nebraska Central Telephone Company shall be, and is hereby, granted.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 27th day of April, 2021.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Rock Johnson
Crystal Broadus
Mary Kadden
Tim Schram

Don Watson

Chair

ATTEST:

Michael S. Hyatt

Executive Director