

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application    ) Application No. C-5284  
of Ray Herrington, Bassett,         )  
Nebraska, seeking authority to       )  
receive advanced                     ) GRANTED  
telecommunications service from     )  
the Newport Exchange of Rock        )  
County Telephone Company.           ) Entered: August 10, 2021

### BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 23, 2021 an Application was filed by Ray Herrington of Bassett, Nebraska, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Newport Exchange of Rock County Telephone Company ("Rock County"), in lieu of his current telephone service from CenturyLink Communications, LLC ("CenturyLink"). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on June 29, 2021. No protests were filed; therefore, this docket was handled pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure.

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

Rock County and CenturyLink are local exchange carriers holding certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange service in their respective territories. Ray Herrington is located within the boundary of CenturyLink's Atkinson Exchange and has requested a boundary change so that he may receive telephone service from the Newport Exchange of Rock. CenturyLink has notified the Commission that it does not oppose the proposed boundary change. Rock has also notified the Commission that it is willing to make the boundary change and provide service to the Applicant.

Changes of a local exchange territory are governed by *Neb. Rev. Stat.* §§ 86-135 to 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.

The Commission staff has modified the Rock County and CenturyLink local exchange maps to show the boundary change to the Newport Exchange. Copies of the exchange maps with the proposed

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revisions are attached as Attachment "A" to this Order and hereby incorporated for reference. If either company has objections or changes to the proposed boundary map, it has until August 31, 2021, to contact the Commission with said objections or changes. If the Commission receives no objections or changes from Rock County or CenturyLink by close of business on August 31, 2021 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-5284 be, and it is hereby, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before August 31, 2021 the parties to this docket shall contact the Commission with any changes or concerns regarding the boundary as proposed in Attachment "A" to this order. If no objection is received from Rock County or CenturyLink, the boundary as shown in Attachment "A" to this Order, shall be the official boundary of the two telecommunication companies.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Rock Johnson*  
*Crystal Swader*  
*Mary Kadden*  
*Tim Schram*





*Don Watson*  
Chair

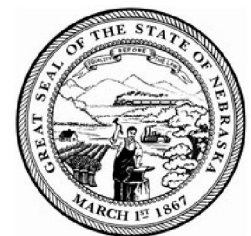
ATTEST:

*Michael S. Hyatt*  
Executive Director

# Attachment A (1 of 2)

**Rock County Telephone Co.  
Newport Exchange**

-  Areas of Change - C-5284 & C-5286
-  New Newport Boundary
-  New Exchange Boundaries
-  County Boundaries



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Atkinson**

**Rock County Telephone Co.  
Newport**

**C-5284 & C-5286**

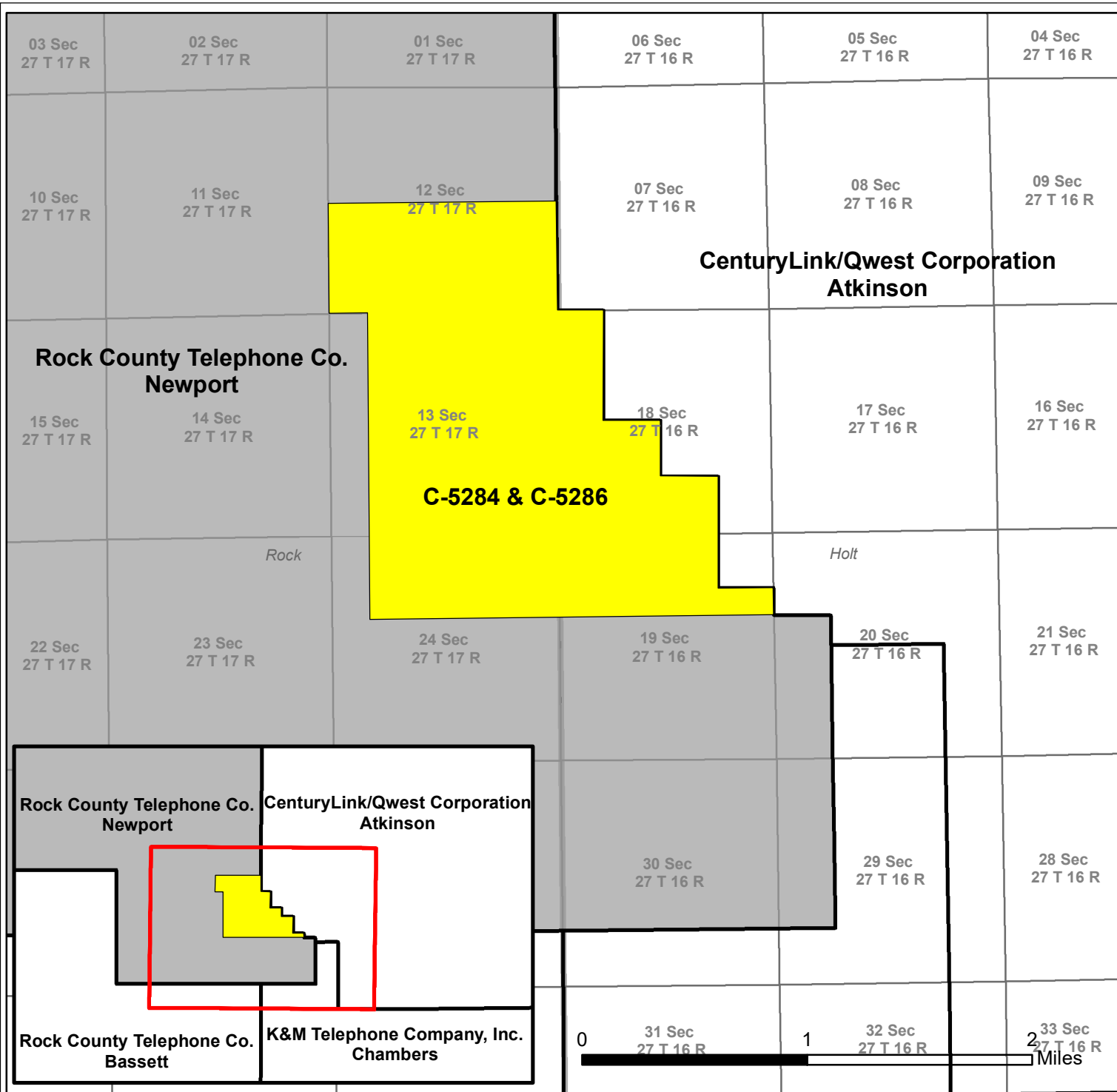
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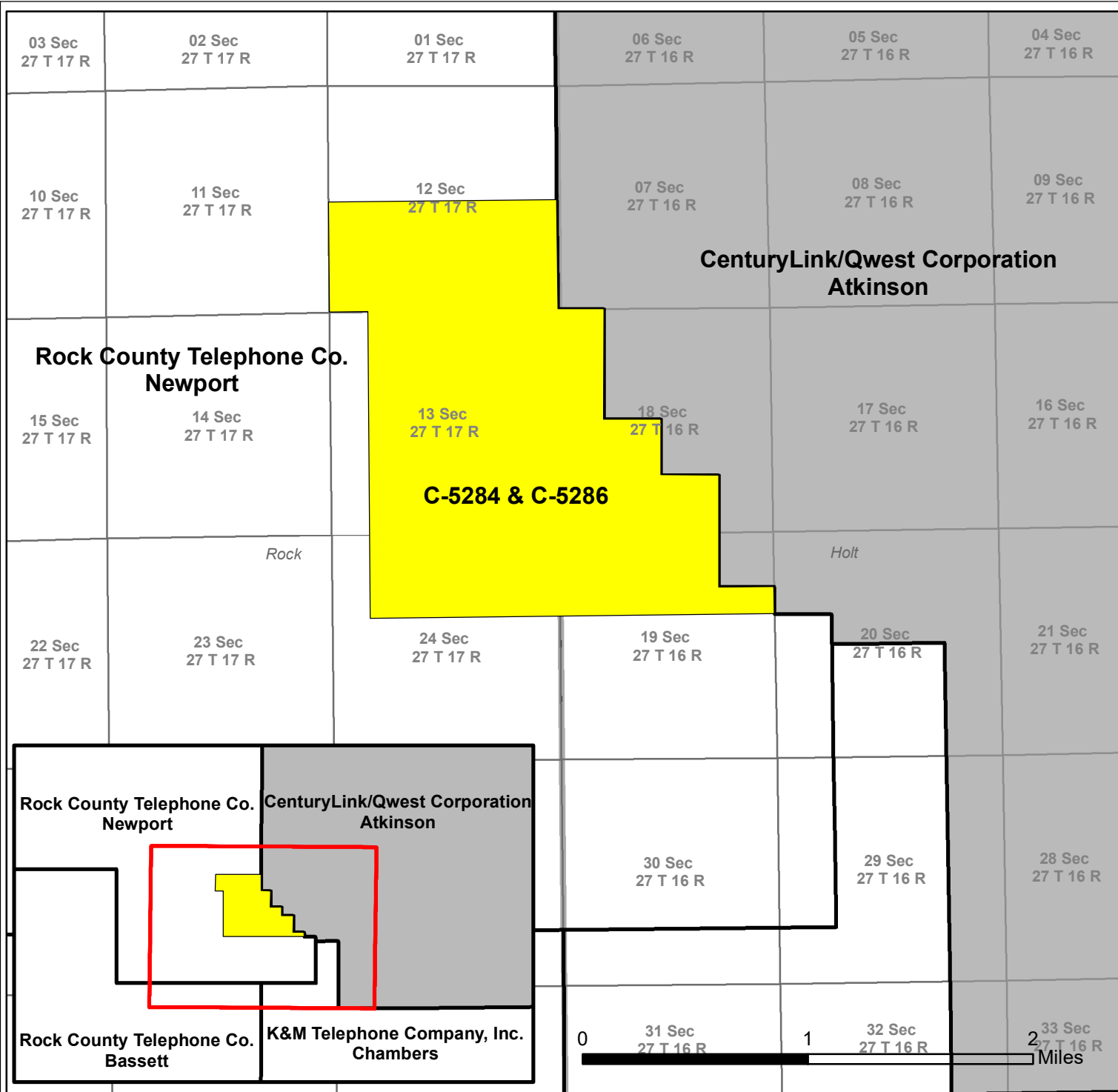
**Rock County Telephone Co.  
Bassett**

**K&M Telephone Company, Inc.  
Chambers**

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# Attachment A (2 of 2)



**CenturyLink/Qwest Corporation  
Atkinson Exchange**

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