SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	Application No. C-5394
of Kirk Olson, North Platte,)	
seeking authority to receive)	
advanced telecommunications)	ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION
capability service from the)	
Hershey Exchange of Hershey)	
Cooperative Telephone Company.)	Entered: June 7, 2022

BY THE COMMISSION:

On April 11, 2022, an application was filed by Kirk Olson of North Platte, Nebraska, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Hershey Exchange of Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company ("Hershey Co."), in lieu of their current telephone service from the North Platte Exchange of Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink ("CenturyLink"). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 18, 2022. No protests were filed; therefore, this docket was handled pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

Hershey Co. and CenturyLink are local exchange carriers holding certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange service in their respective territories. Kirk Olson is located within the boundary of CenturyLink's North Platte exchange and has requested a boundary change so that he may receive telephone service from the Hershey Exchange of Hershey Co. CenturyLink has notified the Commission that it does not oppose the proposed boundary change. Hershey Co. has also notified the Commission that it is willing to provide service to the Applicants.

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 Hershey Co. and CenturyLink local exchange maps to show the boundary change to the Hershey 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 must contact the Commission on or before July 5, 2022, with said objections or changes. If the Commission receives no objections or changes from Hershey Co. or CenturyLink by close of business on July 5, 2022, the boundary maps shall be modified as proposed in Attachment "A".

The Commission finds that in lieu 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.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-5394 be, and it is hereby, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before July 5, 2022, 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 Hershey Co. or CenturyLink, the boundary as shown in Attachment "A" to this Order shall be the official exchange boundary of the two telecommunications companies.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 7th day of June, 2022.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

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