

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	Application No. C-15
Roger Creasman & Charles Ingold,)	
Elsie, Nebraska, for authority to)	
receive telephone service from the)	DENIED
Elsie exchange of the Elsie Mutual)	
Telephone Company.)	Entered: July 23, 1980

APPEARANCES: For the protestant, Wauneta Telephone Company
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OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed May 12, 1980, Roger Creasman and Charles Ingold of Elsie, Nebraska seek authority to receive telephone service from the Elsie exchange of the Elsie Mutual Telephone Company.

A copy of the application was served upon the Elsie Mutual Telephone Company and the Wauneta Telephone Company.

Pursuant to notice required by law, public hearing was held on the application on July 2, 1980, at 10:00 a.m. in the Courthouse, Imperial, Nebraska with appearance as set forth above.

Upon consideration of the application, the evidence adduced at the hearing and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

1. Applicants are individuals whose mailing address is Elsie, Nebraska. They reside within the Wauneta exchange of the Wauneta Telephone Company. Mr. Creasman's location is the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 8 North, Range 36 West, Chase County. Mr. Ingold's location is the Northwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 8 North, Range 36 West, Chase County.
2. The Elsie Mutual Telephone Company is a mutual company providing telephone service at Elsie, Nebraska.
3. Wauneta Telephone Company is a common carrier providing telephone service at Wauneta, Nebraska.
4. Both of applicants are presently subscribers of the Wauneta Telephone Company. Mrs. Creasman appeared at the hearing to testify. Charles Ingold did not appear. Mrs. Creasman indicated that they desired service from Elsie because their children would attend school at Elsie, Elsie is the closest town and service from Elsie would be more reliable.
5. The Wauneta Telephone Company presently provides multi-party service to these applicants, however it is in the process of rebuilding its rural plant and estimates that one party buried service would be available to the applicants by February of 1981. The existing line serving the applicants comes from the south across private property. The proposed buried line would come from the east along public roads and would extend south beyond the Creasman location to serve another existing customer.
6. This application is governed by the provisions of Section 75-613, R.R.S. Neb. 1943, which sets forth the conditions under which the Commission may grant such applications. One of these is that there be no duplication of facilities.
7. The granting of this application would create a duplication of facilities, therefore the application should be denied.

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ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that application No. C-15 be and it is hereby denied.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 23rd day of July, 1980.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Harold D. Simpson
Chairman

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Jack Romans
Duane D. Gay

ATTEST:

Terence L. Kuback
Secretary