

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)
of Craig D. Hundt, Norfolk,)
Nebraska, who seeks authority to)
receive telephone service from)
the Hoskins Exchange of the)
Pierce Telephone Company.)

Application No. C-547

GRANTED

Entered: December 5, 1984

OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed September 24, 1984, Craig D. Hundt, Norfolk, Nebraska, seeks authority to receive telephone service from the Hoskins exchange of the Pierce Telephone Company.

A copy of the application was served upon the Pierce Telephone Company and the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company by first class mail.

Pursuant to notice required by law, public hearing was held on the application on November 8, 1984, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commercial Federal Community Room, Norfolk, Nebraska.

Applicant testified: Applicant is an individual who resides in the Thor-Agra subdivision, Lot 12, being part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Range 1 East, Township 24 North, Stanton County, Nebraska. He has recently moved a home to the above location which has never had telephone service before. He presently does not have telephone service and wants to obtain service from the Hoskins exchange of the Pierce Telephone Company which has facilities approximately 600 to 700 feet from his new residence. It would cost him \$1,600 to \$2,000 to get telephone service from Northwestern Bell. The costs from the Pierce Telephone Company to obtain service would be hardly anything. He understands that calls to Norfolk would be toll calls if the application were granted.

John C. Thor testified: He has owned the land in question for 30 years without knowledge that the quarter was not in one telephone company's service area. The subdivision should be put in one company's service area and not be divided by the telephone exchange boundary. He was not consulted when the boundary lines were established. Northwestern Bell would charge \$12,000 to bring a line to the subdivision. Two other lots have been sold which leaves twelve lots unsold.

Robert Chadwick testified: He is employed by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company with the title of manager-pricing for Nebraska. He prepared the Norfolk exchange boundary map with concurrence from Mr. Fogle of the Pierce Telephone Company. The map was filed with the Commission on December 3, 1981. The cost for extending the facilities to the subdivision is \$12,212.75. The cost to Mr.

Hundt would be \$1,388.43 if a cable is run to the subdivision. If a single pair of wires is used to serve Mr. Hundt, the cost would be \$1,793.00. He was not aware of the subdivision when he developed the exchange boundary map. There would be no loss of investment to Northwestern Bell Telephone Company should this Commission grant the application.

William Fogle testified: Mr. Hundt's house is located less than 3/10 of one mile from an existing Pierce Telephone Company cable terminal. If the application is granted Pierce Telephone Company would connect Mr. Hundt without any service charge. According to his memory exchange boundaries were established around 1960 or 1964 to comply with a law passed by the Legislature. His company has cable pairs available to serve all fifteen lots at the nearest pedestal.

This application is controlled by Section 75-613, R.R.S. 1943, as amended.

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. Applicant is an individual who resides in the Thor-Agra subdivision, Lot 12, being part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Range 1 East, Township 24 North, Stanton County, Nebraska.
2. The Pierce Telephone Company is a common carrier providing telephone service to the Hoskins exchange.
3. The Northwestern Bell Telephone Company is a common carrier providing service to the Norfolk exchange.
4. Applicant has recently moved a home to the above location which has never had telephone service before.
5. The community of Hoskins is approximately 2 1/2 miles from the applicants residence while it is approximately 5 miles to Norfolk.
6. There are no telephone lines in the vicinity of the applicant, therefore no duplication of facilities would be created by the granting of this application.
7. Applicant is not receiving, and will not within a reasonable time receive, reasonably adequate exchange telephone service from Northwestern Bell in the exchange service area in which he resides.
8. The revision of the exchange area required to grant the application will not create a duplication of facilities, is economically sound and will not impair the capability of Northwestern Bell to serve the remaining subscribers in their service area.
9. The community of interest of the subdivision in which the applicant resides is Hoskins, Nebraska.

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10. None of the facilities of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company would be rendered valueless by the granting of this application. There will be no loss of investment to the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company with the granting of this application.

11. The application is fair and reasonable, is in the public interest and should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-547, be and it is hereby, granted, and Craig D. Hundt be and is hereby, authorized to receive telephone service from the Hoskins exchange of the Pierce Telephone Company.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Pierce Telephone Company and the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company file appropriate revised service area maps with the Commission. Such revised maps shall reflect that the entire Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Range 1 East, Township 24 North, Stanton County, shall be inside the Hoskins exchange boundary.

MADE AN ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5th day of December, 1984.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Harold D. Simpson
Chairman

ATTEST:

Donald Adams
Executive Secretary

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Duane D. Gay