

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of ) Application No. C-789  
the Telephone Committee and Citizens )  
for EAS, et al. requesting Extended ) MOTION GRANTED  
Area Service for the community of ) APPLICATION DISMISSED  
Ashland, Nebraska to Lincoln, Ne- )  
braska. ) Entered: January 24, 1995

BY THE COMMISSION

Comes now the Communications Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission requesting approval of a motion to dismiss Application No. C-789, an application filed by the Telephone Committee and the Citizens for EAS of Ashland, Nebraska on November 1, 1989. The submitted application requests authority for Extended Area Service from the Ashland exchange in Ashland, Nebraska to the Lincoln exchange in Lincoln, Nebraska. Both exchanges are served by the Lincoln Telephone Company. The application was docketed as C-789 and notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record on November 3, 1989.

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The application states a community of interest exists between Ashland and Lincoln, as many Ashland residents drive to Lincoln for employment, church, and medical care. The application further provides extended area service between the communities would be advantageous for Ashland's economic development.

Since the application was filed, Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph began formulating an Enhanced Local Calling Area (ELCA) plan in this area. Pending the outcome of the ELCA plan, C-789 was placed in abeyance. At this time, the ELCA plan has been balloted and is in full operation.

The applicants have not submitted additional documents regarding this matter, nor have the applicants indicated a desire to keep this docket open. Five years have passed since the application was initially filed, and much of the material is outdated. Traffic studies of the calls made between the communities were completed several years ago, and the EAS petition may now contain out-of-date signatures.

If sufficient interest exists in Ashland for EAS to Lincoln, updated information is required. Therefore, a new application must be submitted if further action is desired.

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After consideration of the motion and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission is of the opinion and finds:

1. The motion should be granted.
2. Application C-789 should be dismissed without prejudice.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the motion to dismiss be, and it is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ordered that Application C-789 be, and it is hereby dismissed.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of January, 1995.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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//s//Frank E. Landis  
//s//James F. Munnelly  
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

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Chairman

ATTEST:

*John B. Vatter*  
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