

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition by) Application No. C-896
the Residents of the GTE North,)
Inc. Telephone Company's Edison) DISMISSED
exchange requesting Extended Area)
Service to the Arapahoe Telephone)
Company's Arapahoe exchange.) Entered: September 22, 1992

BY THE COMMISSION

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

This matter was docketed with the Commission July 25, 1991 pursuant to Title 291 Neb. Admin. Regs. Ch. 5, Rule 002.27. GTE North, Inc. (GTE) was presented with sufficient petitions from residents of its Edison exchange to initiate this application. The petitioning Edison subscribers seek Extended Area Service (EAS) to the Arapahoe exchange of the Arapahoe Telephone Company. A usage study was conducted and, subsequently, GTE filed a cost study supporting the rates proposed to the Edison subscribers for EAS. Ballots were issued by GTE to the Edison subscribers to determine if a majority desired EAS at the rates supported by the cost study.

If approved, the rates to Edison subscribers for EAS would be:

	Present Rate	Amount of Increase	Proposed Rate
Residence 1 Party	\$ 8.19	\$17.70	\$25.89
Business 1 Party	14.77	31.85	46.62
Pay Telephone CO Line	14.77	31.85	46.62
Business Trunk	20.15	31.85	52.00

GTE filed the results of the balloting with the Commission September 9, 1992. 153 subscribers were eligible to cast ballots. 112 ballots were returned. 19 ballots supported the EAS proposal (12 percent). Since a majority of the eligible subscribers did not support the EAS proposal, the application fails and must be dismissed for failure to satisfy the requirements set forth in Rule 002.27.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-896 be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 22nd day of September, 1992.

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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING

Duane D. Gay

//s//James F. Munnelly
//s//Eric Rasmussen
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

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Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

D. R. [Signature]
Executive Director