

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of ) Application No. C-1171  
Residents of the Potter exchange )  
served by United Telephone Company )  
requesting extended area service to ) APPLICATION DISMISSED  
the Sidney exchange served by U.S. )  
West. ) Entered: June 5, 1995

BY THE COMMISSION

Comes now the Communications Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission with the results of the usage study compiled by the United Telephone Company showing calls made from the Potter exchange to the Sidney exchange pursuant to Application No. C-1171. The application, C-1171, was filed by residents of the Potter exchange and was verified by the Commission to have the requisite number of signatures on April 6, 1995. The submitted application requests authority for extended area service from the Potter exchange in Potter, Nebraska to the Sidney exchange in Sidney, Nebraska. Potter is served by the United Telephone Company, while Sidney is served by U.S. West. Notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record on April 12, 1995.

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

Pursuant to Nebraska Public Service Commission Rule 002.27B2c, United Telephone Company remitted a point-to-point traffic study showing calling from the Potter exchange to the Sidney exchange.

The traffic study shows calling from Potter to Sidney for the three most recent months available; February, March, and April, 1995. The results show the number of calls made per customer, per month from Potter to Sidney, as well as the number and percent of customers who made two or more calls per month from Potter to Sidney is not sufficient to process the application further. By Commission Rule 002.27B2c, an application must demonstrate that an average of five (5) or more calls are made per customer per month and that more than fifty percent (50%) of the customers have made at least two (2) calls per month to the petitioned exchange. In the present application, Potter customers made less than one call per month to Sidney and roughly 8% of the subscribers made two or more calls per month to Sidney. Therefore, the results do not meet the basic requirements set forth in the Commission's Rules.

According to Commission Rule, 002.27B2c, if a petition fails to meet the basic criteria, an application will be dismissed without further action. Further, as Application No. C-1171 failed to pass the usage tests established by the

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Commission, a subsequent petition may not be resubmitted for twenty-four (24) months, pursuant to Commission Rule 002.27B2d.

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

1. Application C-1171 should be dismissed for failure to meet the requirements established in Commission Rule 002.27B2c.
2. The residents of the Potter exchange may not submit a petition for extended area service to the Sidney exchange for twenty-four (24) months pursuant to Commission Rule 002.27B2d.

O R D E R

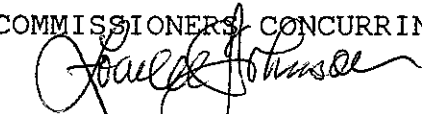
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application C-1171 be, and it is hereby dismissed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an application for extended area service may not be submitted by the Potter exchange, served by the United Telephone Company to the Sidney exchange, served by U.S. West for twenty-four (24) months.

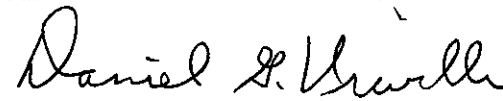
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5th day of June, 1995.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



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



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director