

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 US)
West.) Entered: June 25, 1996

BY THE COMMISSION

Comes now the Communications Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission with the results of ballot sent by the United Telephone Company (United) showing interest in establishing an extended area service (EAS) route from the Potter exchange, served by United to the Sidney exchange, served by US West. 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. Notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record on April 12, 1995.

On June 5, 1995, the Commission dismissed the application for failing to satisfy Rule 002.27B2c regarding the point-to-point traffic study. However, subsequently, United informed the Commission that incorrect usage study results were submitted and revised information showed that enough traffic was carried from Potter to Sidney to satisfy the Commission's requirements. Therefore, on July 6, 1995, the application was reopened.

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

Subscribers from the Potter exchange demonstrated their interest in establishing an EAS route from Potter to the Sidney exchange by filing a petition with the Commission. Further, studies reflected the Potter exchange carried sufficient calls to Sidney to satisfy the Commission's Rules. Therefore, on November 21, 1995, pursuant to Commission Rule 002.27B2e, United filed with the Commission cost studies and proposed rates to provide two way EAS between the Potter exchange and US West's Sidney exchange. The proposed EAS additive rate was \$1.10 for Residence 1 Party and 4 Party. The additive for Business, Trunk, Semi Public Paystation and Customer Owned Coin was \$2.20.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 002.27B3, United balloted the residents in Potter to determine if they were in favor of the EAS proposal. The proposed ballot complied with Commission Rules and Regulations and was distributed on May 10, 1996. The ballots were to be returned on or before June 11, 1996.

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The results of the ballot were submitted to the Commission on June 21, 1996. Of the 311 ballots sent, 180 were returned. 99 ballots were in favor of the EAS proposal and 80 ballots indicated opposition to the plan. Eight ballots were disqualified. By Commission Rule 002.27B3b(3), over fifty percent of the subscribers eligible to vote must vote in favor of the plan. In this case, only 31.83% voted to implement extended area service from the Potter to Sidney exchange. Therefore, the request is dismissed.


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.

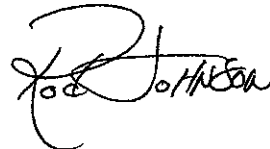
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 25th day of June, 1996.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


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

Chairman



ATTEST:


Executive Director