

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of) Application No. C-1177
Residents of the Gurley exchange)
served by Dalton Telephone Company)
requesting extended area service to) APPLICATION DISMISSED
the Sidney exchange served by)
US West.) Entered: August 20, 1996

BY THE COMMISSION

Comes now the Communications Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission with the results of the ballot sent by the Dalton Telephone Company to establish extended area service from the Gurley exchange to the Sidney Exchange, pursuant to Application No. C-1177. The application, C-1177, was filed by residents of the Gurley exchange and was verified by the Commission to have the requisite number of signatures on April 21, 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, Dalton Telephone Company remitted a point-to-point traffic study showing calls made from the Gurley exchange to the Sidney Exchange. The traffic study showed that sufficient calls were placed to process the application.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 002.27B2e, proposed rates were submitted to the Commission. The proposed EAS additive for the Gurley exchange was \$37.07 for residential subscribers and \$51.89 for business subscribers.

Ballots were sent to subscribers in Gurley on or about June 3, 1996 with responses due no later than July 8, 1996. The Sidney subscribers' balloting was waived by the Commission for US West and no rate increase was being proposed for Sidney customers at this time.

The ballots results from the Gurley Exchange were received by the Commission on August 5, 1996. Of the 203 ballots sent, 129 were returned. Nine (9) ballots were in favor of the EAS proposal and one hundred nineteen (119) ballots indicated opposition to the plan. One ballot was disqualified. Thus, 4.43% of the eligible Gurley customers voted in favor of the plan. This does not meet the benchmark required by Commission Rule 002.27B3b(3).

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Since less than 50% of the Gurley subscribers were in favor of the EAS proposal, pursuant to Rule 002.27B3b(3), the EAS plan will not go into effect. Further, by Commission Rule 002.27B3b, the customer survey for EAS need not be taken more than once in any twenty-four (24) month period.

After consideration of the application and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission is of the opinion and finds Application C-1177 should be dismissed for failure to meet the requirements established in Commission Rule 002.27B3.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application C-1177 be, and it is hereby dismissed.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 20th day of August, 1996.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s//Rod Johnson

//s//Frank E. Landis

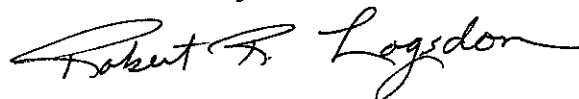
//s//James F. Munnelly

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

Chairman



ATTEST:



Executive Director