

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of) Application No. C-1178
Residents of the Dalton 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 Dalton exchange to the Sidney exchange, pursuant to Application No. C-1178. The application, C-1178, was filed by residents of the Dalton 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 Dalton 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 Dalton exchange was \$25.12 for residential subscribers and \$35.17 for business subscribers.

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

The Dalton exchange ballots were received by the Commission on August 5, 1996. Of the 340 ballots sent, 228 were returned. Twenty three (23) ballots were in favor of the EAS proposal and two hundred and three (203) ballots indicated opposition to the plan. Two ballots were disqualified. Therefore, 6.76% of the eligible Dalton customers voted in favor of the plan. This also does not meet the benchmark required by Commission Rule 002.27B3b(3).

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Since less than 50% of the Dalton 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-1178 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-1178 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