

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of) Application No. C-1179
Residents of the Dalton exchange)
served by the Dalton Telephone)
Company requesting extended area) APPLICATION DISMISSED
service to the Gurley exchange)
served by the Dalton Telephone)
Company.) Entered: July 12, 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 Dalton Telephone Company showing calls made from the Dalton exchange to the Gurley exchange pursuant to Application No. C-1179. The application, C-1179, was filed by residents of the Dalton exchange and was verified by the Commission to have the requisite number of signatures on April 18, 1995. The submitted application requests authority for extended area service from the Dalton exchange in Dalton, Nebraska to the Gurley exchange in Gurley, Nebraska. Dalton and Gurley are served by the Dalton Telephone Company. Notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record 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 calling from the Dalton exchange to the Gurley exchange.

The traffic study shows calling from Dalton to Gurley for the three most recent months available; March, April, and May, 1995. The results show the number of calls made per customer, per month from Dalton to Gurley, as well as the number and percent of customers who made two or more calls per month from Dalton to Gurley are 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, Dalton customers did not make the sufficient number of calls to meet these requirements.

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-1179 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-1179 should be dismissed for failure to meet the requirements established in Commission Rule 002.27B2c.
2. The residents of the Dalton exchange may not submit a petition for extended area service to the Gurley 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-1179 be, and it is hereby dismissed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an application for extended area service may not be submitted by the Dalton exchange, served by the Dalton Telephone Company to the Gurley exchange, also served by the Dalton Telephone Company for twenty-four (24) months.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 12th day of July, 1995.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Lucille Johnson

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//James F. Munnelly

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

Daniel G. Urwiller
Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert R. Logsdon
Executive Director