

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) Application No. C-1267
Mike Bechtel of Fremont, Nebraska)
seeking authority to receive tele-)
phone service from the Fremont) GRANTED
exchange of US West Communications,)
Inc.) Entered: February 5, 1996

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Mike Bechtel of Fremont, Nebraska filed an application to revise the boundary between the Arlington exchange, served by the Arlington Telephone Company, and the Fremont exchange, served by the US West Communications, on November 29, 1995. Applicant requests the boundary change so that he can receive service from US West Communications. Notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record on November 30, 1995 pursuant to the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

The Arlington Telephone Company and US West Communications are local exchange carriers operating in Nebraska and are subject to the Commission's general regulation of common carriers. This application is governed specifically by Neb. Rev. Stats. 75-604 to 75-616 (1994 Reissue). These statutes establish that if the telephone company or companies affected by the proposed boundary exchange do not object to the application, the application may be processed by modified procedure. In this case, no protests were received; therefore, the Commission will proceed pursuant to its Rule of Modified Procedure.

No response was received from either telephone company concerning the boundary change before the December 29, 1995 deadline. Therefore the record does not reflect the views of either telephone company.

Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a boundary map marking the proposed revision that would move the Bechtel property from the Arlington Telephone Company territory into the US West Communications area.

Arlington Telephone did not protest and thereby has agreed to the boundary change.

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The applicant's reasons for seeking a boundary change include that he currently lacks 911 emergency services and the sheriff with jurisdiction over the applicant's residence is located in Fremont. Furthermore, all of the applicant's business is done in Fremont, the applicant's children attend the Fremont school, and the applicant's hospital and physician are located in Fremont.

The revision of the boundaries will not create a duplication of facilities and will not impair Arlington Telephone Company's ability to serve the remaining subscribers in the affected exchange.

The applicant has agreed to reimburse the Arlington Telephone Company \$581.29 for the loss of investment in existing property associated with this boundary revision. Proof that this amount has been paid should be presented to US West prior to the applicant ordering service from the Fremont exchange.

Arlington Telephone Company and US West Communications, Inc. should within thirty (30) days file revised exchange boundary maps for the Arlington and Fremont exchanges, respectively.

Upon consideration of the application and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds the request reasonable, in the public interest and should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1267 be, and it is hereby, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicant reimburse Arlington Telephone Company \$581.29 prior to ordering service from US West's Fremont exchange.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Arlington Telephone Company and US West Communications remit revised boundary maps to the Commission within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order in accordance with Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part of this order.


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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 5th day of February, 1996.

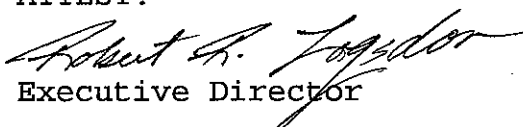
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