

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of ) Application No. C-1315  
Residents of the Bertrand exchange )  
served by GTE Telephone Operations )  
requesting extended area service to ) APPLICATION DISMISSED  
the Holdrege exchange served by US )  
West Communications. ) Entered: Dec. 3, 1996

BY THE COMMISSION

Comes now the Communications Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission with the results of ballot sent by GTE Telephone Operations showing interest in establishing an extended area service (EAS) route from the Bertrand exchange, served by GTE to the Holdrege exchange, served by US West. The application, C-1315, was filed by residents of the Bertrand exchange and was verified by the Commission to have the requisite number of signatures on April 1, 1996. Notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record on April 2, 1996.

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Subscribers from the Bertrand exchange demonstrated their interest in establishing an EAS route from Bertrand to the Holdrege exchange by filing a petition with the Commission. Further, studies reflected the Bertrand exchange carried sufficient calls to Holdrege to satisfy the Commission's Rules. Therefore, on July 26, 1996, pursuant to Commission Rule 002.27B2e, GTE filed with the Commission proposed rates to provide two-way EAS between the Bertrand exchange and US West's Holdrege exchange. The proposed EAS additive rate was \$6.00 for Residence and \$12.00 for Business access lines.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 002.27B3, GTE balloted the residents in Bertrand to determine if they were in favor of the EAS proposal. The proposed ballot complied with Commission Rules and Regulations and was distributed on October 4, 1996. The ballots were to be returned on or before November 7, 1996.

The results of the ballot were submitted to the Commission on November 14, 1996. Of the 631 ballots sent, 359 were returned. 175 ballots were in favor of the EAS proposal and 178 ballots indicated opposition to the plan. Five 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 28% voted to implement

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extended area service from the Bertrand to Holdrege exchange. Therefore, the request is dismissed.


O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application C-1315 be, and it is hereby dismissed.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 3rd day of December, 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