

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of ) Application No. C-1372  
Residents of the Kilgore exchange )  
served by Great Plains Communica- )  
tions requesting extended area ) APPLICATION DISMISSED  
service to the Cody exchange served )  
by US West. ) Entered: Sept. 5, 1996

BY THE COMMISSION

Comes now the Communications Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission with the results of the usage study compiled by Great Plains Communications showing calls made from the Kilgore exchange to the Cody exchange pursuant to Application No. C-1372. The application, C-1372, was filed by residents of the Kilgore exchange and was verified by the Commission to have the requisite number of signatures on July 12, 1996. The submitted application requests authority for extended area service from the Kilgore exchange in Kilgore, Nebraska to the Cody exchange in Cody, Nebraska. Kilgore is served by Great Plains Communications, while Cody is served by US West. Notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record on July 16, 1996.

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, Great Plains Communications remitted a point-to-point traffic study showing calling from the Kilgore exchange to the Cody exchange.

The traffic study shows calling from Kilgore to Cody for the three most recent months available; April, May and June 1996. The results show the number of calls made per customer, per month from Kilgore to Cody, as well as the number and percent of customers who made two or more calls per month from Kilgore to Cody.

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, only forty percent (40%) of the Kilgore subscribers made two or more calls per month to Cody. Further, there was not an average of five calls per customer, per month. Approximately, 3.8 calls were made per customer during this time period. Therefore, the results do not meet the basic requirements set forth in the Commission's Rules.

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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-1372 failed to pass the usage tests established by the 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-1372 should be dismissed for failure to meet the requirements established in Commission Rule 002.27B2c.
2. The residents of the Kilgore exchange may not submit a petition for extended area service to the Cody exchange for twenty-four (24) months pursuant to Commission Rule 002.27B2d.

O R D E R

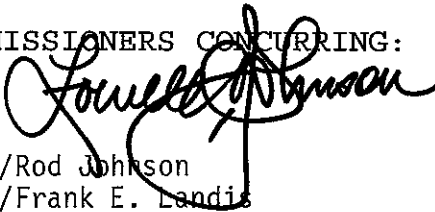
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application C-1372 be, and it is hereby dismissed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an application for extended area service may not be submitted by the Kilgore exchange, served by Great Plains Communications to the Cody exchange, served by US West for twenty-four (24) months.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5th day of September, 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