

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of        ) Application No. C-1373  
Residents of the Kilgore exchange        )  
requesting extended area service to        ) GRANTED  
the Valentine exchange served by US        )  
West Communications.                        ) Entered: June 11, 1997

BY THE COMMISSION

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

On July 12, 1996, an application was filed by the residents of the Kilgore exchange requesting extended area service to the Valentine exchange. Kilgore is served by Great Plains Communications (Great Plains), while Valentine is served by US West Communications (US West). The Commission verified that the application had the requisite number of signatures. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record on July 16, 1996.

Pursuant to Nebraska Public Service Commission Rule 002.27B2c, US West Communications remitted a point-to-point traffic study showing calling from the Kilgore exchange to the Valentine exchange. By Commission Rule 002.27B2c, an application must demonstrate that an average of five or more calls are made per customer per month and that more than 50% of the customers have made at least two calls per month to the petitioned exchange. The results show the number of calls made per customer, per month from Kilgore to Valentine, as well as the number and percent of customers who made two or more calls per month from Kilgore to Valentine are sufficient to process the application further.

On April 1, 1997, pursuant to Commission Rule 002.27B2e, Great Plains filed with the Commission proposed rates to provide two way EAS between the Kilgore exchange and the Valentine exchange. The proposed EAS additive rate was \$5.00 per residence/business line. Pursuant to Commission Rule 002.27B3, Great Plains balloted the residents in Kilgore to determine if they were in favor of the EAS proposal. The proposed ballot complied with Commission's Rules and Regulations and was distributed on April 10, 1997. The ballots were to be returned on or before May 15, 1997.

The results of the ballot were submitted to the Commission on May 29, 1997. Of the 90 ballots sent, 67 were returned. 59 ballots were in favor of the EAS proposal and 7 ballots indicated opposition to the plan. One ballot was disqualified.

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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, 60% voted to implement extended area service from the Kilgore to Valentine exchange. Therefore, the request should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application C-1373 be, and it is hereby, granted.



IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Great Plains take action so as to implement the EAS route on or before October 16, 1997.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that Great Plains update its tariff accordingly.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 11th day of June, 1997.

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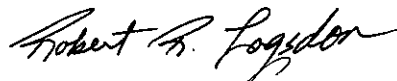
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman



ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

//s//Rod Johnson

//s//Frank E. Landis