

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of) Application No. C-1384
Residents of the Cody exchange)
served by US West Communications)
requesting extended area service to) APPLICATION DISMISSED
the Valentine exchange served by US)
West Communications.) Entered: August 27, 1996

BY THE COMMISSION

Comes now the Communications Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission with the results of the usage study compiled by the US West Communications showing calls made from the Cody exchange to the Valentine exchange pursuant to Application No. C-1384. The application, C-1384, was filed by residents of the Cody exchange and was verified by the Commission to have the requisite number of signatures on July 25, 1996. The submitted application requests authority for extended area service from the Cody exchange in Cody, Nebraska to the Valentine exchange in Valentine, Nebraska. Both Cody and Valentine are served by the US West Communications. Notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record on July 30, 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, US West Communications remitted a point-to-point traffic study showing calling from the Cody exchange to the Valentine exchange.

The traffic study shows calling from Cody to Valentine 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 Cody to Valentine, as well as the number and percent of customers who made two or more calls per month from Cody to Valentine. 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, Cody customers made ten calls per month to Valentine and roughly 8% of the subscribers made two or more calls per month to Valentine. Therefore, though the average number of calls per customer per month meets the rule, not enough customers are calling Valentine to proceed. In fact, the usage study reflects roughly 89% of Cody subscribers made no calls to Valentine during the three-month period.

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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-1384 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-1384 should be dismissed for failure to meet the requirements established in Commission Rule 002.27B2c.
2. The residents of the Cody exchange may not submit a petition for extended area service to the Valentine 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-1384 be, and it is hereby dismissed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an application for extended area service may not be submitted by the Cody exchange to the Valentine exchange, for twenty-four (24) months.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 27th day of August, 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