

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of ) Application No. C-1493  
Residents of the Oxford exchange )  
served by US West Communications )  
requesting Extended Area Service ) DISMISSED  
to the Stamford exchange served )  
by GTE. ) Entered: April 14, 1997

BY THE COMMISSION

Comes now the Communications Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission with the results of the usage study compiled by US West Communications (US West) showing calls made from the Oxford exchange to the Stamford exchange pursuant to Application No. C-1493. The application was filed by residents of the Oxford exchange and was verified by the Commission to have the requisite number of signatures on February 26, 1997. The submitted application requests authority for Extended Area Service from the Oxford exchange in Oxford, Nebraska to the Stamford exchange in Stamford, Nebraska. Oxford is served by the US West, while Stamford is served by GTE. Notice of the application was published in the The Daily Record on March 3, 1997.

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

Pursuant to Commission Rule 002.27B2c, US West conducted a point-to-point traffic study showing calling from the Oxford exchange to the Stamford exchange.

The traffic study shows calling from Oxford to Stamford for the three most recent months available; November and December of 1996, and January of 1997. The results show the number of calls made per customer, per month from Oxford to Stamford, as well as the number and percent of customers who made two or more calls per month from Oxford to Stamford is not sufficient to process the application further. 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, Oxford customers averaged only one call per month to Stamford and roughly 22% of the subscribers made two or more calls per month to Stamford. Therefore, the results do not meet the basic requirements set forth in the Commission's Rules.

According to Commission Rule 002.27B2c, if a petition fails to meet the basic criteria, it will be dismissed without further action. Further, as the application failed to pass the

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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-1493 should be dismissed for failing to meet the requirements established in Commission Rule 002.27B2c.
2. The residents of the Oxford exchange may not submit a petition for Extended Area Service to the Stamford 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-1493 be, and it is hereby dismissed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an application for Extended Area Service may not be submitted by residents of the Oxford exchange to the Stamford exchange for twenty-four (24) months.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 14th day of April, 1997.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



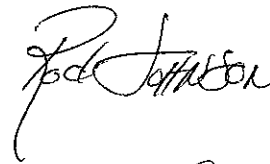
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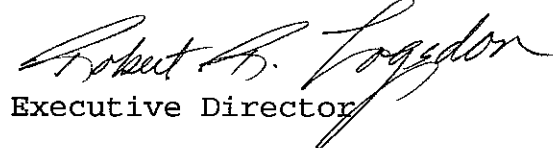
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//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

Chairman



ATTEST:



Executive Director