

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition) Application No. C-1629
from Subscribers of Aliant)
Communications Co.'s Cedar Bluffs)
(628) Exchange Requesting Extended) Dismissed
Area Service to the Fremont)
Exchange Served by US West)
Communications.) Entered: September 21, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION

This application, filed by the subscribers of Aliant Communications Co.'s Cedar Bluffs (628) Exchange requests extended area service to the Fremont Exchange served by US West Communications.

The application was verified by the Commission staff to have the requisite number of signatures on September 15, 1997. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on September 17, 1997. Usage studies showed that sufficient traffic was carried from Cedar Bluffs to Fremont to process the application.

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 002.27B2e, Aliant filed a proposed EAS additive for the Cedar Bluffs (628) Exchange. The proposed EAS additive for Cedar Bluffs to Fremont was \$21.33.

On August 26, 1998, Aliant filed with the Commission revised pages to its Tariff to expand Aliant's Enhanced Local Calling Area (ELCA) plan to include plans whereby a customer may purchase a two hour block of time for \$3.00 per month and a five hour block of time for \$12.00 per month for calls within such customer's Enhanced Local Calling Area.

A public informational meeting was held on September 1, 1998 in Cedar Bluffs, Nebraska, to discuss this docket and to gather public input. Public comments overwhelmingly supported Aliant's expanded ELCA plans as the most economical and desirable alternative to meet Cedar Bluffs subscribers' calling needs to the Fremont Exchange.

Based upon Commission Rule 002.27C and the overwhelming support of the extended ELCA plan, the Commission is of the opinion that C-1629 should be dismissed.

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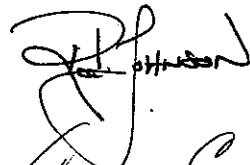
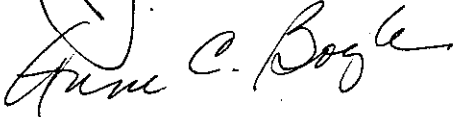
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1629 be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Aliant shall implement its expanded ELCA for the Cedar Bluffs Exchange as soon as reasonably feasible following the date of this Order.

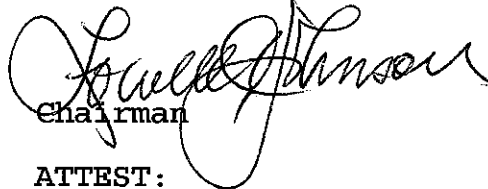
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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

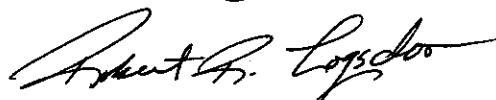
NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s//Lowell C. Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director