

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of the) Application No. C-1647
Residents of the Hooper exchange,)
served by the Hooper Telephone)
Company requesting extended area) DISMISSED
service (EAS) to the Fremont)
exchange, served by US West)
Communications.) ENTERED: June 2, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION

This application, filed by the residents of the Hooper exchange, requests authority for extended area service (EAS) from the Hooper exchange in Hooper, Nebraska, to the Fremont, exchange in Fremont, Nebraska. Hooper is served by the Hooper Telephone Company, while Fremont is served by US West.

The application was verified by the Commission staff to have the requisite number of signatures on October 8, 1997. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on October 10, 1997. Usage studies showed that sufficient traffic was carried from Hooper 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, Hooper Telephone Company filed a proposed EAS additive for the Hooper exchange. The proposed EAS additive was \$10.30 per line to call Fremont.

Ballots were sent to subscribers on or about April 20, 1998, with responses due no later than May 20, 1998. Of the customers voting for EAS to Fremont, 261 customers voted no, while 308 customers voted yes. 435 customers needed to vote in favor of the proposal for it to pass.

Since less than 50 percent of the customers voted in favor of the EAS proposal, pursuant to Commission Rules, the EAS plan will not go into effect. Further, according to Commission Rule 002.27B3b, the customer ballot for EAS need not be taken again for twenty-four months.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1647 be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

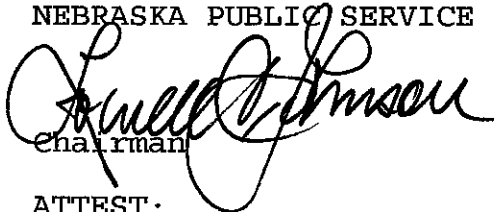
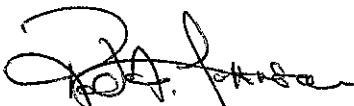
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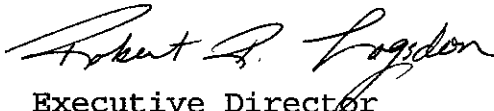
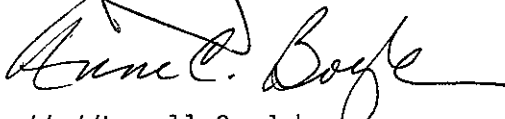
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 2nd day of June, 1998.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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