

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of the) Application No. C-1650
residents of Carroll, served by)
Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company,) Dismissed
requesting extended area service to)
the Wayne exchange, served by US)
West Communications.) Entered: June 16, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

Residents of the Carroll exchange filed a petition requesting extended area service (EAS) from the Carroll exchange in Carroll, Nebraska, to the Wayne exchange in Wayne, Nebraska. Carroll is served by Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company (Eastern Nebraska), while Wayne is served by US West Communications.

The application was verified by Commission staff to have the requisite number of signatures on October 20, 1997. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on October 22, 1997. Usage studies showed that sufficient traffic was carried from Carroll to Wayne 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, Eastern Nebraska filed a proposed EAS additive for the Carroll exchange. The proposed EAS additive was \$6.44 per line to call Wayne.

Ballots were sent to subscribers on or about April 20, 1998, with responses due no later than May 25, 1998. Of the Carroll customers voting for EAS to Wayne, 71 customers voted no, while 118 customers voted yes.

Commission Rules require that more than 50 percent of the customers in the exchange must vote in favor of the EAS proposal for it to go into effect. All subscribers who do not vote are considered to be a vote against the proposal. Approximately 63 percent of the ballots were returned and roughly only 42 percent of the subscribers in the Carroll exchange voted in favor of the proposal; therefore, the EAS plan will not go into effect.

According to Commission Rule 002.27B3b, a customer survey for EAS that fails 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-1650 be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

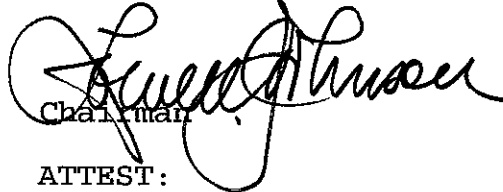
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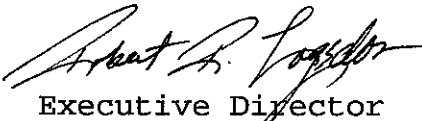
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 16th day of June, 1998.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

//s//Lowell C. Johnson

//s//Frank E. Landis