

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of) Application No. C-1668
Residents of the Winside exchange)
served by NebCom, Inc. requesting)
extended area service to the) Dismissed
Carroll exchange served by Eastern)
Nebraska Telephone Company.) Entered: December 9, 1997

BY THE COMMISSION

Comes now the Communications Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission with the results of the usage study compiled by NebCom, Inc. showing calls made from the Winside exchange to the Carroll exchange pursuant to Application No. C-1668. The application, filed by the residents of the Winside exchange, requests authority for extended area service (EAS) from the Winside exchange in Winside, Nebraska, to the Carroll exchange in Carroll, Nebraska. Winside is served by NebCom, Inc., while Carroll is served by Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company. The application was verified by the Commission staff to have the requisite number of signatures on October 24, 1997. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on October 28, 1997.

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, NebCom, Inc. filed a point-to-point traffic study showing calling from the Winside exchange to the Carroll exchange.

The traffic study shows calling from Winside to Carroll for the three most recent months available; September, October and November 1997. The results show the number of calls made per customer, per month from Winside to Carroll as well as the number and percent of customers who made two or more calls per month from Winside to Carroll.

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, roughly eighteen percent (18%) the Winside subscribers made two (2) or more calls per month to Carroll. Further, there was not an average of five (5) calls per customer, per month. Approximately 1.4 calls were made per customer during this time period. Therefore, the results do not meet the basic requirements set forth in the Commission Rules.

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.

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C-1668 failed to pass the usage tests established by the Commission, a subsequent EAS 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 the application should be dismissed for failure to meet the requirements established in Commission Rule 002.27B2c. Further, the Commission finds the residents of the Winside exchange may not submit a petition for EAS to the Carroll 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 No. C-1668 be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an application for extended area service may not be submitted by the Winside exchange, served by NebCom, Inc., to the Carroll exchange, served by Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company, for twenty-four (24) months.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 9th day of December, 1997.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//Anne C. Boyle
//s//Lowell C. Johnson
//s//Rod Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director