

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition) Application No. C-1684
from residents of Tobias exchange,)
requesting extended area service) DISMISSED
(EAS) to the Geneva exchange, both)
served by Aliant Communications)
Company.) Entered: November 3, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION

This application, filed by the residents of the Tobias exchange, requesting extended area service (EAS) to the Geneva exchange, both served by Aliant Communications Company (Aliant).

The application was verified by the Commission staff to have the requisite number of signatures on November 18, 1997. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on November 19, 1997.

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

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. As a result, neither usage studies nor an EAS additive were calculated by Aliant as required by the filing of an EAS petition.

A public informational meeting was held on October 7, 1998, in Fairbury, 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 the Tobias subscribers' calling needs to the Geneva exchange.

Based upon Commission Rule 002.27C and the overwhelming support of the extended ELCA plan, the Commission is of the opinion that C-1684 should be dismissed.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1684 be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Aliant shall implement its expanded ELCA for the Tobias exchange as soon as reasonably feasible following the date of this order.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 3rd day of November, 1998.


COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director


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


Executive Director