

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of ) Application No. C-1697  
Residents of the Wakefield exchange )  
served by US West Communications, )  
Inc. requesting extended area ) Dismissed  
service to the Ponca exchange )  
served by Great Plains Communi- )  
cations. ) Entered: February 3, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

Comes now the Communications Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission with the results of the usage study compiled by US West Communications, Inc. (USW) showing calls made from the Wakefield exchange to the Ponca exchange pursuant to Application No. C-1697. The application, filed by the residents of the Wakefield exchange, requests authority for extended area service (EAS) from the Wakefield exchange in Wakefield, Nebraska, to the Ponca exchange. Wakefield is served by USW, while Ponca is served by Great Plains Communications. The application was verified by the Commission staff to have the requisite number of signatures on December 1, 1997. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on December 4, 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, USW filed a point-to-point traffic study showing calls made from the Wakefield exchange to the Ponca exchange. The traffic study shows calls made from Wakefield to Ponca for the three most recent months available. The results show the number of calls made per customer from Wakefield to Ponca, as well as the number and percent of customers who made two or more calls per month from Wakefield to Ponca.

By Commission Rule 002.27B2c, an application must demonstrate that an average of five or more calls are made per customer per month and that more than 50 percent of the customers have made at least two calls per month to the petitioned exchange.

In the present application, roughly 4.68 percent of the Wakefield subscribers made two or more calls per month to Ponca. Further, there was not an average of five calls per customer, per month. Approximately 1.5 calls were made per line during this time period. Therefore, the results do not meet the basic requirements set forth in the Commission Rules.

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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. C-1697 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 Wakefield exchange may not submit a petition for EAS to the Ponca 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-1697 be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an application for extended area service may not be submitted by the Wakefield exchange, served by US West Communications, Inc., to the Ponca exchange, served by Great Plains Communications, for twenty-four months.

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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