

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of)	Application No. C-1704
Residents of the Emerson exchange)	
served by US West Communications,)	
Inc. requesting extended area)	Dismissed
service to the Wayne exchange)	
also served by US West Com-)	
munications, Inc.)	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 Emerson exchange to the Wayne exchange pursuant to Application No. C-1704. The application, filed by the residents of the Emerson exchange, requests authority for extended area service (EAS) from the Emerson exchange in Emerson, Nebraska, to the Wayne exchange. Both Emerson and Wayne are served by USW. The application was verified by the Commission staff to have the requisite number of signatures on December 5, 1997. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on December 9, 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 Emerson exchange to the Wayne exchange. The traffic study shows calls made from Emerson to Wayne for the three most recent months available. The results show the number of calls made per customer from Emerson to Wayne, as well as the number and percent of customers who made two or more calls per month from Emerson to Wayne.

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 22.07 percent of the Emerson subscribers made two or more calls per month to Wayne. Further, there was not an average of five calls per customer, per month. Approximately 1.19 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-1704 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 Emerson exchange may not submit a petition for EAS to the Wayne 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-1704 be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

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

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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