

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of        ) Application No. C-1728  
Residents of the Wayne exchange        )  
requesting extended area service        ) Dismissed  
to the Laurel exchange, both served     )  
by US West Communications, Inc.        ) Entered: March 10, 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 Wayne exchange to the Laurel exchange pursuant to Application No. C-1728. The application, filed by the residents of the Wayne exchange, requests authority for extended area service (EAS) from the Wayne exchange in Wayne, Nebraska, to the Laurel exchange. Wayne and Laurel are served by USW. The application was verified by the Commission staff to have the requisite number of signatures on January 7, 1998. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on January 9, 1998.

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 Wayne exchange to the Laurel exchange. The traffic study shows calls made from Wayne to Laurel for the three most recent months available. The results show the number of calls made per customer from Wayne to Laurel, as well as the number and percent of customers who made two or more calls per month from Wayne to Laurel.

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, only 9.4 percent of the Wayne subscribers made two or more calls per month to Laurel. Further, there was not an average of five calls per customer, per month. Approximately 1.36 calls were made per line, per month 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-1728 failed to pass the usage tests established by the Commission, a subsequent EAS petition may not be resubmitted for 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 Wayne exchange may not submit a petition for EAS to the Laurel exchange for 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-1728 be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an application for extended area service may not be submitted by the Wayne exchange, served by US West Communications, Inc., to the Laurel exchange, served by US West Communications, Inc., for 24 months.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 10th day of March, 1998.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director