

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of) Application No. C-1745
the Residents of Broadwater, served)
by United Telephone Company of the)
West, requesting extended area) DISMISSED
service (EAS) to Bridgeport ex-)
change served by US West Communi-)
cations, Inc.) Entered: February 17, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION

This application, filed by the residents of Broadwater exchange, requests authority for extended area service (EAS) from the Broadwater exchange to the Bridgeport exchange. Broadwater is served by United Telephone Company (Sprint), while Bridgeport is served by US West Communications, Inc. (US West).

The application was verified by the Commission staff to have the requisite number of signatures on February 3, 1998. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on February 5, 1998. Usage studies showed that sufficient traffic was carried from Hooper to Fremont to process the application.

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 002.27B2e, United Telephone Company filed a proposed EAS additive for the Broadwater exchange. The proposed EAS additive was \$6.98 per line to call Bridgeport.

Ballots were sent to subscribers on or about November 25, 1998, with responses due no later than December 30, 1998. Of the customers voting for EAS to Bridgeport, 31 customers voted no, while 73 customers voted yes. The required number of customers needed to vote in favor of the proposal for it to pass was 88.

Since less than 50 percent of the customers voted in favor of the EAS proposal, pursuant to Commission Rules, the EAS plan will not go into effect. Further, according to Commission Rule 002.27B3b, the customer ballot for EAS need not be taken again for twenty-four months.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1745 be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 17th day of February, 1999.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

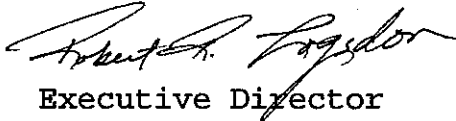
NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director