

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of) Application No. C-1755
Residents of the Pilger exchange,)
served by US West Communications) DISMISSED
requesting extended area service)
to the Wisner exchange, served by)
Great Plains Communications.) Entered: May 5, 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. (US West) showing calls made from the Pilger exchange to the Wisner exchange pursuant to Application No. C-1755. The application, filed by the residents of the Pilger exchange, requests authority for extended area service (EAS) from the Pilger exchange in Pilger, Nebraska, to the Wisner exchange. Pilger is served by US West while Wisner is served by Great Plains Communications. The application was verified by the Commission staff to have the requisite number of signatures on February 10, 1998. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on February 11, 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, US West filed a point-to-point traffic study showing calls made from the Pilger exchange to the Wisner exchange. The traffic study shows calls made from Pilger to Wisner for the three most recent months available. The results show the number of calls made per customer from Pilger to Wisner, as well as the number and percent of customers who made two or more calls per month from Pilger to Wisner.

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 32.78 percent of the Pilger subscribers made two or more calls per month to Wisner. Further, there was not an average of five calls per customer, per month. Approximately 3.57 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-1755 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 002.27B2d. Further, the Commission finds the residents of the Pilger exchange may not submit a petition for EAS to the Wisner exchange for 24 months pursuant to Commission Rule 002.27B2d.

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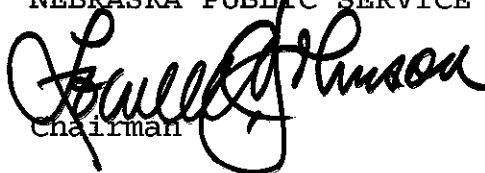
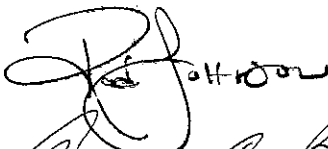
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1755 be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

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

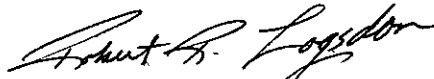
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5th day of May, 1998.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman

ATTEST:



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

Executive Director