

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of) Application No. C-1763
Residents of the Homer exchange)
requesting Extended Area Service) Dismissed
(EAS) to the Sioux City, Iowa,)
exchange, both served by US West)
Communications, Inc.) Entered: July 7, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION

Comes now the Communications Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission with results of a usage study, representing all of the interexchange carriers currently serving the Homer exchange of US West Communications, Inc. (US West), showing calls made from the Homer exchange to the Sioux City, Iowa, exchange. Application C-1763, filed by the residents of the Homer exchange, requests authority for Extended Area Service (EAS) from the Homer exchange in Homer, Nebraska, to the Sioux City exchange in Sioux City, Iowa. Both Homer and Sioux City are served by US West. The application was verified by the Commission staff to have the requisite number of signatures on February 4, 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, the Commission obtained point-to-point traffic studies from all interexchange carriers that serve Homer. The traffic studies show calling from the Homer exchange to the Sioux City exchange.

The traffic studies show calls made from Homer to Sioux City for the three most recent months available. The results show the number of calls made per customer from Homer to Sioux City, as well as the number and percent of customers who made two or more calls per month from Homer to Sioux City.

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, there was not an average of five calls per customer, per month. Approximately 3.8 calls were made per customer during this time period. Further, roughly 25 percent of the Homer subscribers made two or more calls per month to Sioux City. Therefore, the results do not meet the basic requirements set forth in the Commission Rules.

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-1763 failed to pass the usage tests established by the Com-

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mission, a subsequent EAS petition may not be resubmitted for twenty-four 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 Homer exchange may not submit a petition for EAS to the Sioux City exchange for twenty-four 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-1763 be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an application for Extended Area Service may not be submitted by the Homer exchange, served by US West Communications, Inc. to the Sioux City exchange, also served by US West Communications, Inc. for twenty-four months.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 7th day of July, 1998.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Deputy
Executive Director

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