

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Hooper Tele-) Application No. C-1790
phone Company of Hooper, Nebraska,)
seeking authority to offer Extended)
Area Service (EAS) from its Uehling) DISMISSED
exchange to its Fremont exchange,)
served by US West Communications,)
Inc., in conjunction with the)
introduction of EAS from its)
Hooper exchange to the Fremont)
Exchange.) ENTERED: June 2, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION

By Application filed on April 7, 1998, the Hooper Telephone Company (Applicant) requests authority to offer extended area service (EAS) from the Uehling exchange in Uehling, Nebraska, to the Fremont exchange, a US West Communications exchange, in Fremont, Nebraska. This Application is in conjunction with and contingent upon Application No. C-1647 which seeks to introduce EAS from its Hooper exchange to the Fremont exchange.

Applicant did not receive a formal request for EAS from its Uehling subscribers. However, due to the close proximity of the Uehling exchange to Hooper and Fremont, Applicant believes it would be in the best interest of its customers to ballot the Uehling subscribers for EAS. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 8, 1998.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

As a part of this Application, Hooper Telephone Company filed a proposed EAS additive for the Uehling exchange. The proposed EAS additive was \$9.48 per line if EAS was established from both Hooper and Uehling to Fremont.

Ballots were sent to subscribers on or about April 20, 1998, with responses due no later than May 20, 1998. Of the customers voting for EAS to Fremont, 88 customers voted no, while 78 customers voted yes.

Since Application No. C-1647 has been dismissed, this application must also be dismissed. Further, 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. According to Commission Rule 002.27B3b, the customer survey for EAS need not be taken again for twenty-four months.

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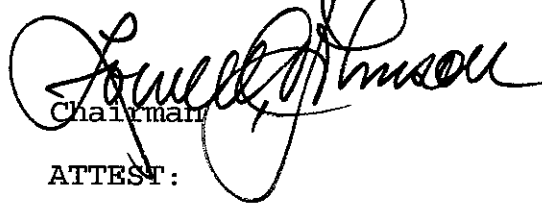
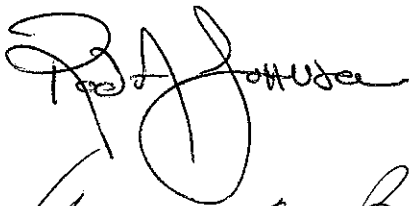
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1790 be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

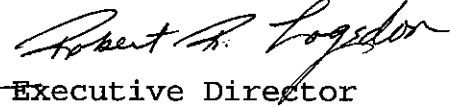
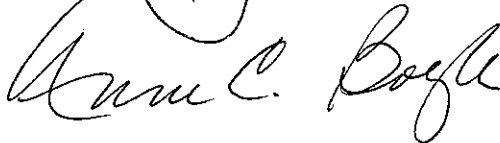
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 2nd day of June, 1998.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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