

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of ) Application No. C-1838  
the Residents of Hoskins exchange, )  
served by Pierce Telephone Company, )  
Inc., requesting extended area ) DISMISSED  
service (EAS) to the Norfolk ex- )  
change, served by US West Communi- )  
cations, Inc. ) Entered: March 2, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION

This application, filed by the residents of the Hoskins exchange, requests authority for extended area service (EAS) from the Hoskins exchange to the Norfolk exchange. Hoskins is served by Pierce Telephone Company, Inc. (Pierce), while Norfolk 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 July 10, 1998. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on July 13, 1998. Usage studies showed that sufficient traffic was carried from Hoskins to Norfolk 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, Pierce Telephone Company filed a proposed EAS additive for the Hoskins exchange. The proposed EAS additive was \$14.16 per line to call Norfolk.

Ballots were sent to subscribers on or about January 11, 1999, with responses due no later than February 13, 1999. Of the customers voting for EAS to Norfolk, 107 customers voted no, while 145 customers voted yes. The required number of customers needed to vote in favor of the proposal for it to pass was 179.

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-1838 be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

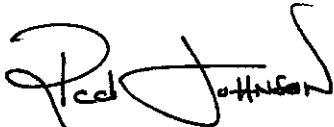
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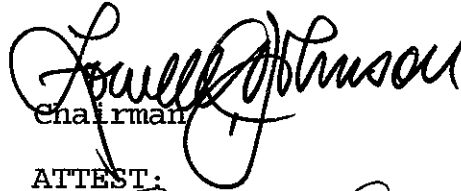
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 2nd day of March, 1999.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

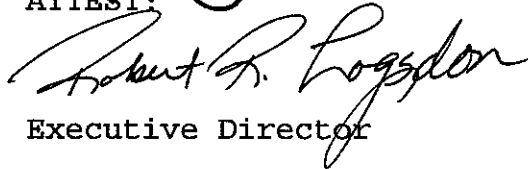


//s//Lowell C. Johnson  
//s//Frank E. Landis



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director