

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	Application No. C-1843
Residents of the Bassett exchange,	)	
served by the Rock County Telephone	)	
Company, requesting extended area	)	DISMISSED
service (EAS) to the Ainsworth	)	
exchange, served by US West	)	
Communications, Inc.	)	Entered: August 25, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION

Comes now the Communications Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission with the results of the usage study compiled by HunTel Systems, Inc. (HunTel) showing calls made from the Bassett exchange to the Ainsworth exchange pursuant to Application No. C-1843. The application, filed by the residents of the Bassett exchange, requests authority for extended area service (EAS) from the Bassett exchange to the Ainsworth exchange. Bassett is served by Rock County Telephone Company, while Ainsworth is served by US West Communications, Inc. The application was verified by the Commission staff to have the requisite number of signatures on July 13, 1998. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on July 15, 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, HunTel filed a point-to-point traffic study showing calls made from the Bassett exchange to the Ainsworth exchange. The traffic study shows calls made from Bassett to Ainsworth for the three most recent months available. The results show the number of calls made per customer from Bassett to Ainsworth, as well as the number and percent of customers who made two or more calls per month from Bassett to Ainsworth.

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 2.55 calls were made per customer, per line during this time period. Further, only 33.9 percent of the Bassett subscribers made two or more calls per month to Ainsworth. 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-1843 failed to pass the usage tests established by the Commission, a subsequent EAS petition may not be resubmitted for twenty-four (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 002.27B2c. Further, the Commission finds the residents of the Bassett exchange may not submit a petition for EAS to the Ainsworth exchange for twenty-four (24) 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-1843 be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an application for extended area service may not be submitted by the Bassett exchange, served by Rock County Telephone Company, to the Ainsworth exchange, served by US West Communications, Inc., for twenty-four (24) months.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 25th day of August, 1998.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



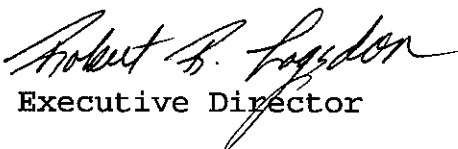

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NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director