

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of) Application No. C-1847
Residents of the Long Pine ex-)
change, served by NebCom, re-)
questing extended area service) DISMISSED
(EAS) to the Bassett exchange,)
served by Rock County Telephone)
Company.) Entered: September 1, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION

Comes now the Communications Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission with the results of the usage study compiled by NebCom, Inc. (NebCom) showing calls made from the Long Pine exchange to the Bassett exchange pursuant to Application No. C-1847. The application, filed by the residents of the Long Pine exchange, requests authority for extended area service (EAS) from the Long Pine exchange to the Bassett exchange. Long Pine is served by NebCom, while Bassett is served by Rock County Telephone Company. The application was verified by the Commission staff to have the requisite number of signatures on July 16, 1998. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on July 20, 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, NebCom filed a point-to-point traffic study showing calls made from the Long Pine exchange to the Bassett exchange. The traffic study shows calls made from Long Pine to Bassett for the three most recent months available. The results show the number of calls made per customer from Long Pine to Bassett, as well as the number and percent of customers who made two or more calls per month from Long Pine to Bassett.

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 4.57 calls were made per customer, per line during this time period. Further, only 38.67 percent of the Long Pine subscribers made two or more calls per month to Bassett. 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-1847 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 Long Pine exchange may not submit a petition for EAS to the Bassett exchange for twenty-four (24) months pursuant to Commission Rule 002.27B2d.

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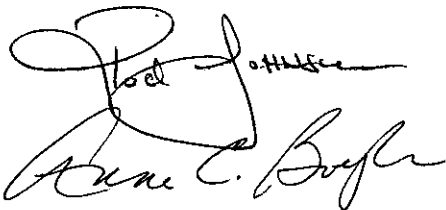
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1847 be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

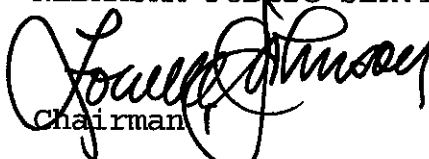
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an application for extended area service may not be submitted by the Long Pine exchange, served by NebCom, Inc., to the Bassett exchange, served by Rock County Telephone Company, for twenty-four (24) months.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 1st day of September, 1998.

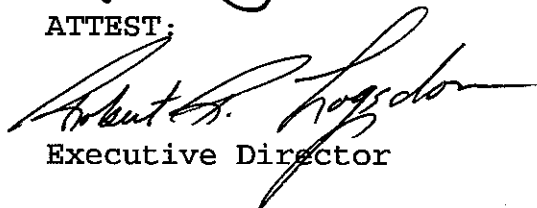
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Lowell C. Johnson


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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