

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of ) Application No. C-1873  
Residents of the Ainsworth ex- )  
change, served by US West Com- )  
munications, requesting extend- ) DISMISSED  
ed area service (EAS) to the )  
Johnstown exchange, served by )  
Three River Telco. ) Entered: September 21, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION

Comes now the Communications Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission with the results of the usage study compiled by US West Communications (US West) showing calls made from the Ainsworth exchange to the Johnstown exchange pursuant to Application No. C-1873. The application, filed by the residents of the Ainsworth exchange, requests authority for extended area service (EAS) from the Ainsworth exchange to the Johnstown exchange. Ainsworth is served by US West, while Johnstown is served by Three River Telco. The application was verified by the Commission staff to have the requisite number of signatures on July 30, 1998. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on August 3, 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, US West filed a point-to-point traffic study showing calls made from the Ainsworth exchange to the Johnstown exchange. The traffic study shows calls made from Ainsworth to Johnstown for the three most recent months available. The results show the number of calls made per customer from Ainsworth to Johnstown, as well as the number and percent of customers who made two or more calls per month from Ainsworth to Johnstown.

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 1.11 calls were made per customer, per line during this time period. Further, only 16.88 percent of the Ainsworth subscribers made two or more calls per month to Johnstown. 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-1873 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 Ainsworth exchange may not submit a petition for EAS to the Johnstown 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-1873 be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an application for extended area service may not be submitted by the Ainsworth exchange, served by US West Communications, to the Johnstown exchange, served by Three River Telco, for twenty-four (24) months.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 21st day of September, 1998.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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