

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Appli-) Application No. C-1958
cation of Hemingford Cooperative)
Telephone Company and US West)
Communications, Inc., seeking) GRANTED
authority for discontinuance of)
intraLATA interexchange service)
by US West Communications, Inc.)
to the Hemingford exchange.) Entered: February 17, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 8, 1998, Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company (Hemingford), US West Communications Inc. (US West) and Nebraska Technology and Telecommunications, Inc. (NT&T) jointly filed an application requesting that US West be allowed to discontinue intraLATA interexchange service to the Hemingford exchange and that NT&T be designated the intraLATA carrier of last resort for the Hemingford exchange. Notice of the application was published in the The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on December 23, 1998, pursuant to the Commission's Rules.

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

Hemingford is the local exchange carrier serving the Hemingford exchange. US West is an intraLATA long distance carrier that had previously been providing 1+ intraLATA interexchange service to customers in the Hemingford exchange. NT&T is an intraLATA long distance carrier that will be providing 1+ intraLATA interexchange service to customers in the Hemingford exchange.

On September 11, 1998, customers in the Hemingford exchange were notified by mail that, if they did not select a specific carrier from the list of available carriers, their intraLATA long distance service would be provided by a carrier designated by Hemingford. US West did not appear as an available carrier on the list sent to customers.

On November 9, 1998, Hemingford notified US West that Hemingford was terminating the contract under which US West provided 1+ intraLATA carrier of last resort service to customers in Hemingford exchange. As a result of the termination of the contract with Hemingford, US West no longer provides intraLATA interexchange service to any customers in the Hemingford exchange.

No service charges will be incurred in changing intraLATA interexchange service from US West to NT&T for customers in the Hemingford exchange who did not select a carrier.

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NT&T is technically and financially capable of providing intraLATA interexchange service as the carrier of last resort to the customers in the Hemingford exchange.

Upon consideration of the application and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds the application should be granted.

O R D E R

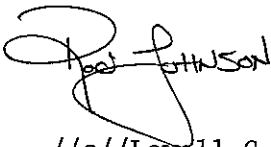
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1958 be, and it is hereby, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that US West Communications, Inc. discontinue intraLATA interexchange service to the Hemingford exchange.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Nebraska Technology and Telecommunications be designated as the intraLATA interexchange carrier of last resort to the customers of the Hemingford exchange.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 17th day of February, 1999.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

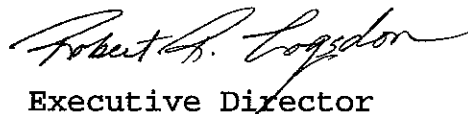


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