

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Appli-) Application No. C-1990
cation of Hooper Telephone Company)
of Hooper, Nebraska, US West Com-)
munications, Inc. of Denver,)
Colorado, and HTC Communications,)
Inc., d/b/a Hooper Telephone Long)
Distance Company, seeking authority)
for discontinuance of intraLATA) GRANTED
interexchange service by US West)
Communications, Inc. to the Hooper)
and Uehling exchanges and designa-)
tion of HTC Communications, d/b/a)
Hooper Telephone Long Distance)
Company, as the intraLATA carrier)
of last resort for the Hooper and)
Uehling exchanges.) Entered: March 9, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 3, 1999, Hooper Telephone Company (Hooper Telephone) US West Communications, Inc. (US West), and HTC Communications, Inc. (HTC) jointly filed an application requesting that US West be allowed to discontinue intraLATA interexchange service to the Hooper and Uehling exchanges and that HTC, d/b/a Hooper Long Distance Telephone Company, be designated the intraLATA carrier of last resort (COLR) for the Hooper and Uehling exchanges. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on February 4, 1999, pursuant to the Commission's Rules.

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

Hooper is the local exchange carrier serving the Hooper and Uehling exchanges. US West is an intraLATA long distance carrier that has previously been providing 1+ intraLATA interexchange service to customers in the Hooper and Uehling exchanges. HTC is an intraLATA long distance carrier certified by the Commission that is currently providing 1+ intraLATA interexchange service to customers in the Hooper and Uehling exchanges.

On August 14, 1998, customers in the Hooper and Uehling exchanges were notified by mail that if they did not select a specific carrier from the list of carriers presented to them, that their long distance service would be provided by US West. US West did not appear as an available carrier on the list sent to customers.

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On January 11, 1999, Hooper notified US West that Hooper was terminating the contract under which US West provided 1+ intraLATA COLR service to customers in the Hooper and Uehling exchanges. As a result of the termination of the contract with Hooper, US West will no longer provide intraLATA interexchange service to any customers in the Hooper and Uehling exchanges. Such COLR service responsibility will be assigned to Hooper Telephone Long Distance Company.

HTC is technically and financially capable of providing intraLATA interexchange service as the COLR to the customers in the Hooper and Uehling exchanges.

No service charges will be incurred in changing intraLATA exchange service from US West to HTC for customers in the Hooper and Uehling exchanges who did not select a specific carrier.

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-1990 be, and it is hereby, granted.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that US West Communications, Inc. discontinue intraLATA interexchange service to the Hooper and Uehling exchanges.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that HTC Communications, Inc., d/b/a Hooper Telephone Long Distance Company, be designated as the intraLATA carrier of last resort to the customers of the Hooper and Uehling exchanges.

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, on this 9th day of March, 1999.

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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

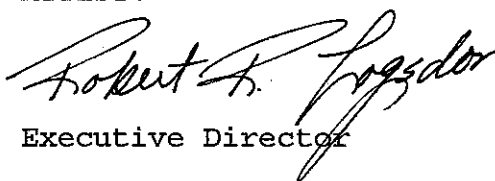




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