BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Jim and Carol Laudenklos of Newman Grove, currently receiving service from the Meadow Grove exchange of Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company, seeking to receive telephone service from the Newman Grove exchange of the GTE Telephone Company.

Application No. C-2093

DISMISSED

) Entered: January 11, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On August 6, 1999, an application was filed by Jim and Carol Laudenklos of Newman Grove, who currently receive service from the Meadow Grove exchange of Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company, seeking authority to receive telephone service from the Newman Grove exchange of GTE Telephone Company. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on August 11, 1999. A protest to the application was timely filed by HunTel Systems, of Blair, Nebraska.

Since the filing of the application, Commission staff has repeatedly attempted to contact the applicants regarding the status of their application and their desired intent on how to proceed with their request. On three occasions, correspondence was sent to the applicants requesting a response and direction on how to proceed with the applicant's request in light of the protest. The applicants have yet to reply to any Commission correspondence. The third of the Commission staff's attempts to contact the applicants stated that a lack of response would result in dismissal of the application. No response was received.

In light of the efforts by Commission staff to contact the applicants, the futility of such efforts, and the applicants' notice of the possibility of dismissal, the Commission finds that the application should be dismissed.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2093 be, and it is hereby, dismissed without prejudice.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 11th day of January, 2000.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

ATTRST:

Executive Direct

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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