BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	Applicat:	ion No.	C-21	32
of GTE Midwest, Inc. of Grinnell,)				
Iowa, and Rural Telephone of)	GRANTED			
Lenora, Kansas, jointly seeking)				
to revise the exchange area)				
boundary of the Stamford exchange.)	Entered:	Februa	ry 8,	2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed September 30, 1999, GTE Midwest, Inc. (GTE) of Grinnell, Iowa, and Rural Telephone Service Co., Inc. (Rural Telephone) of Lenora, Kansas, jointly seek to revise the exchange area boundary of the Stamford exchange. Notice of the application was published in <u>The Daily Record</u>, Omaha, Nebraska, on October 1, 1999.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

GTE and Rural Telephone are local exchange carriers holding Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange service in their respective territories. GTE and Rural Telephone request that the Commission approve their joint application for a boundary change where a portion of the GTE exchange area will become part of the Rural Telephone exchange area. This boundary change will benefit a current customer of GTE who desires to receive service from Rural Telephone.

Changes of a local exchange territory are governed by <u>Neb. Rev. Stat.</u> §§75-612 to 75-615. According to § 75-612, a hearing is only required if all telephone carriers involved do not consent to the application. As this application is made jointly by GTE and Rural Telephone and no protests have been filed by any outside party, the Commission processes this application administratively and without a public hearing.

The Commission finds that the application should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2132 be, and it is hereby, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that GTE Midwest, Inc. and Rural Telephone Service Co., Inc. submit revised boundary maps to the Commission within 30 days from the date of this order.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this day of 8th day of February, 2000.

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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

ATTEST:

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller