BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Stanton Telecom, Inc. of) Application No. C-2153
Stanton and Pierce Telephone Com- pany of Pierce, jointly seeking to revise the exchange area boun-)) GRANTED)
dary of the Stanton and Pierce exchanges.)) Entered: February 8, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed November 9, 1999, Stanton Telecom, Inc. (Stanton) of Stanton and Pierce Telephone Company (Pierce) of Pierce, jointly seek to revise the exchange area boundary of the Stanton and Pierce exchanges. Notice of the application was published in <u>The Daily Record</u>, Omaha, Nebraska, on November 10, 1999.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

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

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 Stanton and Pierce 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-2153 be, and it is hereby, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Stanton Telecom and Pierce Telephone Company 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:

Chairman

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