BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2260 of Dennis and Ardith Nickel of)
Axtell, currently residing in the) service area of the Axtell ex-) change of US West Communications,) GRANTED Inc., seeking authority to obtain) telephone service from the Kearney) exchange, served by GTE Communi-) cations Corporation through a) boundary change.) Entered: May 10, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed April 3, 2000, Dennis and Ardith Nickel of Axtell, who currently reside in the Axtell exchange of US West Communications, Inc. (US West), seek approval of a boundary change whereby service would be provided by the Kearney exchange of GTE Communications Corporation (GTE). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 6, 1999. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

Dennis and Ardith Nickel request that the Commission approve their application for a boundary change where a portion of the Axtell exchange, serviced by US West, will become part of the Kearney exchange, serviced by GTE. The Nickels recently moved into the Axtell exchange but prefer to receive service from GTE. The Nickels conduct a majority of their business in the Kearney area and also communicate with family members in Kearney. For these reasons, GTE would be the more convenient provider of telecommunications service to the Nickels.

The Commission has received correspondence from GTE also requesting the approval of the Nickels' application. The Commission has also received a letter from US West consenting to the boundary change and agreeing to release the Nickels to GTE. No other party filed a protest to the application.

The Commission finds that the application is in the public interest. The two carriers directly involved, US West and GTE, agree to the boundary change and no other party filed a protest to the application. The boundary change will also allow the Nickels to receive service from a more convenient carrier. The application should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2260 be, and it is hereby, granted.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that GTE and US West submit revised boundary maps to the Commission within 30 days from the date of this order.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 10th day of May, 2000.

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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

June C. Boyle

ATTEST:

//s//Frank E. Landis //s//Daniel G. Urwiller Executive Director