

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	Application No. C-2766
of Tim and Leigh Anne Hoatson;)	
Mark and Deb Stickley; and Doug)	
and Danella Campbell, all of)	
Hershey, Nebraska, seeking)	
authority to receive telephone)	GRANTED
service from the Hershey ex-)	
change of the Hershey Coopera-)	
tive Telephone Company, in what)	
is currently considered Qwest)	
service area.)	Entered: August 20, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 7, 2002, an application was filed by Tim and Leigh Anne Hoatson; Mark and Deb Stickley; and Doug and Danella Campbell, all of Hershey, Nebraska, seeking authority to receive telephone service from the Hershey exchange of the Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company (Hershey), in lieu of what is currently considered the service area of Qwest Corporation (Qwest). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on July 15, 2002.

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

Qwest and Hershey are local exchange carriers holding certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange service in their respective territories. Tim and Leigh Anne Hoatson; Mark and Deb Stickley; and Doug and Danella Campbell all reside within the boundaries of Qwest's North Platte exchange, and are requesting a boundary change so that they may receive local exchange service from Hershey Cooperative's Hershey exchange. Qwest has notified the Commission that they are in agreement with Hershey regarding the proposed boundary change. Qwest does not request reimbursement for existing facilities in this change of boundary.

Changes of a local exchange territory are governed by *Neb. Rev. Stat.* §§ 75-612 to 75-615. Section 75-612 states that only upon non-consent of all telephone carriers involved shall the Commission hold a public hearing in the application. With no protest filed by any party and with each of the affected local exchange carriers consenting to the boundary change, the Commission processes this application administratively and without a public hearing.

The Commission finds that, in light of the agreement between all parties involved, the application is in the public interest and should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2766 be, and it is hereby, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Qwest and Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company submit revised boundary maps to the Commission within 30 days from the date of this order.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 20th day of August, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director