

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application    ) Application No. C-2993  
of Hemingford Cooperative Tele-    )  
phone Company of Hemingford,        )  
Nebraska, seeking authority to       )  
modify the common exchange area     )  
boundary between the Alliance        ) GRANTED  
exchange, served by Qwest Commu-    )  
nications and the Hemingford         )  
exchange, served by Hemingford       )  
Cooperative Telephone Company.       ) Entered: September 9, 2003

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed August 4, 2003, Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company (Hemingford) of Hemingford, Nebraska, seeks authority to modify the common exchange area boundary between the Alliance exchange, served by Qwest Communications (Qwest) and the Hemingford exchange, served by Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on August 6, 2003. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

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

Hemingford is a Nebraska corporation with its principal place of business in Hemingford, Nebraska. Hemingford is authorized by the Commission to operate as a local exchange carrier of telecommunications services in certain parts of the state of Nebraska. Qwest is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Denver, Colorado. Qwest is authorized by this Commission to provide local exchange and interexchange services in Nebraska.

In the current application, Hemingford has been requested by Edward and Mary Wernke, with property located in the Alliance exchange, to provide them with telephone service from Hemingford's Hemingford exchange. Both Qwest and Hemingford consent to the exchange of boundaries and Hemingford agrees to provide telecommunications services to Edward and Mary Wernke.

Changes of a local exchange territory are governed by *Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-135 to 86-138*. Section 86-135 states that only upon non-consent by all telephone carriers involved shall the Commission hold a public hearing in the application. With no protest filed any party and with each of the affected local ex-

change 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-2993 be, and it is hereby, granted.

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

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 9th day of September, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director