

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-3512
of The Blair Telephone Company,)
Blair, and Arlington Telephone)
Company, Blair, seeking to)
rescind the transfer of) GRANTED
authority previously approved)
for the Blair Telephone Company,)
Blair, and Arlington Telephone)
Company, Blair, in Docket No.)
C-3404.) Entered: January 11, 2006

BY THE COMMISSION:

On November 21, 2005, The Blair Telephone Company (Blair) and Arlington Telephone Company (Arlington or, jointly, Applicants) both of Blair, filed a joint application seeking to rescind the transfer of authority granted to Blair by the Commission. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on December 7, 2005. 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

The Parties:

Blair and Arlington are Nebraska corporations with their principal offices located in Blair, Nebraska. HunTel Systems, Inc. (HunTel), also a Nebraska corporation, is the sole shareholder of both Blair and Arlington. The Commission approved HunTel's acquisition of control of Blair and Arlington on June 30, 1998, in Application C-1815.

Description of the Transaction:

In March 2005, Applicants anticipated merging Blair and Arlington into a single corporation to be known as The Blair Telephone Company, and filed an application seeking authority from the Commission to consummate the transaction and transfer authority. Applicants now request reversal of the authority that was transferred and granted in Application No. C-3404.

HunTel has entered into an agreement to transfer ownership of both Blair and Arlington effective sometime in early 2006. The expected new owner of the companies does not wish to proceed with the merger of Arlington into Blair.

Applicants contend that granting of this application will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity. We find

the application to be fair and reasonable and in the public interest. The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application C-3512 be, and it is hereby, granted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 11th day of January, 2006.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director