

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) Application No. C-4246
Application of Consolidated)
Telephone Company, Lincoln,) GRANTED
seeking authority to)
consolidate certain exchanges)
and convert EAS service to)
local exchange service.) Entered: March 9, 2010

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed January 25, 2010, Consolidated Telephone Company (Consolidated) of Lincoln, seeks authority to consolidate certain local exchanges and convert EAS service to local exchange service. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on January 28, 2010. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Consolidated currently provides local exchange service in the following 15 local exchanges: Anselmo, Arthur, Ashby, Bingham, Brewster, Brownlee, Dunning, Halsey, Hyannis, Merna, Mullen, Purdum, Seneca, Thedford and Whitman. Consolidated proposes to merge its 15 exchanges identified in its application into four exchanges so as to result in the following local exchange areas:

- a. The Hyannis exchange shall be comprised of the previous local exchanges of Hyannis, Arthur, Ashby, Bingham~~T~~ and Whitman.
- b. The Merna exchange shall be comprised of the previous local exchanges of Merna and Anselmo.
- c. The Mullen local exchange shall remain unchanged.
- d. The Thedford local exchange shall be comprised of the previous local exchanges of Thedford, Brewster, Brownlee, Dunning, Halsey, Purdum and Seneca.

Where EAS service was previously offered that service would now become local exchange service as follows:

<u>Exchange</u>	<u>EAS to Exchange Service Area of</u>
Anselmo	Merna
Ashby	Bingham, Hyannis, Whitman
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Brewster	Dunning, Halsey, Purdum
Brownlee	Halsey, Purdum, Seneca, Thedford
Dunning	Brewster, Halsey, Purdum
Halsey	Brewster, Brownlee, Dunning, Purdum, Thedford
Hyannis	Ashby, Bingham, Whitman
Merna	Anselmo
Purdum	Brewster, Brownlee, Dunning, Halsey, Thedford
Seneca	Brownlee, Thedford
Thedford	Brownlee, Halsey, Purdum, Seneca
Whitman	Ashby, Bingham, Hyannis

In its ~~app~~Application, Consolidated filed its revised maps reflecting the consolidation of the identified exchanges. Consolidated also filed its proposed sample tariff reflecting the changes.

Affected customers will be notified of the proposed consolidation through direct mail. Additionally, each affected customer will receive a call from a Consolidated employee on the day of the network configuration. There

will be no change in customer rates with the exception that some toll traffic will be eliminated. Each community that

is currently listed separately in Consolidated's white pages will continue to be listed separately.

Based on the information provided in Consolidated's Aapplication, the Commission finds that approval of the proposed changes would serve the public interest. Accordingly, the aAapplication should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Aapplication of Consolidated Telephone Company to consolidate certain of its local telephone exchanges and convert existing EAS service in those Consolidated exchanges to local exchange service shall be and it is hereby granted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 9th day of March, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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