

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Nebraska) Application No. C-4711
Central Telephone Company,)
Gibbon, seeking a waiver of the) GRANTED
requirement of Title 291 NAC)
Ch.5, Rule 002.06 regarding)
public pay stations.) Entered: October 28, 2014

BY THE COMMISSION:

On September 4, 2014, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") received a request from Nebraska Central Telephone Company ("NCTC" or "Company"), Gibbons, Nebraska, for a waiver of the requirement contained in Title 291 NAC Ch.5, Rule 002.06 of the Commission's Telecommunications Rules and Regulations regarding public pay stations. Notice of the waiver request was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on September 8, 2014. No protests were filed to the waiver sought by the Company; therefore, this docket 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

NCTC is a local exchange carrier holding a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange service in the State of Nebraska. Title 291 NAC Ch.5, Rule 002.06 of the Commission's Telecommunications Rules and Regulations states,

In each municipality served by an exchange carrier where public convenience requires it, the exchange carrier shall supply at least one public pay station that will be available to the public on a 24-hour basis. The requirement for this facility may be waived by the Commission for reasons such as: abusive vandalism or damage, excessive cost of maintaining the pay station, or lack of use.

In its August 29, 2014 letter, NCTC seeks a waiver of the Commission's rule to maintain a public pay station in the communities of Ansley, Arcadia, Ashton, Boelus, Burwell, Comstock, Dannebrog, Elba, Ericson, Litchfield, Mason City, North Loup, Ravenna, Rockville, Sargent, Scotia, Shelton and Taylor.

The Company states in support of its waiver request three reasons why the Commission should grant the requested waiver:

1) Low usage; 2) excessive cost, the combined revenue from the pay stations in the requested communities in 2013 totaled \$32.50 while it cost the Company over \$5,000 to operate, resulting in a significant loss to the Company plus the upcoming costs associated with repairing glass broken due to vandalism to the pay station in Sargent; and 3) damage to the pay stations in previous years.

Upon consideration of the waiver request, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that in light of the reasons cited by NCTC, including lack of use, excessive cost, and damage, the requested waiver is reasonable and should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the waiver of Title 291 NAC Ch.5, Rule 002.06 sought by Nebraska Central Telephone Company, be, and is hereby, granted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 28th day of October, 2014.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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Rod Johnson
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Frank E. Landis
 Chairman

ATTEST:

Steve Meredith
 Executive Director

//s//Frank E. Landis