

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-4762
of Craig Kuehler, Osmond,)
seeking authority to receive)
advanced telecommunications) GRANTED
service from the Pierce Exchange)
of the Pierce Telephone Company.)
) Entered: June 23, 2015

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 11, 2015, an application was filed by Craig Kuehler of Osmond, Nebraska, seeking a boundary change to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Pierce Exchange of the Pierce Telephone Company in lieu of his current telephone service from Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on May 15, 2015.

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

Pierce Telephone Company ("Pierce") and Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company (Eastern) are local exchange carriers holding certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange service in their respective territories. Craig Kuehler resides within the boundaries of Eastern's Osmond exchange, and has requested a boundary change so that he may receive advanced telecommunications service from the Pierce Telephone Company Pierce exchange. Eastern has notified the Commission that it does not oppose the proposed boundary change.

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 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. Pierce, Eastern, and the Commission staff have collaborated and modified the relevant exchange maps to show the agreed upon boundary changes to portions of the Pierce and Osmond exchanges. A copy of the two exchange maps with the agreed upon revisions is attached as Attachment "1" to this Order and hereby incorporated by reference.

The Commission finds that, in light of the consent between the parties involved, the application is in the public interest

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and should be granted. It is the expectation of the Commission that the two carriers involved in the boundary change shall collaborate in good faith to ensure that the transition of the customer's service from one carrier to the other shall be as seamless as possible.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-4762 be, and it is hereby, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the boundaries as shown in Attachment "1" to this Order be, and are hereby made, the official boundaries of Eastern and Pierce.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 23rd day of June, 2015.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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