## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application	)	Application No. C-4895
of Glenwood Telephone Membership	)	
Corporation, Blue Hill, seeking	)	GRANTED
waiver of the requirement of 291	)	
NAC 5, §002.06 regarding public	)	
pay stations.	)	Entered: April 4, 2017

## BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 23, 2017, a request from Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation ("Glenwood"), Blue Hill, Nebraska, was filed with the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") 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 <a href="The Daily Record">The Daily Record</a>, Omaha, Nebraska, on February 28, 2017. 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.

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation 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 March 3, 2017 letter, Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation seeks a waiver of the Commission's rule to maintain a public pay station in the communities of Lawrence, Blue Hill, Bladen, Upland, Campbell, Funk, Holstein, and Roseland.

Glenwood states in support of its waiver request the following reasons why the Commission should grant the requested waiver: 1) excessive cost, the average cost to maintain each pay station annually is \$103.00 per station for each of the eight (8) stations and 2) the eight (8) pay stations have at total of 42 minutes of documented usage over the previous 5 years combined. Glenwood does

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not intend to relocate the pay stations and therefore has no moving costs associated with this request.

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

## ORDER

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

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this  $4^{\rm th}$  day of April, 2017.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman
ATTEST:

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Tim Schram

Executive Director