

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the	)	Application No. C-4902
Application of Mainstay	)	
Communications, Henderson,	)	ORDER
Nebraska, seeking a	)	
residential rate increase.	)	
	)	Entered: May 16, 2017

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On or about March 2, 2017, Mainstay Communications, of Henderson, Nebraska, ("Mainstay" or "Applicant") filed an application to increase its basic local exchange rates for residential service from \$17.50 to \$19.95. Notice was provided as required by Section 86-141(2) and Neb Admin Code tit. 291 ch. 5 § 002.33 to all subscribers who would be affected by the proposed rate adjustment. Such notice was provided on February 21, 2017.

On May 11, 2017 the Director of the Communications Department and Mainstay entered into a joint stipulation. The parties stipulated the proposed rate increase is fair, just, and reasonable as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §86-147. The parties noted the rates are consistent with or near the approved benchmark range of \$17.95 to \$19.95 established in NUSF-50.<sup>1</sup> The parties also noted that Mainstay has not increased its basic local exchange since 2001. The stipulating parties agreed a hearing was not necessary unless enough petitions were received to require a hearing.

Based on the foregoing information, the Commission finds that the stipulation should be approved. The Commission further finds the proposed rate should become effective June 1, 2017, absent the requisite number of petitions required to trigger a Commission hearing.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the stipulated agreement between Mainstay and the Communications Department shall be and it is hereby approved.

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<sup>1</sup> See *In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its Own Motion To Make Adjustments To The Universal Service Fund Mechanism Established In NUSF-26*, Application No. NUSF-50, Order (December 19, 2006) at para. 17.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the proposed rate shall become effective June 1, 2017, unless the requisite number of petitions are filed which will trigger a hearing.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Mary Riddis*

Chairman

*Crystal Knader*

ATTEST:

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Tim Schram

Executive Director

*Tim Schram*

*Jeffrey L. Puley*