

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) Application No. C-4910
Application of Stanton Telecom)
Inc., Stanton, Nebraska,) ORDER
seeking a residential and)
business rate increase.) Entered: June 6, 2017

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On or about March 23, 2017, Stanton Telecom Inc. of Stanton, Nebraska, ("Stanton" or "Applicant") filed an application to increase its basic local exchange rates for residential service from \$17.50 to \$19.95 and from \$27.50 to \$29.95 for business service. Notice was provided as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 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 March 22, 2017.

On May 23, 2017, the Director of the Communications Department and Stanton 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-50.¹ The parties also noted that Stanton has not increased its basic local exchange rates 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 July 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 Stanton Telecom Inc. and the Communications Department shall be and it is hereby approved.

¹ 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*, Docket NUSF-50, Order (December 19, 2006) at para. 17.

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

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 6th day of June, 2017.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Mary Ridd

Crystal Knodes

Frank E. Landis

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Tim Schram

Tim Schram
Chairman

ATTEST:

Shane Kneen

Deputy Director