BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Southeast)	Application No.	C-4984
Nebraska Communications, Inc.,)	· ·	
Falls City, seeking a waiver of)		
the requirement of 291 Neb.)	GRANTED	
Admin. Code § 5-002.06 regarding)		
public pay stations.)		
)	Entered: July 1	10. 2018

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 10, 2018, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") received a request from Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc. ("SNC"), Falls City, Nebraska, for a waiver of the requirement contained in 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 5-002.06 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 May 21, 2018. No protests were filed to the waiver sought; therefore, this docket is processed pursuant to the Commission's rule of modified procedure.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

SNC is a local exchange carrier holding a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange service in the State of Nebraska. 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 5-002.06 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 May 7, 2018 letter, SNC seeks a waiver of the Commission's rule to maintain a public pay station in its service territories, that being the Falls City exchange and the Tri City exchange.

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SNC states the Commission should grant the requested waiver because of 1) low usage and 2) excessive cost. SNC has a total of twelve (12) public pay stations. Five (5) of these stations have had no dialed called usage since June of 2016 or before, and seven have very limited usage. Additionally, the overwhelming majority of the calls placed from the pay stations are to toll free numbers which provide essentially no revenue back to SNC.

Upon consideration of the waiver request, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that in light of the reasons cited by SNC, 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 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 5-002.06 sought by Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc., shall be, and is hereby, granted.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 10th day of July, 2018.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Mary Ridder

Deputy Director