SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the)	Application No. C-5604
Application of Charles and)	
Tara Mundt, Alan and Tamara)	
Merchant, Brenda Raile, Brian)	
and Karen Helmberger, Bryce)	
Feldman, Della Sawyer, Donna)	
Sautter, Jacob Simmons, Jim)	
Reynolds, Joshua Lueders,)	
Julie Wetherington, Karl)	ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION
Keller, Mark Klute, Rick)	
Stueven, Roger Lange, and Tim)	
Spires, Marquette, each)	
seeking authority to receive)	
advanced telecommunications)	
capability service from the)	
Hordville Exchange of the)	
Hamilton Telephone Company.)	Entered: October 8, 2024

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 20, 2024, an application was filed by Charles and Tara Mundt, Alan and Tamara Merchant, Brenda Raile, Brian and Karen Helmberger, Bryce Feldman, Della Sawyer, Donna Sautter, Jacob Simmons, Jim Reynolds, Joshua Lueders, Julie Wetherington, Karl Keller, Mark Klute, Rick Stueven, Roger Lange, and Tim Spires, each of Crofton, Nebraska (collectively "Applicants"), each seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunication services from the Hordville exchange of Hamilton Telephone Company ("Hamilton") in lieu of their current telephone service from the Central City exchange of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("Qwest"). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska on August 23, 2024. No protests were filed; therefore, this docket was handled pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

Hamilton and Qwest are local exchange carriers holding certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange service in their respective territories. Each of the Applicants is located within Qwest's Central City exchange and has requested a boundary exchange so that they may receive telephone services from the Hordville exchange of Hamilton. Qwest has notified the Commission that it does not oppose the proposed

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boundary change. Hamilton has notified the Commission that it is willing to provide service to the Applicant.

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.

The Commission staff has modified the Qwest and Hamilton local exchange maps to show the boundary change to the Central City and Hordville exchanges. Copies of the exchange maps with the proposed revisions are attached as Attachment "A" to this Order and are hereby incorporated for reference. If either company has objections or changes to the proposed boundary map, it must contact the Commission on or before November 8, 2024 with said objections or changes. If the Commission receives no objections or changes from Great Plains or Hartington Telecommunications by close of business on November 8, 2024, the boundary maps shall be modified as proposed in Attachment "A".

The Commission finds that in view of the consent between the parties involved, the application is in the public interest and should be granted. It is the expectation of the Commission that the 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.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-5604 be, and it is hereby, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before November 8, 2024, the parties to this docket shall contact the Commission with any changes or concerns regarding the boundary as proposed in Attachment "A" to this order. If no objection is received from either Great Plains Communications, LLC or Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc., the boundary as shown in "Attachment

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 ${\tt A}''$ to this Order shall be the official exchange boundary of the two telecommunications companies.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 8th day of October, 2024.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director



