

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) Application No. C-1768
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company)
of Jackson, Nebraska, seeking a)
waiver of filing the plan for and) GRANTED
implementation deadlines of intra-)
LATA dialing parity.) Entered: April 7, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 2, 1998, an application was filed by Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company (Northeast) of Jackson, Nebraska, requesting a waiver of deadlines for filing a plan for and implementation of intraLATA dialing parity. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, March 3, 1998. No protests were filed; therefore, we process this application pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

Northeast is a local exchange carrier providing telecommunications services to approximately 4,100 access lines in twelve exchanges in northeast Nebraska.

This Commission, in Application C-1128, ordered all local exchange carriers to submit plans regarding the implementation of intraLATA dialing parity on or before July 1, 1998, and to implement intraLATA dialing parity by December 31, 1998.

Consistent with the mandates of Application C-1128, Northeast intends to provide both intraLATA and interLATA equal access to the exchanges of Craig, Coleridge, Martinsburg, Newcastle, Obert/Maskell, Dixon/Concord and Jackson/Hubbard by December 31, 1998.

Northeast requests an extension to March 31, 1999, to implement intraLATA dialing parity for the exchanges of Bartlett, Clearwater, Linwood/Morse Bluff, Prague and Weston/Malmo.

Northeast states an extension is necessary because it is not technically feasible for the company to deploy intraLATA and, in some cases, interLATA equal access in all of its exchanges by December 31, 1998. Further, Northeast states an extension to March 31, 1999, is necessary because the exchanges named above will require switch upgrades and perhaps switch replacements in order to accommodate equal access. Northeast states delays generally occur whenever equipment is replaced.

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Upon consideration of the application, the Commission is of the opinion and finds the application to be reasonable and in the public interest. The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application C-1768 be, and it is hereby, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company shall implement intraLATA dialing parity in the exchanges of Bartlett, Clearwater, Linwood/Morse Bluff, Prague and Weston/Malmo by March 31, 1999.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 7th day of April, 1998.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Anne C. Boyle

//s//Lowell C. Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert R. Logsdon
Executive Director