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**PSC AUTHORIZES EXTENDED AREA SERVICE BETWEEN  
CRESTON AND COLUMBUS**

LINCOLN – The Nebraska Public Service Commission validated a ballot count of Creston telephone subscribers for extended area service with Columbus at the Commission's September 3 meeting in Lincoln.

Creston telephone customers gave overwhelming approval to the plan, 122-17, for a margin of 76 percent.

The calling plan requires mandatory participation by all telephone subscribers of the two communities. Qwest will charge its Creston customers \$1.80 per month for residential service and two dollars per month for businesses. The plan will allow unlimited calling to Columbus. This is in addition to the current rates of 50 cents and one dollar per month similarly charged to residential and business customers, respectively, for service to Humphrey.

Columbus telephone customers of Frontier will have five cents added to their residential and business monthly bills for service to Creston.

One vote per account is permitted by Public Service Commission rules in the balloting that ended August 21.

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