SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA STATE RAILWAY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA STATE RAILWAY COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Formal Complaint) of:

) FORMAL COMPLAINT NO. 910

Norman Hilfiker and Lloyd Levi, et al,) Lindy, Nebraska,

Sustained

vs.
Addison Telephone Company, Bloomfield,
Nebraska.

Order entered June 18, 1956.

APPEARANCES:

For Complainant:

Lloyd Levi

Lindy, Nebraska

Norman Hilfiker Lindy, Nebraska

For Defendant:

J. H. Evans

Bloomfield, Nebraska

For Commission:

John A. Bonebright, Director

Accounting - Engineering Departments

By the Commission:

On May 14, 1956, Norman Hilfiker and Lloyd Levi, et al, filed a formal complaint with the Commission charging that since the 18th day of March, 1956, the Addison Telephone Company, Bloomfield, Nebraska, has failed, neglected and refused to hire a switchboard operator for the Lindy exchange of the Addison Telephone Company.

Pursuant to notice, as required by law, the matter came on for public hearing in the Wieckman Farm Equipment Building, Lindy, Nebraska, at 9:30 A.M. on June 11, 1956. Testimony was adduced and the matter taken under advisement.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

Upon consideration of the complaint and the testimony adduced at the hearing, the Commission is of the opinion and finds:

- l. That defendant, Addison Telephone Company, is a Nebraska Corporation with its principal place of business in the Village of Lindy, Nebraska, and provides service to approximately 83 subscribers in that area over grounded lines.
- 2. That defendants witness testified that the operator resigned on March 18, 1956, and since that time the central office has been closed because defendant could not obtain a qualified operator.
- 3. That complainants witnesses testified that the telephone service was poor, and that there were several persons in the area served by the defendant who could not obtain service.
- 4. That the Addison Telephone Company was organized in 1908. There are 49 shares of stock outstanding. However, there has not been a stock-holders' meeting for several years. The president of the company has resigned and none of the officers or directors, with the exception of the treasurer, Mr. J. H. Evans, has shown any interest whatever in the affairs of the company.
- 5. That Formal Complaint No. 910 should be sustained and the Addison Telephone Company be ordered to restore service and present plans for rehabilitation of its facilities to the Commission on or before August 1, 1956.
- 6. If the defendant, Addison Telephone Company, does not restore service and submit said plans on or before August 1, 1956, this matter should again be brought before the Commission to determine what further steps should be taken to restore and improve service.

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ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska State Railway Commission that Formal Complaint No. 910 be and it is hereby sustained and the Addison Telephone Company be and it is hereby ordered to restore service and present plans for rehabilitation of its facilities to the Commission on or before August 1, 1956.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the Addison Telephone Company fails to comply with the provisions of this order on or before August 1, 1956, the matter will be brought to the attention of the Commission to determine what further steps should be taken.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, on this 18th day of June,

NEBRASKA STATE RAILWAY COMMISSION

Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary

Commissioners Concurring:

JAB: bsm