

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	Application No. C-269
Arapahoe Telephone Company, Arapahoe,)	
Nebraska, for proposed rates of IMTS)	GRANTED IN PART
Mobile Radio-Telephone and Tone and)	
Voice plus Tone only Paging Service.)	Entered: March 8, 1983

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OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed June 24, 1982, the Arapahoe Telephone Company, Arapahoe, Nebraska seeks approval of proposed rates for IMTS mobile radio telephone and tone and voice plus tone only paging service.

Notice of the filing of the application was published pursuant to the provisions of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. Protests to the application were filed by Central RadioPhone, Gothenburg, Nebraska, Midtown Business Center and Answering Service, Kearney, Nebraska and Mid-State Systems, Inc., McCook, Nebraska.

Pursuant to notice required by law, public hearing was held on the application on September 9, 1982 at 10:00 a.m. in the Arapahoe Fire Hall, Arapahoe, Nebraska with appearances as set forth above.

Upon consideration of the application, the evidence adduced at the hearing and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

1. Applicant is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its principle place of business at Arapahoe, Nebraska. It is engaged in the telephone business as a common carrier serving approximately 1,062 subscribers through exchanges at Arapahoe, Holbrook and Hendley, Nebraska.

2. Applicant seeks approval of rates and charges for mobile telephone and paging service as follows:

	<u>Service Connection Charge</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
IMTS:		
a. Dial mobile unit equipped with 11 channels. Unlimited 3 min. calls.	\$150.00	\$50.00
b. Same as 1. with customer owned mobile unit	150.00	25.00
c. Air time charge for over 3 minute call, per minute	-	.10
d. Roamer call charge, first min.	-	.25
Each additional minute	-	.20
e. Relay control equipment for a customer owned auxiliary horn, lamp or other signal, each	25.00	1.50
f. Separate vehicle head, cable, antenna and tray only	150.00	25.00
g. Weatherproof equipment cabinet for mounting radio equipment where required. *	25.00	8.00

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	<u>Service Connection Charge</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
h. Moves: Dial mobile unit removal and reinstallation.	\$150.00	\$ -

- * At the option of the customer, weatherproof equipment cabinets may be provided, installed and maintained by the customer in connection with radio equipment provided by the telephone company.

Pagers:

i. Standard rechargeable tone and voice or tone only pager receiver, including charger unit.	15.00	15.00
j. Same as i. with customer owned pager receiver unit.	15.00	8.00

3. At the commencement of the hearing it was stipulated by the parties that the protests did not cover the proposed pager rates but only the rates for IMTS service identified as a., b., c., and f. above.

4. Applicant presented the testimony of John Koller, President and General Manager and Michael Pinquoch of the firm of Ernst and Whinney. Mr. Pinquoch presented evidence concerning the cost studies supporting the proposed rates and charges for mobile telephone service.

5. Applicant's Exhibits A through D set forth the cost study supporting the proposed rates. The total revenue requirement for ten mobile units is \$9,136 per year and for the base station and IMTS terminal is \$14,921 per year. In developing its proposed rates, applicant has subtracted from this revenue requirement estimated additional revenues from toll settlements.

6. While it is true that any such investment will result in additional toll settlement revenues under the present settlement procedure, such revenues should accrue to the general body of ratepayers and not to any particular class. It is therefore not appropriate to credit the revenue requirement with additional toll settlement revenues and to do so will result in a noncompensatory rate.

7. The application should be granted in part insofar as it relates to rates and charges for paging service and proposed rates and charges for IMTS mobile radio telephone service should be denied.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-269 be and it is hereby granted in part and the Arapahoe Telephone Company be and it is hereby authorized to charge and collect the rates set forth in the Opinion and Findings herein for tone and voice and tone only pagers.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that proposed rates and charges for IMTS mobile radio telephone service be and they are hereby denied.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 8th day of March, 1983.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Duane D. Gay

Robert Brayton
Chairman

ATTEST:

John J. [Signature]
Acting Executive Secretary