BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Central Nebraska Telephone Company,
Blair, Nebraska, for approval of its
Investment in Rural Telephone Bank
Stock and related interest charges
as operating items properly recoverable)
through the toll settlements process.

Application No. C-273

ORDER ENTERED DECEMBER 14, 1982 RECONSIDERED APPLICATION GRANTED

Entered: February 1, 1983

APPEARANCES: For the applicant Wyman Nelson, Attorney 1645 Front Street Blair, Nebraska

OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By order entered December 14, 1982, the Commission denied the above-captioned application.

On December 27, 1982 applicant filed a Motion for Reconsidered and/or Rehearing. Oral argument on said motion was held on January 11, 1983 at 2:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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

- l. Applicant is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its principal place of business at Blair, Nebraska. It is engaged in the telephone business as a common carrier serving 4,121 subscribers through exchanges at Grant, Hayes Center, Imperial, Palisade, Sutherland and Venango, Nebraska.
- 2. Applicant has obtained financing through the Rural Telephone Bank in order to make plant improvements. As a condition of the loan, applicant was required to purchase Class B stock in the Rural Telephone Bank and the amount of the loan was increased to fund said purchase. Applicant's investment in Rural Telephone Bank stock is \$31,250.
- 3. The evidence indicates that the inclusion of the Applicant's investment in Rural Telephone Bank Stock and interest expense associated therewith, for the Separations study year ended December 31, 1981, would have resulted in additional toll settlements to it of \$4,261.
- 4. The application is fair and reasonable, is in the public interest and should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-273 be and it is hereby granted and the Central Nebraska Telephone Company be and it is hereby authorized to include its investment in Class B stock of the Rural Telephone Bank in its rate base for rate making purposes, retroactive to January 1,-1981.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the order entered December 14, 1982 be and it is hereby vacated and set aside.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 1st day of February, 1983.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Acting Chairman

ATTEST:

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

cting Executive Secretary

COMMISSIONERS DISSENTING: