## SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the application of the Diller Telephone Company, Diller, Nebraska for Discontinuance of Four-Party Service and Rates.

Application No. C-372

GRANTED

Entered July 5, 1983

#### OPINION AND FINDINGS

### BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed March 8, 1983 the Diller Telephone Company, Diller, Nebraska seeks authority to discontinue four party service.

Notice of the filing of the application was published pursuant to the provisions of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. Two letters protesting the application were received.

Pursuant to notice required by law, public hearing was held on the application on June 2, 1983 at 9:30 a.m. in the Jefferson County Courthouse, Fairbury, Nebraska.

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 Nebraska corporation with its principal place of business at Diller, Nebraska. It is engaged in the telephone business as a common carrier serving approximately 855 subscribers through exchanges at Diller, Harbine, Odell and Virginia, Nebraska.
- 2. Applicant now offers both one party and four party residence service. By this application it seeks to discontinue the offering of four party service and furnish only one party service.
- 3. William P. Sandman, president of the applicant, testified that it seeks to discontinue four party service because of service problems caused by party lines and to make custom calling features available to all subscribers. Party line service problems included busys, long distance billing errors, ringer adjustment problems and problems caused by customer provided equipment.
- 4. Applicant now serves 89 four party subscribers. In 1980 the applicant was authorized to discontinue offering four party service to new customers. The rate difference between four party and one party service is \$1.50 per month.
- 5. Mr. Sandman testified that all four party subscribers were notified of this application and that approximately nine subscribers contacted the telephone company to express a preference for the present four party service.
- $\ensuremath{\text{6.}}$  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-372 be and it is hereby granted and the Diller Telephone Company be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue four party service.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant file appropriate tariff sheets with the Commission.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 5th day of July, 1983.

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ATTEST:

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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING: