

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	Application No. C-399
Continental Telephone Company of Neb-)	
raska, Wisner, Nebraska, for approval)	
of its investment in rural telephone)	DENIED
bank stock and related interest charges)	
as operating items properly recoverable)	
through the toll settlements process.)	Entered: August 23, 1983

OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed May 16, 1983, Continental Telephone Company of Nebraska, Wisner, Nebraska seeks approval of its investment in rural telephone bank stock and related interest charges as operating items properly recoverable through the toll settlement process.

Notice of the filing of the application was published pursuant to the Commission's Rules and Regulations. One letter of protest was filed but subsequently withdrawn.

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 \$305,900.

Applicant seeks approval of the inclusion of the investment in Rural Telephone Bank Stock and its related interest charges as operating items properly recoverable through the toll settlement process.

Applicant indicates that such inclusion would result in additional toll settlements to it of \$20,398 for 1982 and \$40,796 for 1983.

The Commission has historically not allowed investments such as this to be included in the rate base.

Upon consideration of the application and attending circumstances and being fully advised the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the application should be denied.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that application No. C-399 be and it is hereby denied.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 23rd day of August, 1983.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Harold D. Simpson
Chairman

ATTEST:

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Terrence L. Kubiczek
Executive Secretary