

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the application of	)	Application No. C-423
Dalton Telephone Company, Inc., Dalton,	)	
Nebraska, to place additional local	)	GRANTED
service rates in effect and discontinue	)	
certain local service rates.	)	Entered February 7, 1984

APPEARANCES: For the applicant  
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OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed July 18, 1983, the Dalton Telephone Company, Inc., Dalton, Nebraska seeks to place additional local service rates in effect and to discontinue certain local service rates.

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

Pursuant to notice required by law, public hearing was held on the application on October 27, 1983 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse, Kimball, Nebraska with appearance as shown.

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 Dalton, Nebraska. It is engaged in the telephone business as a common carrier serving approximately 1,229 subscribers through exchanges at Dalton, Gurley, Lodgepole, Dix and Bushnell, Nebraska.

2. Applicant seeks approval of tariffs for miscellaneous rates and charges as set forth below:

	<u>Proposed Monthly Rate</u>
Horns and ringers	\$ 1.50
Hard-of-hearing handset	1.00
Teledialer	6.00
Additional directory listings	
Business	1.00
Residence	.50
Unlisted number	.50
Radio station loop	5.00
Color telephone	
(standard color - beige)	1.00
Touch-Call telephone service, per line	
Business	2.00
Residence	1.50

	<u>Proposed Monthly Rate</u>
Touch-Call Telephone, standard, in addition to rate for standard rotary dial telephone	\$ 1.00
Premium (decorator) telephone, in addition to rate for standard rotary dial telephone	
Rotary	1.00
Touch-Call	1.50
Vacation rate	50% of monthly charges
Off-premises station line mileage	
Minimum 1/10 mile or fraction thereof	
Business	1.50
Residence	.75
Each additional 1/10 mile or fraction	.75
Semi-public telephone service (1 party only)	12.00
Insufficient fund check charge	10.00

3. Applicant also seeks to discontinue exchange line mileage charges and party line rates at Dix and Bushnell.

4. Attached to the application and incorporated herein by reference are the following proposed tariff sheets which establish multi-element service connection charges:

Original Sheets 1 through 6, Part VI

5. Mildred Swanson, Secretary-Treasurer, testified for applicant to explain the proposed tariffs. The purpose of the tariffs is to establish uniform rates for miscellaneous optional services in the five exchanges and to place on record existing rates which may not have been tarified. ~~There will be no revenue increase as a result of this application.~~

6. It should also be noted that many of the proposed rates relate to terminal equipment, which since January 1, 1983 has been deregulated by the Federal Communications Commission.

7. 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-423 be and it is hereby granted and the Dalton Telephone Company, Inc., be and it is hereby authorized to charge and collect the rates set forth in the Opinion and Findings herein.

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

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 7th day of February, 1984.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

*Harold D. Simpson*

Chairman

ATTEST:

*Terence L. Hubert*

Executive Secretary

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Duane J. Gay*