

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) Application No. C-481
Wauneta Telephone Company, Benkelman,)
Nebraska, for authority to amend its)
tariff to add a monthly rate to charge) GRANTED IN PART
for Central Office Line Charge for)
Touch Tone Service.) Entered: July 10, 1984

APPEARANCES: For the applicant
James A. Lane, Attorney
401 North Spruce Street
Box 119
Ogallala, Nebraska 69153

OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed January 10, 1984, the Wauneta Telephone Company, Benkelman, Nebraska seeks authority to amend its tariff to add a central office line charge for touch tone service.

Notice of the filing of the application was published pursuant to the provisions of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. No protest was filed.

Pursuant to notice required by law, public hearing was held on the application on April 12, 1984 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse, Benkelman, 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 Benkelman, Nebraska. It is engaged in the telephone business as a common carrier serving approximately 723 subscribers through an exchange at Wauneta, Nebraska.
2. Applicant seeks authority to establish a charge of \$1.00 per month per line for touch tone service. A rate of \$1.00 per month presently applies for each touch tone instrument. Applicant seeks approval of the new rate because customers who furnish their own telephone would pay nothing for touch tone. While this proposal would recover costs from those customers using their own equipment it would require an increase of \$1.00 per month for those customers leasing regulated telephone instruments and would, in fact, double the rate for the customer with one phone. This proposal is not reasonable. The proposed rate of \$1.00 per month per line should be allowed but the existing rate of \$1.00 per instrument should be reduced to \$.25 per month.
3. Applicant also proposes to increase the rate for local calls from coin phones from \$.10 to \$.25. This proposal would increase applicant's revenues by an estimated \$180 per year. Applicant presented no evidence of the toll revenue generated by coin phones. A coin phone rate of 20¢ should be allowed.

Application No. C-481

Page two

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that application No. C-481 be and it is hereby granted in part and the Wauneta Telephone Company be and it is hereby authorized to charge \$1.00 per month for each touch tone line.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant's rate of \$1.00 per month for each touch tone instrument be reduced to \$.25 per month.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a coin phone rate of 20¢ each be and it is hereby authorized.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 10th day of July, 1984.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Harold D. Simpson
Chairman

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

ATTEST:

John E. King
Acting Executive Secretary