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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-780
of MidAmerican Long Distance Co.)
for permission to discontinue its) GRANTED
intrastate interexchange telecom-)
munications service for residential)
customers.) Entered: September 18, 1989

APPEARANCES: For the applicant
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OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed August 3, 1989, MidAmerican Long Distance Co., Omaha, Nebraska seeks authority to discontinue intrastate telecommunications service for residential customers.

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

Pursuant to notice required by law, public hearing was held on the application on September 13, 1989 at 10:00 a.m. in the Omaha Civic Center, Omaha, 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 holds a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing it to provide intrastate telecommunications service in the State of Nebraska.

2. Martin E. Freidel, General Counsel, testified for the applicant: MidAmerican has offered a long-distance switched voice service to residence and business customers in Nebraska; MidAmerican served 8,475 residential customers in Nebraska; it has notified its Nebraska residential customers on August 15, 1989 of its intention to discontinue service and that Teleconnect Co. had offered to provide comparable service; there are no unused prepaid customer charges to be refunded; any customer incurring a service charge to change carrier will be reimbursed by MidAmerican; MidAmerican will continue to offer service to business customers.

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3. Pursuant to Section 86-806, R.S. Neb. 1986, the Commission finds that there are one or more telecommunications companies furnishing comparable services; that applicant has given its customers 30 day written notice; that there are no unused prepaid subscription charges to be refunded; any customer incurring a service charge will be reimbursed.

4. The applicant 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-780 be and it is hereby granted, and the MidAmerican Long Distance Co., Omaha, Nebraska be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue intrastate telecommunications services for residential customers in the State of Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 18th day of September, 1989.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Daniel G. Urwiller

Chairman

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//Frank E. Landis, Jr.

//s//James F. Munnelly

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

ATTEST:

John R. Hines
Executive Director

COMMISSIONER DISSENTING:

//s//Duane D. Gay

Commissioner Duane D. Gay, District 3, respectfully dissents. It is my opinion that when an application is granted to a carrier who has applied for both residential and business customers, it is a package application which potentially has a statewide benefit to the public. When one piece of the authority is abandoned, then the statewide benefit also is abandoned to all residential providers and is tantamount to "cream skimming."