

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	Application No. C-801
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Nebraska Public Service Commission)	
Relator)	ORDER INSTITUTING
)	INVESTIGATION
vs.)	
)	
The Lincoln Telephone and)	
Telegraph Company, a Common Carrier))	
Respondent)	Entered: March 6, 1990

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

The Nebraska Public Service Commission hereby finds that inquiries about and applications (C-788, C-789) for Extended Area Service (EAS) in the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company's (LT&T's) service area have been received, and that EAS is an issue of paramount importance to the public interest in terms of convenience, access, and service to telecommunications subscribers in Nebraska.

The Commission is of the opinion that piecemeal implementation of new EAS in the LT&T service area is not in the public interest. Serious concerns exist because of the increasing communities of interest between exchanges, the availability of optional EAS and the existing procedures which must be followed to offer new EAS, all of which require this Commission to issue this order.

The Commission further finds that Frank Hilsabeck, Vice President of LT&T, on May 5, 1988, testified before this Commission in C-754 regarding respondent's desire to develop a more rational and fair plan to deal long term with the EAS problem. (See attached Exhibit A)

In the interest of determining the most effective means of providing EAS to subscribers in the LT&T service area, the Commission finds that the Company should be required to file a plan which includes the following elements:

1. That EAS be offered to all subscribers of LT&T.
2. The cost of this new necessary service be reasonably priced at a flat rate.
3. The service be offered on an optional basis.
4. All existing EAS remain available.

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5. All existing 1-way EAS be converted to 2-way EAS or in the alternative provide new 2-way EAS to replace existing 1-way EAS.

6. That with the approval of the applicants, all pending LT&T extended area service applications be held in abeyance until such time as the Commission evaluates the aforementioned plan.

7. That this plan be submitted for Commission consideration within ninety (90) days from the date this order is entered.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Respondent appear at a public hearing to be held on April 17, 1990 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 "N" Street, Lincoln, Nebraska to give evidence as to why it should not be required to submit the plan and to offer EAS communications as set forth in the opinion and findings and such other evidence as may be pertinent to this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Commission that a copy of this Order be served on Respondent.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 6th day of March, 1990.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Daniel G. Urwiller

Chairman

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Deane D. Gay

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

//s//James Munnelly

//s//Eric Rasmussen

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

ATTEST:

John R. Shively
Executive Director