

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Disposition of) Application No. C-931(28)
Property Tax Revenues for Taxable)
Year 1991 and Certain Other Tax)
Years by Certain Affected Telecom-) ORDER APPROVING DISPOSITION
munications Companies:)
)
Petersburg Telephone Company.) Entered: August 16, 1994

BY THE COMMISSION

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

The Commission approved, on July 13, 1994, Petersburg Telephone Company's (Petersburg) proposed plan for disposition of excess revenues resulting from decreases in personal property taxes for the 1991 tax year. All telecommunications companies in the State, including Petersburg, filed with the Commission plans for disposition. Plans were approved if revenues were used in any of the following ways:

- (a) To install equipment necessary to provide 911 or E-911 service;
- (b) To implement Phase II of the Frame Relay project;
- (c) To install distance learning or other technology assisted educational systems for secondary and/or primary school districts;
- (d) To be returned to the local governmental subdivisions from which the tax refund was due;
- (e) To be refunded to the Company's customers on a pro rata basis; or
- (f) To provide toll route diversity to improve network reliability.

Since the order approving disposition was entered, it has come to the Commission's attention that Petersburg's proposal varies slightly from the list of approved options. Specifically, Petersburg proposes to allocate \$11,661 to the Petersburg Village Library. The revenue will be used to purchase a multi-media computer system with fax/modem, printer and software. A reserve of money will be maintained in order to pay for access to various information systems; including but not limited to electronic bulletin boards, libraries, the Internet and CD-ROM resources.

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This plan corresponds closely with the option of installing distance learning or technological assisted education systems in secondary and primary school districts. Furthermore, it mirrors the Clarks Telephone Company disposition plan which proposed to allocate revenue for the purchase of computer hardware and software for the Clarks and Ulysses public libraries. The Clarks proposal was approved by the Commission on July 13, 1993.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the proposed plan offered by the Petersburg Telephone Company disposing of revenues from decreased personal property taxes for the 1991 tax year be, and it is hereby approved, pursuant to this order.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 16th day of August.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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