

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) Application No. C-1084
Benkelman Telephone Company,)
Benkelman, Nebraska for approval)
of loans totaling \$2,557,150 and) GRANTED
certain documents evidencing the)
loans.) Entered: August 2, 1994

BY THE COMMISSION

Benkelman Telephone Company, ("Benkelman"), of Benkelman, Nebraska, filed this application June 30, 1994. The applicant seeks approval of a loan from the Rural Electrification Administration and the Rural Telephone Bank to finance certain upgrades to the company's physical plant facilities.

Notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record, July 1, 1994. No one protested the application; therefore, it will be processed by modified procedure (Title 291, NAC Ch. 1, Rule 018.03).

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

Upon consideration of the application and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds:

1. Benkelman is a telecommunications common carrier regulated by the Commission pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3, and Chapter 86, Article 8. The applicant is a Nebraska corporation with its principal office located in Benkelman, Nebraska. The company provides service through approximately 1,138 access lines to customers in Dundy County, Nebraska and Cheyenne and Rawlins Counties, Kansas.

2. Benkelman proposes to borrow \$2,557,150 from the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) and the Rural Telephone Bank (RTB) to finance the installation of central office equipment, buried cable facilities and other plant improvements and replacements.

3. Benkelman, therefore, has proposed to execute and deliver a promissory note to the REA and RTB for \$2,557,150 as evidence of the debt. A copy of each note is attached to the application, and are incorporated herein by reference.

4. Benkelman states that the proposed loan can be obtained at interest rates and repayment terms which are substantially more favorable than could be obtained through conventional sources. In addition, the loan proceeds will be used by Benkelman solely for the construction, completion,

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improvements and modernization of telephone service to the public.

Based upon review and consideration of the application, and being fully advised, we find that the application is fair and reasonable, serves the public interest, and should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1084 be, and it is hereby granted, and Benkelman Telephone Company is authorized to borrow up to \$2,557,150 from the Rural Electrification Administration and the Rural Telephone Bank under the terms and conditions set forth in the loan documents drawn up between the parties.

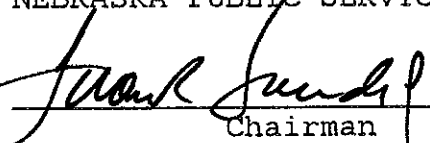
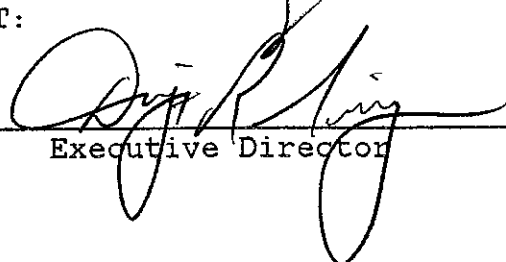
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 2nd day of August, 1994.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING

//s//Duane D. Gay
//s//Rod Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//James F. Munnelly

ATTEST:


Chairman

Executive Director