

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) Application No. C-1202  
of Pierce Telephone Company, Inc. )  
of Pierce, Nebraska seeking au- ) GRANTED  
thority to revise depreciation )  
rates retroactive to July 1, 1994.) Entered: July 31, 1995

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

By application filed June 19, 1995, Pierce Telephone Company of Pierce, Nebraska seeks authority to revise its depreciation rates used to compute depreciation expenses on its Nebraska intrastate investment. Notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record on June 21, 1995 in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure. No protests to the application were received; therefore, the application will be processed pursuant the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

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

Pierce Telephone Company is engaged in the provision of telecommunications services to subscribers in Nebraska and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission of the State of Nebraska.

On September 27, 1994, the Commission approved an application filed by the Nebraska Telephone Association, C-1099, to establish revised guideline depreciation rates for various communication assets in Nebraska. In order to properly reflect changes in technology, these rates are periodically reviewed and revised. The guideline depreciation rates prior to the approval of C-1099 have not been revised since 1988.

Pierce Telephone began to apply revised depreciation rates effective July 1, 1994 that conformed to the guidelines set forth in Application C-1099. However, Pierce did not request approval from the Commission for such a change per the procedure established in docket C-644.

Upon filing its 1994 Annual Report with the Commission, Pierce was informed by the Commission of the need to obtain Commission approval for any change made to depreciation rates. Accordingly, Pierce filed the present application requesting retroactive approval. Included with the application is a table

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displaying the new depreciation rates effective July 1, 1994. This table shall be labeled "Exhibit A".

The effect of the changing the depreciation rates in July, 1994 amounted to an increased depreciation expense of roughly \$17,000. Total depreciation of telephone plant for Pierce in 1994 was reported as \$210,575.

As the depreciation rates applied by Pierce in 1994 conforms with the guidelines established by the Commission in Application C-1099, the Commission approves the request retroactively to July 1, 1994.

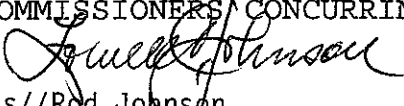
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the depreciation rates found in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made part of this Order, shall be the approved depreciation rates for Pierce Telephone Company effective retroactively beginning July 1, 1994.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 31st day of July, 1995.

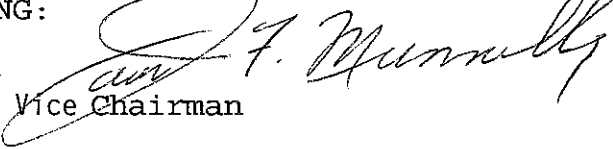
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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

  
//s//Rod Johnson

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//James F. Munnelly

  
Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director