

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of )	Application No. C-1282
the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph )	
Company, of Lincoln, Nebraska, )	
seeking authority to adjust its )	
rates and charges for telephone )	GRANTED
service to its Murray exchange in )	
accordance with the Commission )	
order entered in Application No. )	
C-1234 on January 9, 1996. )	Entered: March 12, 1996

APPEARANCES:

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BY THE COMMISSION

By application filed January 18, 1996, the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company, Lincoln, Nebraska (LT&T) seeks authority to adjust its rates and charges for telephone service to its Murray exchange in accordance with the Commission's order entered in Application No. C-1234 on January 9, 1996. Notice of this application was published in the Omaha Daily Record, on January 22, 1996 pursuant to the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

A hearing was held on the application on March 1, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. at the Beaver Lake Clubhouse, Plattsmouth, Nebraska with appearances as shown. Testimony was taken from Mr. William Ashburn, Industry Relations Manager of LT&T. Mr. Ashburn explained the enhanced local calling area (ELCA) plan and the revisions in basic local service rates that are being requested in the present docket. LT&T seeks the following revisions in the basic local service rates for its Murray exchange:

<u>Class of Service</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Requested Rate</u>
Residence (R-1)	\$11.00	12.50
Business (B-1)	35.00	39.00
Lamp & Key	41.00	45.00
PBX	51.00	55.00
Coin Semi-Public	21.00	23.50
Individual Incoming Only	29.75	33.25
Lamp & Key Incoming Only	34.75	38.25

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Mr. Ashburn stated that implementation of the revised rates is necessary in order to proceed with the plan.

Numerous questions were asked by Murray subscribers who attended the hearing. Questions concerning Internet access, notification, the length of time needed for implementation and the plan's limitation of sixty minutes of calls for \$1 were posed and answered by LT&T and the Commission.

Mr. John Brice testified in favor of the plan, stating it is fair and equitable for all subscribers. Ms. Carole Craft also offered support to the proposal and testified that the proposed changes were much preferable to the current system. No one testified in opposition to the proposed rates.

Upon consideration of the application, and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion that the application is fair and reasonable, is in the public interest and should be granted. The rates set forth above should be implemented as soon as practicable once all necessary federal waivers have been obtained and after the facilities are constructed by US West to provide extended area service and by LT&T to provide the enhanced local calling area plan.

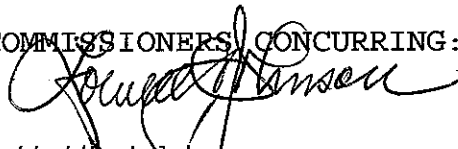
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1282 be, and it is hereby, granted and the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company be and is hereby authorized to revise its rates and charges for local exchange service as set forth above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph file the appropriate tariff revisions with the Commission upon notice that the necessary federal waivers have been issued to US West.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 12th day of March, 1996.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

  
//s//Rod Johnson  
//s//Frank E. Landis  
//s//James F. Munnelly

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director