

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) Application No. C-1283
the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph)
Company, of Lincoln, Nebraska,)
seeking authority to adjust its)
rates and charges for telephone) GRANTED
service to its 234 exchange in ac-)
cordance with the Commission's)
order entered in Application No.)
C-1205 on January 9, 1996.) Entered: March 12, 1996

APPEARANCES:

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

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 234 exchange in accordance with the Commission's order entered in Application No. C-1205 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 1:30 p.m. at the American Legion in Louisville, 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 234 exchange:

<u>Class of Service</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Requested Rate</u>
Residence (R-1)	\$10.00	12.50
Business (B-1)	33.00	39.00
Lamp & Key	39.00	45.00
PBX	49.00	55.00
Coin Semi-Public	19.75	23.50
Individual Incoming Only	28.00	33.25
Lamp & Key Incoming Only	33.25	38.25

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

Several questions were posed by subscribers of the 234 exchange who attended the hearing. Concerns regarding the rate structure, the calling area and the length of time needed to implement the ELCA plan were posed by subscribers and answered by LT&T, US West and the Commission.

A show of hands was requested to determine the number of people in attendance at the hearing who supported the proposed change in rates. A large majority of consumers raised their hand to indicate support for the rate change in the present application. No one testified or indicated opposition to the application.

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 U.S. West to provide extended area service and by LT&T to provide the enhanced local calling area plan.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1283 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 shall file a revised tariff 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