BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the emergency)	Application No. C-1519
petition of MCI Telecommunications)	
Corp. and AT&T Communications,)	REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND
both of Denver, Colorado, to in-)	TO SET A HEARING DATE
vestigate compliance of Nebraska)	
LECs with FCC payphone orders.)	Entered: May 4, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

This docket was opened by the Commission in response to the joint petition of MCI Telecommunications, Corp. and AT&T Communications to determine the degree of compliance of Nebraska local exchange carriers (LEC) with orders issued by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on payphones. The FCC issued specific directions for LECs in CC Docket 96-128 released April 4, 1997, and in CC Docket 96-439 released November 8, 1996.

The Commission has subsequently allowed this docket to remain open to allow further inquiry and investigation of the various issues regarding the provisioning of payphones within the state. In order to accommodate information which might be of interest to the Commission, this Commission seeks public comment on issues related to the provisioning of payphones within the state, including but not limited to:

- a) pricing issues;
- b) necessary technical capabilities; and,
- c) technical problems experienced by carriers and providers and any circumstances or conditions that might adversely affect provisioning of payphone service.

The Commission finds that a separate docket may need to be opened in the future to deal specifically with the issue of compensation for public interest payphones; accordingly, comments on that issue need not be filed in conjunction with this docket.

Interested parties may file written comments on the issues identified above by 5:00 p.m. on May 25, 1999. No reply comments will be accepted except as the Commission may later direct.

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In addition, the Commission finds that a public hearing should also be set for the discussion of the issues delineated herein. Such a hearing will be held in a legislative format and scheduled for June 8, 1999, at 1:30 p.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that comments on the issues identified in the order herein and applicable to this docket be filed on or before May 25, 1999. Parties filing comments and/or reply comments should file three paper copies and one electronic copy in WordPerfect 5.0 (or newer) format.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing be set for June 8, 1999, at 1:30 p.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 4th day of May, 1999.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//Lowell C. Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

ATTEST:

Executive Director