

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of	) Application No. C-1794
Arlington Telephone Company of	)
Arlington, Nebraska, seeking approval	) GRANTED
of a modification of existing Rural	)
Utilities Service loan and certain	)
documents evidencing the loan.	) ENTERED: May 27, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed April 10, 1998, Arlington Telephone Company (Arlington) of Arlington, Nebraska, seeks approval of a modification of an existing Rural Utilities Service (RUS) loan and certain documents evidencing the loan. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 14, 1998. No protests were filed; therefore, we process this application according to the Commission's rule of modified procedure.

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

Arlington is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Nebraska with its principal office located in Blair, Nebraska. It is engaged in furnishing telephone communication service in Washington County, Nebraska, through an exchange located in Arlington, Nebraska. Arlington provides telephone service to approximately 1,058 subscribers.

Arlington provides telecommunications services under rates and charges filed with this Commission and its records and books are maintained according to Commission standards.

Arlington entered into a loan contract with the RUS, formerly the Rural Electrification Administration (REA), on December 6, 1983, pursuant to the order entered in Application No. C-445. On December 14, 1992, there was unadvanced principal on the REA loan which had not been drawn down. By agreement, the basis date was extended for an additional two-year period, which was approved by an order entered December 22, 1992, in Application No. C-960. Of that loan, \$184,000 remained unadvanced as of December 15, 1994, at which time the basis date was extended an additional three years pursuant to the order entered in Application No. C-1163.

No advances on the REA loan have been made since the entry of that order. Therefore, the basis date has expired and \$184,000 remains unadvanced on the REA loan. Arlington and the RUS have reached an agreement, subject to the approval of this Commission, to provide that advances on the remaining unadvanced principal may be made at any time prior to the final maturity date, but that principal payments shall not be further deferred, nor will the maturity date of the note be extended.

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Arlington has and will complete improvement projects which would be eligible for funding from the \$184,000 in unadvanced principal.

On March 20, 1998, Arlington's board of directors, at a special meeting, unanimously approved the filing of this application with the Commission.

Based upon the evidence presented in this application, we find the application to be fair and reasonable and in the public interest. The application should be granted.

O R D E R

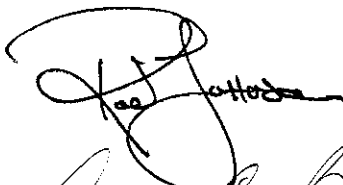
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application C-1794 be, and it is hereby, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a signed copy of the agreement between the Rural Utilities Service and Arlington Telephone Company be filed and made a part of the record in this docket.

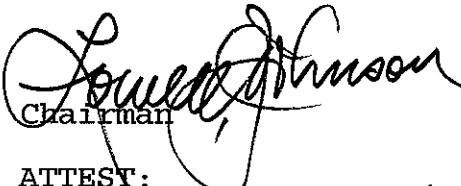
MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, this 27th day of May, 1998.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



//s//Lowell C. Johnson  
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director