

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION

FIRST ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH) Application No. FC-1257
Hastings, NE)
Complainant,)
vs.) COMPLAINT DISMISSED
ALIAN T COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)
Lincoln, NE)
Defendant.) ENTERED: June 11, 1997

APPEARANCES:

For the Respondent:
Aliant Communications
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For the Complainant:
Rev. Harold D. Stromer

BY THE COMMISSION:

By formal complaint filed October 25, 1996, First St. Paul Lutheran Church (St. Paul) of Hastings, Nebraska objects to Aliant Communications' (Aliant) increase and change in rates for churches and schools. Aliant replied to the complaint on November 12, 1996. On March 7, 1997, the Commission held an evidentiary hearing in Hastings, Nebraska at St. Paul.

On May 27, 1997, Aliant formally notified the Commission that it had changed its policy as to how it determines whether a church is receiving residential or business service. Aliant had dropped the presence of an advertisement in the yellow pages as a factor indicating that a church is receiving business service. The new policy for classification of service will result in more consistent application of rates. Aliant stated that churches currently paying the residential rates will continue paying the same rate at the present time. In addition, Aliant filed a tariff establishing a new church business rate classification.

Churches in Aliant's region which have been receiving service at the business rate will receive the lower church business rate under the new tariff. Aliant's new church business rate is available to all churches in its region and will result in a 32 percent reduction for those churches currently paying a business rate. Since St. Paul's complaint prompted Aliant to initiate a reduction in service rates for all churches charged at

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the standard business rate in Aliant's region, the Commission finds that Aliant has adequately addressed the subject of this complaint so that the complaint should be dismissed as satisfied.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Formal Complaint FC-1257 of First St. Paul Lutheran Church be, and it is hereby dismissed.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 11th day of June, 1997.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman



//s//Rod Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis

ATTEST:

Executive

