BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of General Telephone Company of the Midwest of Columbus, Nebraska, for authority to establish upgraded service to customers in the rural Republican City, Nebraska, exchange.	)	Application No. C-59 GRANTED Entered: October 14, 1980

OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed July 3, 1980, the General Telephone Company of the Midwest, Columbus, Nebraska, seeks authority to establish 4-party service and 1-party zoned service for rural customers in the Republican City, Nebraska, exchange.

Notice of the filing of the application was published pursuant to the provisions of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. No protest to the application was filed.

Applicant proposes to furnish 1-party and 4-party service in the Republican City rural area in place of the present multi-party service. Petitions expressing desire for the improved service were signed by 100% of the subscribers affected.

Applicant's present rate for business multi-party service is $7.45 per month, and for residence multi-party service $4.25 per month at its Republican City exchange. The proposed one party service is to be furnished by zones, the first two being approximately two miles each in width and the third zone comprising the balance of the exchange. Proposed rates are as follows:

	Zone I	Zone II	Zone III
Business 1 party	$10.35	$12.35	$14.35
Residence 1 party	7.10	9.10	12.10
Residence 4 party	5.40	5.40	5.40

The present multi-party service would be discontinued when facilities for the improved services become available.

The proposed rates for zoned service as set forth above are less than rates computed using mileage charges in each of the three zones.

Upon consideration of the application and attending circumstances and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the application is fair and reasonable, is in the public interest and should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-59 be and it is hereby granted and the General Telephone Company of the Midwest, Columbus, Nebraska, be and it is hereby authorized to furnish 4-party service and zoned 1-party service in the Republican City exchange as set forth in the Opinion and Findings, which by this reference is made a part hereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant charge and collect the rates set forth in the Opinion and Findings, which by this reference is made a part hereof, for one and four party rural service at its Republican City, Nebraska, exchange.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant file appropriate tariff sheets with the Commission.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 14th day of October, 1980.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Harold D. Simpson

Chairman

ATTEST:

Terence L. Kubecka

Secretary

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Duane D. Gay