

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission On Its Own Motion to Consider Whether To Modify The Income Guidelines For Participation In The Link-Up Nebraska Program.	) Application No. C-1026 ) ) GRANTED AND ) INCOME GUIDELINES SET ) ) ) Date: October 27, 1993
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PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The Commission opened this docket September 7, 1993 to consider adjusting the Link-Up Nebraska income guideline previously established in Application No. C-797 (1990). Notice was published in the Omaha Daily Record the first week of September and was sent by first class mail September 15th to all local exchange carriers, the Omaha World Herald, the Lincoln Journal/Star, the Nebraska Department of Social Services, the United States Social Security Administration, and the Nebraska Department of Aging. No one protested the application and it will therefore be processed by modified procedure.<sup>1</sup>

OPINION AND FINDINGS

Being fully advised in the premises, the Commission is of the opinion and finds:

Link-Up Nebraska was instituted by a Commission order in Application No. C-747 (1988). Link-Up Nebraska is a part of the Federal Communications Commission's Link-Up America program which helps individuals obtain basic local telephone service.

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<sup>1</sup>Title 291 NAC Ch. 1, Rule 018.03.

The program waives one half a customer's installation charge up to \$30 if the customer meets certain guidelines.

One of these guidelines is based on household size and income. This guideline has changed based on figures released by the federal government's Office of Management and Budget and subsequently adjusted by the State of Nebraska.

The proposed guideline (as adjusted by the State of Nebraska) sets the following income levels:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>1993</u>
1	\$ 9,064
2	12,262
3	15,460
4	18,658
5	21,856
6	25,054
7	28,252
8	31,450
9	34,648
10	37,846

There were no objections offered to the Commission regarding the contents of this docket. We conclude that the public interest is best served by Nebraska's Link-Up program at least matching the income guidelines established by the Office of Management and Budget and we therefore adopt those adjusted figures listed in the table above as the income guidelines to be used by local exchange carriers in implementing the Link-Up Nebraska program for qualifying subscribers.

The application is fair and reasonable, in the public interest and should be granted as described above. The Link-Up Nebraska Application Form should be modified to reflect the adoption of the new income figures.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Link-Up Nebraska income figures previously discussed in this order be, and they are hereby, adopted and incorporated as the guideline for qualification of a subscriber for local exchange telephone service under the household/income guideline established by the State of Nebraska.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all local exchange telephone companies hereafter use the household/income guideline established in this order in implementing the Link-Up Nebraska program for qualifying subscribers until the Commission makes further modification, if any, to said guideline.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Application Form for Link-Up Nebraska be re-drafted as shown in Attachment "A" to this order and it shall be used in making application for service. Each local exchange telephone company as well as the Advocacy agencies previously served notice of this docket shall be sent a copy of the re-drafted Application Form along with a copy of this order.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 27th day of October, 1993.

## NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## Commissioners Concurring

*Daniel M. Kraville*  
*Duane D. Day*

//s//Rod Johnson  
//s//Frank E. Landis, Jr.  
//s//James F. Munnally

*James Landis*  
Chairman

ATTEST:

*Dwight R. King*  
Executive Director

LINK-UP NEBRASKA TELEPHONE APPLICATION

Please provide the following information which will determine if you may participate in the Link-Up Nebraska program. This program will offset one-half of the charges for connecting local telephone service, up to a total discount of \$30 (thirty dollars) for qualifying households.

To qualify, you must be able to check "X" for each of these two questions and you must provide proof of participation in one of the categories listed under #2. or have an agency verify income

An "X" means that the statement applies to you.

1. I am not dependent for federal income tax purposes, unless I am more than 60 years of age. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I meet the requirements of any one of these state established income tests. \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or
- b) Aid to the Aged, Blind or Disabled (AABD) and/or
- c) Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) and/or
- d) Medicaid and/or
- e) Energy Assistance and/or
- f) Food Stamps and/or
- g) Within the following State established income guidelines:

Household Size	Annual Income	Household Size	Annual Income
1	\$ 9,064	6	\$25,054
2	12,262	7	28,252
3	15,460	8	31,450
4	18,658	9	34,648
5	21,856	10	37,846

Please PRINT the following:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I CERTIFY THAT THIS INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY INFORMATION I SUPPLY MAY BE SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 \*AGENCY Verifying / Name of Verifier / Date

RETURN TO YOUR LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANY  
 (Attachment A)