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-1067 GRANTED AND INCOME GUIDELINES SET Entered: June 14, 1994

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The Commission opened this docket April 22, 1994 to consider adjusting the Link-Up Nebraska income guidelines previously established in Application No. C-1067. Notice was published in the Omaha Daily Record April 26, 1994 and was sent by first class mail, April 27, 1994, 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, the Nebraska Department of Aging, and Lincoln Information for the Elderly. No one protested the application and it will therefore be processed by modified procedure.[1]

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

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1 Title 291 NAC Ch. 1, Rule 018.03.

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helps individuals obtain basic local telephone service. The program waives one half of the customer's installation charge up to $30, if the customer meets certain guidelines.

One of the guidelines for participation 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 has subsequently been adjusted by the State of Nebraska.

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

Household Size	1994
1	9,568
2	12,792
3	16,016
4	19,240
5	22,464
6	25,688
7	28,912
8	32,136
9	35,360
10	38,584

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 by matching the income guidelines established by the Office of Management and Budget. Therefore, we adopt the 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.

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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 for subscribers of 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 redrafted 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 redrafted Application Form along with a copy of this order.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 14th day of June, 1994.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Daniel G. Urwiller

Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Duane D. Gay

//s//Rod Johnson
//s//James F. Munnelly
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

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ATTACHMENT A

LINK-UP NEBRASKA TELEPHONE APPLICATION

All Applicants - 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.

NAME_____ SSN _____

STREET ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE_____

To qualify, you must be able to check "X" to questions 1 **and** 2 below. In addition, you must either have a certifying agency verify that you are a participant in one of the programs listed in item 3, **or** you must self-certify that you meet the income guidelines established for this program using item 4 (see reverse side).

An "X" means that the statement applies to you (must meet both requirements):

1. I am not a dependent for federal income tax purposes, unless I am more than 60 years of age. _____

2. I meet the requirements of one of the state established guidelines listed in items 3 or 4 below. _____

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3. AGENCY CERTIFICATION (TO BE FILLED OUT BY ONE OF THE CERTIFYING AGENCIES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE FORM): This applicant participates in one of the following programs:

   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

_____	_____	_____
Agency Verifying Signature	Name of Verifier	Date

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APPLICANT SIGNATURE

AGENCY STAMP

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4. APPLICANT SELF-CERTIFICATION: As an applicant for Link-Up service, I certify that my income falls within the State established income guidelines listed below, and understand that I will need to provide evidence to meet this requirement.

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APPLICANT SIGNATURE

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1994 INCOME GUIDELINES

Household Size	Income
1	$ 9,568
2	12,792
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CURRENT CERTIFYING AGENCIES:

Social Security Administration
Nebraska Department of Social Services
Local Area Offices of the Department of Aging
Lincoln Information for the Elderly

Once this form has been completed, dated and signed, please return it to your local telephone company at the time you are making application for telephone service.

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