BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	Application No. C-1140 / PI-11
of the Nebraska Public Service)	
Commission on its own motion to)	
conduct an investigation into)	ORDER INSTITUTING INVESTIGATION
the expansion of toll-route di-)	
versity in Nebraska.)	Entered: January 9, 1995

BY THE COMMISSION

Recent cuts in fiber-optic cable have left many people and businesses in Nebraska without telephone service. The substantial financial effects on businesses and the lack of safety for residential subscribers warrants Commission involvement. Toll-route diversity is an option in which telephone companies may distribute property tax windfall dollars. However, the present system of diversity is grossly inadequate and redundancy needs considerable improvement.

The Commission on its own motion hereby institutes this docket to monitor, investigate and receive reports on the status of toll-route diversity in Nebraska from all certified intrastate telecommunications companies who carry long-distance traffic.

ISSUES TO REPORT

1. What has been done to enhance toll-route diversity in Nebraska?

2. What exchanges are provided toll service through diverse routing?

3. What is being done to stop the complete outages that have occurred in recent months?

4. Will the current toll facilities be upgraded to provide redundancy on a statewide basis? If so, when will redundancy be completed?

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that answers to the issues set forth herein must be submitted on or before February 10, 1995.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that other parties are not restricted from raising and commenting on related issues.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 9th day of January, 1995.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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