



INVOICE/STATEMENT

SECRETARY OF STATE
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UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID
PO BOX 729
LANGDON ND 58249

ID # 004624300

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United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the undersigned, have this day voluntarily associated ourselves together for the purpose of forming a mutual aid corporation under the provisions of Title 10 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943, and amendments thereto, and we hereby certify that:

Article I.

The name of said corporation shall be United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation.

Article II.

The purpose for which it is formed is to acquire, build, improve, expand, develop and operate a telephone system, and to cooperate with the Federal Government and its agencies in connection with the development of rural telephone systems and to acquire, improve, expand and operate city and village telephone exchanges to the end of establishing an integrated and complete telephone service.

Article III.

The place where its principal business will be transacted and its postoffice address is Devils Lake, North Dakota, but the Board of Directors may establish its operating and management headquarters in such place as they may designate.

Article IV.

The territory to be served by the corporation is located in Ramsey and Towner Counties, the western portion of Cavalier, Walsh and Nelson Counties, the northeastern part of Benson County, and the eastern portion of Rolette County. The proposed telephone line will run from Devils Lake, North Dakota, to Rock Lake, North Dakota, with branches covering the area herein mentioned. The estimated length of its telephone lines is 3000 miles, and the estimated cost thereof is \$3,750,000.00.

Article V.

The corporation is organized without capital stock and is not organized for profit. The property rights and interests of the members shall be equal. The general rules applicable to all members by which the property rights and interests respectively of each member shall be determined and fixed are as follows:

Upon dissolution, after (a) all debts and liabilities of the corporation shall have been paid, and (b) all capital furnished through patronage shall have been retired as provided in the by-laws, and (c) all membership fees have been

1 repaid to the members, any remaining property and assets of the corporation shall
2 be distributed among the members and former members in the proportion which the
3 aggregate patronage of each bears to the total patronage of all such members.

4 Article VI.

5 The corporation is authorized to borrow money in an amount not to exceed
6 Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00).

7 Article VII.

8 The term of existence of this corporation shall be perpetual.

9 Article VIII.

10 The affairs of the corporation shall be governed by a Board of Directors,
11 nine in number, who shall serve for terms of three years, and the terms of the
12 directors elected at the first annual meeting of members shall be so arranged
13 that three members of the Board shall be elected each year. The directors who
14 shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified are:

15 Francis Kitsch,	Garske, North Dakota
16 L. J. Barch,	Rock Lake, North Dakota
17 Walter Anderson,	Crary, North Dakota
18 Melvin Vesterso,	Clyde, North Dakota
19 Earl Higgins,	Sarles, North Dakota
20 E. K. Douglas,	Osnabrook, North Dakota
21 Frank T. Bata,	Dresden, North Dakota
22 Reinhold Goschke,	Clyde, North Dakota
23 Burton Wood,	Devils Lake, North Dakota

24 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and seal this 4th day
25 of April, 1952.

26 Francis Kitsch (SEAL)

27 Walter Anderson (SEAL)

28 Earl Higgins (SEAL)

29 Burton Wood (SEAL)

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DEPARTMENT



OF STATE

State of North Dakota

To All to Whom these Presents shall Come,

Whereas, FRANCIS KITCOH L. J. BARTON WALTER AUBERSON

and others have filed in this office a declaration in writing of ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, as provided by the laws of this State, setting forth all the facts required to be stated therein, and have in all respects complied with the requirements of the law governing the formation of private corporations:

Now, therefore, I, THOMAS FALL, Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, by virtue and authority of law, do hereby certify that said parties, their associates and successors, have become a body politic and corporate, under the Corporate name of UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION (DEVILS LAKE, RAMSEY CO)

and by that name have a right to sue and be sued, purchase, hold and convey real and personal property, and to have and enjoy all the rights and privileges granted to a private corporation under the laws of this state, subject to their articles of incorporation, and all legal restrictions and liabilities in relation thereto.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, this FOURTEENTH day of APRIL, A. D. 19 52.

SEAL

THOMAS FALL

SECRETARY OF STATE

By CHARLES LIESSMAN DEPUTY

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CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT

We, the undersigned, president and secretary and a majority of the directors of the United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation hereby certify:

1. That at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said corporation at which a quorum was present, said Board by the unanimous vote of all of the directors duly passed a resolution to amend the Articles of Incorporation as follows: "BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of United Telephone Mutual

Aid Corporation that Article V. of the Articles of Incorporation be amended to read as follows: The corporation is organized without capital stock and is not organized for profit. The property rights and interests of the members shall be unequal. The general rules applicable to all members by which the property rights and interests respectively of each member shall be determined and fixed are as follows:

Upon dissolution, after (a) all debts and liabilities of the corporation shall have been paid, and (b) all capital furnished through patronage shall have been retired as provided in the by-laws, and (c) all membership fees have been repaid to the members, any remaining property and assets of the corporation shall be distributed among the members and former members in the proportion which the aggregate patronage of each bears to the total patronage of all such members."

2. That a special meeting of the members of said corporation was held on the 12th day of December, 1953, pursuant to the written waivers of all of the members, and that all of the members of said corporation were present at and attended said meeting, and that upon motion duly made, seconded and carried by the affirmative vote of all of the members, the resolution set forth in paragraph one hereof was duly adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have signed these presents and affixed the corporate seal of this corporation this 12th day of December, 1953.

Francis J. Bilal
Chairman of meeting and director.

E. Palicowski
Secretary

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Frank P. Bates
 E. K. Douglas
 Burton Wood
 Walter Anderson
 Melvin Vesterso
 L. J. Bartch

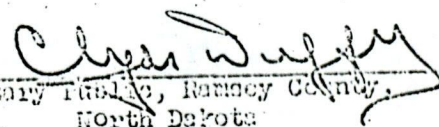
State of North Dakota

County of Ramsey

On this 12th day of December, 1953, before me personally appeared
 Francis Kitsch, L. J. Bartch, Walter Anderson, Melvin Vesterso, ~~Harold Westfall~~,
 E. K. Douglas, Frank T. Bates, ~~Richard Cassin~~, Burton Wood ~~and Paul Higgins~~,
 known to me to be the chairman and secretary of the meeting described in the
 within certificate and a majority of the directors of United Telephone Mutual
 Aid Corporation, and acknowledged to me that they severally executed the
 foregoing certificate in their respective capacities.

(SEAL)

My commission expires May 13, 1956.


 Notary Public, Ramsey County,
 North Dakota

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Certificate No. 125

Amendment to
Articles of Incorporation

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United Telephone
Mutual Aid Corporation

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St. Paul, Minn., Dak.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
Department of State

Filed for record and certificate issued

the 15th day of December

1953 and

recorded in Volume two

of Miscellaneous Record
(Mutual Aid Corporation)

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Thomas H. Hall
SECRETARY OF STATE

Charles J. ...

Fee \$6.00

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT

DUPLICATE

Nº 125

FEE \$ 6.00

United States of America

DEPARTMENT



OF STATE

State of North Dakota

To All to Whom these Presents shall Come,

WHEREAS, UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION (DEVILS LAKE, RAINSEY CO.)

has filed in this office a certificate as provided by the Laws of this State, setting forth all the facts required to be stated therein and has in all respects complied with the provisions of the Law governing the amendments of Articles of Incorporation and has amended its Articles of Incorporation as follows, to-wit: AMENDING ARTICLE V. AS TO PROPERTY RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF MEMBERS

Now therefore, I, THOMAS HALL, Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, in virtue and by authority of Law, do hereby issue this Certificate of Amendment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal

SEAL

of the State at the Capitol in the City of Bismarek, this FIFTEENTH day of DECEMBER, 19 53

BY CHARLES LIESSMAN DEPUTY.

THOMAS HALL Secretary of State.

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AMENDMENTS—DOMESTIC NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS
(Execute in duplicate originals)

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
TO THE
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF

UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 10-24-35 of the North Dakota Non-Profit Corporation Act, the undersigned corporation adopts the following Articles of Amendment to its articles of incorporation:

ARTICLE 1. The name of the Corporation is United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation

ARTICLE 2. The following amendment of the Articles of Incorporation was adopted by the Corporation: (INSERT AMENDMENT)

Article VI of the Articles of Incorporation of the United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation be amended to read:

THE CORPORATION IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW MONEY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$ 15,000,000.00)

- instead of -

THE CORPORATION IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW MONEY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$ 5,000,000.00)

ARTICLE 3 THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

The amendment was adopted at a meeting of members held on July 24, 1968, at which a quorum was present, and the amendment received at least two-thirds of the votes which members present or represented by proxy at such meeting were entitled to cast, OR

The amendment was adopted by a consent in writing signed by all members entitled to vote with respect thereto, YES..... NO.....

The amendment was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on 19....., and received the vote of a majority of the Directors in office, there being no members having voting rights in respect thereto.

Dated March 3, 1969

United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation
Exact Corporate Name

By Reinhold Gasenke
President

And Annabeth E. Slotton
Secretary

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Roinhold Goschko

being first duly sworn says that he is the President

and that he has read the foregoing application and knows the contents thereof, and verily believes the statements made therein to be true.

Roinhold Goschko
Verifying Officer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of March, 1969

Lawrence J. [unclear]
Notary Public

State of North Dakota

My Commission Expires October 19 1974

FEE: \$12.00

CERTIFICATE NO. _____

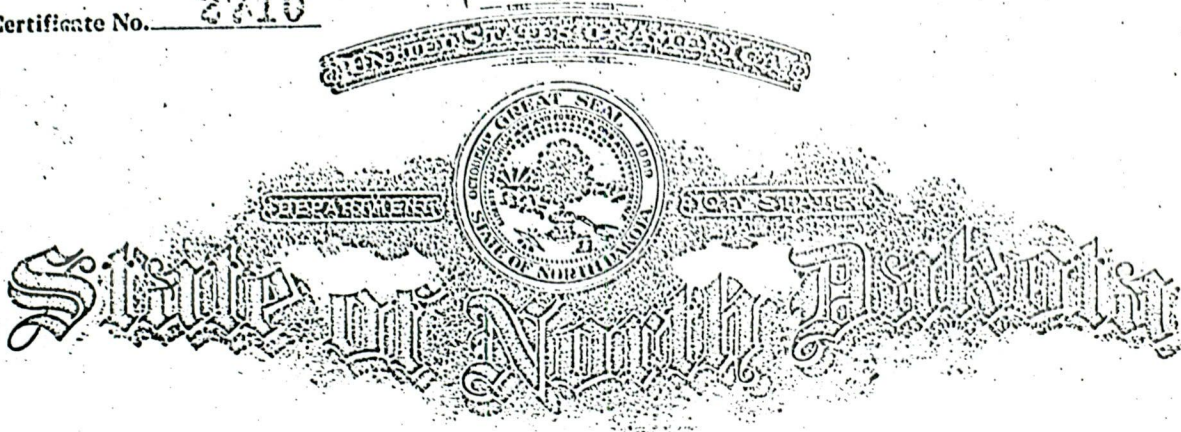
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Secretary of State

Deputy



Certificate No. 2710



CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT

OF

UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that duplicate originals of Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION

duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of the North Dakota NONPROFIT COOPERATIVE Corporation Act, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION

and attaches hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of Amendment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota at the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, FIFTH day of MARCH 1959

SEAL

/s/ BEN MEIER
Secretary of State

File No. 6996

By _____
Deputy

DUPLICATE

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
To The
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 10-24-35 of the North Dakota Non-Profit Corporation Act, the undersigned corporation adopts the following Articles of Amendment to its articles of incorporation:

ARTICLE 1. The name of the Corporation is United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation

ARTICLE 2. The following amendment of the Articles of Incorporation was adopted by the Corporation: (INSERT AMENDMENT)

Article II

To organize and maintain all forms of telecommunications services to include voice, data-transmission, video, community television, and shall include all telephone lines, facilities or systems used in the rendition of said service, and such services including voice communication by conventional or otherwise, wire circuits or carrier circuits over either telephone, electric service lines, radio telephony or expanded services.

ARTICLE 3. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

The amendment was adopted at a meeting of members held on June 27, 1983, at which a quorum was present, and the amendment received at least two-thirds of the votes which members present or represented by proxy at such meeting were entitled to cast, OR

The amendment was adopted by a consent in writing signed by all members entitled to vote with respect thereto, YES No

The amendment was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 18 1983, and received the vote of a majority of the Directors in office, there being no members having voting rights in respect thereto.

The undersigned have read the foregoing articles of amendment and know the contents thereof and verily believe the statements made therein to be true.

Dated: 9-12, 1984 By Oscar E. Dwyer
(President or Vice President)

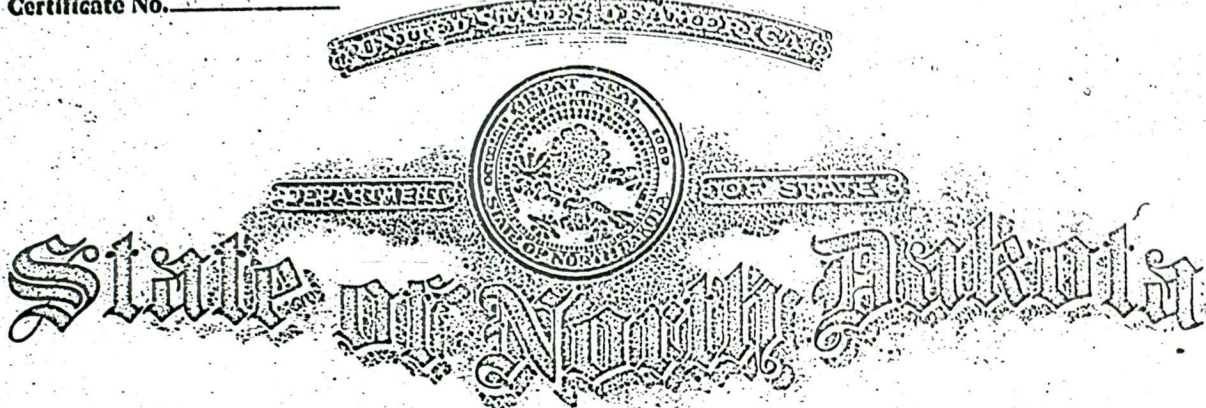
And Kenneth E. Stetten
(Secretary or Assistant Secretary)

Cert. No. 8114

Filing Date 9-13, 1984

By [Signature]
Secretary of State

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Certificate No. 8114



CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT

OF

UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that duplicate originals of Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION

duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of the North Dakota NON-PROFIT COOPERATIVE Corporation Act, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION Enlarge and expand services under Article II.

and attaches hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of Amendment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, this 13th day of September A.D., 1914.

Secretary of State.

File No. 6996-

DUPLICATE
(Mutual Aid Corp.)

By Robert R. Schaible, Deputy.



STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
Office of Secretary of State

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy, consisting of 13 pages, as taken from the original on file in this office. Originality of this certification can be determined by the color red.

DATED: March 12, 1990

Jim Kusler
Jim Kusler

BY: Darcy Schlusser **SECRETARY OF STATE**

SEARCH OF RECORDS REPORT

April 26, 1990

UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION
411 7TH AVE
PO BOX 729
LANGDON, ND 58249

The following is the base data on file in the Office of the
Secretary of State on UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION

Entity Type: MUTUAL AID CORPORATION

State of Organization: ND

Current Status: Active

Status Date: 04/14/52

Last Annual Report Filed: 03/30/90

Last Annual Report Year: 90

Registered Agent:
Address:

Class:

Number of Shares:

Par:

For Reference: Darcy Schlosser
Clerk

701-224-4283
Phone



UNITED

**Telephone Mutual
Aid Corporation**

GENERAL OFFICES: 411 7th Ave., LANGDON, NORTH DAKOTA 58249

Telephone (Area Code 701) 256-5156

March 15, 1990

Patrick J. Fahn, Chief Engineer
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505



Dear Mr. Fahn:

In reference to your letter dated March 8, 1990 please find enclosed the following information:

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 363.
We are unable to locate a copy of the Commission's
order.

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 376,
also enclosed is a copy of the Commission's order.

Commission's order granting a Certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity for Certificate No. 392, also
enclosed is a copy of the Certificate.

A copy of a letter from Elmer Olson stating the issuance of
Certificate of Public Convenience No. 405. We are unable to
locate a copy of the Certificate and the Commission's order.

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 414,
also enclosed is a copy of the Commission's order.

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1085,
also enclosed is a copy of the Commission's order.

Certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation.

We are missing the Certificate of Public Convenience and
Necessity that allows us to serve a portion of Pembina county.

Mr. Patrick J. Fahn, Chief Engineer
North Dakota Public Service Commission
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It would be very much appreciated if you could provide us copies of any of the information that we are missing.

If you have any question, feel free to call myself or Perry Oster of my staff at 256-5156.

Sincerely,



Kenneth G. Carlson

KC:po

Enclosure

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate No. 363

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That public convenience and necessity require, and permission is hereby granted for the _____
Construction and operation _____ of _____
telephone _____ plant or system ~~at~~ in Cavalier County _____ North Dakota,

by United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation This certificate is issued in accordance with the report and
order of this Commission, dated October 4, 1954 in Case No. 5207 and is subject to the
conditions and limitations noted thereon.

CONDITIONS: This certificate is conditioned upon the said United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation
securing the consent, franchise, permit, ordinance, or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for
the exercise of the rights and privileges granted herein.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 4th

day of October 1954

ATTEST:

Jehur Olson
Secretary

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION:

By Forrest R. Nelson
Commissioner

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate No. 376

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That public convenience and necessity require, and permission is hereby granted for the _____
construction and operation _____ of a _____
telephone _____ plant or system ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ Cavalier County, _____ North Dakota,
by United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation This certificate is issued in accordance with the report and
order of this Commission, dated June 1, 1956 in Case No. 5423 and is subject to the
conditions and limitations noted thereon.

CONDITIONS: This certificate is conditioned upon the said United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation
securing the consent, franchise, permit, ordinance, or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for
the exercise of the rights and privileges granted herein.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 1st

day of June 1956

ATTEST:

John Olson
Secretary

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION:

By Ernest H. Nelson
Commissioner

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

June 22, 1956

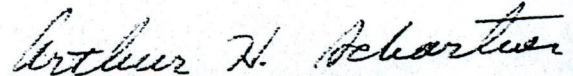
Mr. Frank J. Solberg, Manager
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation
Langdon, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Solberg:

Subject: North Dakota 522-2 United

Thank you for submitting for our review the original of the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity issued pursuant to the Commission's Order and Report (Case No. 5423). We have had a photostat made of the certificate and are returning the original for your records as you requested.

Very truly yours,



Arthur H. Schartner, Head
Section 2
Telephone Operations and
Loans Division

Enclosure

June 19, 1956

Mr. Arthur H. Schartner, Head
Section 2,
Telephone Operations & Loans Division
United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Electrification Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schartner:

Subject: North Dakota 522 United
Certificate of Public Convenience
and Necessity

We are hereby transmitting the subject certificate # 376 granted this organization by the North Dakota Public Service Commission in Case No 5423.

This is being furnished in connection with our Langdon-Wales Project, that is our AB loan.

It is requested that this original be returned after the necessary action has been taken in Washington.

Very truly yours,

Frank J. Solberg, Manager
UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION



ELMER OLSON
SECRETARY

**PUBLIC
SERVICE
COMMISSION**

DIAL CA3-8000 EX. 179

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
B I S M A R C K

June 7, 1956

Mr. Frank Solberg, Manager
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation
Langdon, North Dakota

Re: Cases Nos. 5422 and
5423.


Dear Mr. Solberg:

Confirming our telegram of June 4th, we now transmit copies of the Commission's Orders in the above numbered cases, granting the application of the United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation of Langdon, North Dakota, for authority to purchase certain telephone properties, to make a long term loan from the Rural Electrification Administration, and to establish a schedule of rates and charges for telephone service.

We are also enclosing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 376.

If additional copies of the Commission's Orders are required, either certified or otherwise, kindly advise and they will be furnished.

Very truly yours,


Elmer Olson
Secretary

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

* * * * *

In the Matter of the Application of United)
Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation, of Langdon,)
North Dakota, for authority: (1) To make a)
long term loan from the Rural Electrification)
Administration; and, (2) To establish a sche-)
dule of rates and charges for the furnishing)
of telepone service.)

CASE NO. 5422

FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS AND ORDER

By the Commission:

On March 19, 1956 the United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation of Langdon, North Dakota filed an application with the Public Service Commission requesting authority: (1) To make a long term loan from the Rural Electrification Administration for the purpose of financing acquisition and construction of telephone facilities in the State of North Dakota; and, (2) To establish a schedule of rates and charges for the furnishing of telephone service.

The application was set for public hearing at Langdon, North Dakota, on April 19, 1956; all interested parties were notified of said hearing in the manner provided by law; the hearing was duly held before Commissioner Martin Vaaler, and the following appearances were entered:

CLYDE DUFFY, Attorney, Devils Lake, North Dakota, appearing for Applicant.

CLARENCE E. BRYANT, Chief Engineer, North Dakota Public Service Commission.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Upon consideration of the application and the evidence of record in this proceeding, the Commission finds that:

- (1) Applicant, United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation, is a membership corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Dakota. Applicant was organized for the purpose of furnishing telephone ser-

by this Commission in Case No. 5208 for rehabilitation, improvement and expansion of telephone facilities in the Langdon exchange.) Telephone service is now furnished for 730 subscribers in the Langdon and Wales exchanges. After a five-year development period Applicant estimates that it will serve about 1243 subscribers in said exchanges, including 415 new rural subscribers.

- (3) The proposed loan of \$476,000 will be advanced to Applicant from time to time as required. The loan will be evidenced by notes bearing interest at the rate of two (2) percent per annum and will be payable within 35 years from the date thereof. The notes will be secured by a mortgage on all assets of Applicant now owned or hereafter acquired. (Said mortgage was approved by this Commission in Case No. 5208). Interest on the notes will accrue for a period of three (3) years before quarterly payments calculated to repay the notes, with interest, become due and payable. Additional funds in the amount of \$45,660 will be obtained by Applicant from subscribers' membership fees. The membership fees, or equity funds, will be used to purchase existing telephone facilities and for other corporate purposes.
- (4) Upon completion of the telephone dial conversion and improvement and expansion program herein described, and after a five-year development period, Applicant estimates that annual operating revenues from local, toll and miscellaneous services will amount to \$93,509, under the rates for telephone service proposed herein, and that annual operating expenses will be \$69,502, leaving an operating margin of \$24,007 for payment of interest and for other corporate purposes.
- (5) Applicant proposes to furnish extended area telephone service, without toll charge, between its Langdon and Wales exchanges upon completion of the construction and rehabilitation program herein described.

CONCLUSIONS

Upon consideration of the foregoing Findings of Fact the Commission concludes that Applicant requires funds, in addition to anticipated subscribers' membership fees, to finance the proposed telephone improvement and expansion program herein described; that said funds are available on reasonable terms and conditions from the Rural Electrification Administration; and that the proposed rates and charges for the furnishing of telephone service are not excessive or unreasonable.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

<u>Business</u>	<u>Net Monthly Rate</u>
One Party	\$ 9.25
Two Party	7.75
Rural Multi-Party	7.75
Extensions	1.50
<u>Residence</u>	
One Party	5.00
Two Party	4.25
Four Party	3.50
Rural Multi-Party	5.25
Extensions	1.25
<u>Switching Service</u>	1.00
<u>Pay Stations (Semi-Public)</u>	
Daily Guarantee	0.40
Local Calls - Each	0.10*

* Effective on and after June 15, 1956

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation shall file revised local exchange telephone tariffs, reflecting changes in rates and charges herein authorized, not less than 30 days prior to conversion of the Langdon and Wales exchanges to dial operation.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 1st day of June, 1956.

BY THE COMMISSION:

MARTIN VAALER
President

ERNEST D. NELSON
Commissioner

ANSON J. ANDERSON
Commissioner

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

* * * * *

In the Matter of the Application of United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation, of Langdon, North Dakota: (1) For a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate telephone facilities; and, (2) For authority to purchase certain existing telephone properties.

CASE NO. 5423

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS AND ORDER

By the Commission:

On March 19, 1956, the United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation, of Langdon, North Dakota, filed an application with the Public Service Commission: (1) For a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate telephone facilities; and, (2) For authority to purchase certain existing telephone properties.

The application was set for public hearing at Langdon, North Dakota on April 19, 1956; all interested parties were notified of said hearing in the manner provided by law; the hearing was duly held before Commissioner Martin Vaaler, and the following appearances were entered:

CLYDE DUFFY, Attorney, Devils Lake, North Dakota, appearing for applicant.

CLARENCE E. BRYANT, Chief Engineer, North Dakota Public Service Commission.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Upon consideration of the application and the evidence of record in this proceeding, the Commission finds that:

- (1) Applicant, United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation, is a membership corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Dakota. Applicant was organized for the purpose of furnishing

requests for graded service within the City of Langdon, and it has 175 applications for rural telephone service in the Langdon exchange area.

- (3) Applicant proposes herein to rehabilitate and expand existing outside plant facilities, and to install modern dial central office equipment, in the Langdon exchange. Rural telephone facilities in the Langdon area will be improved and expanded to serve an estimated 287 new rural subscribers after a five-year development period.
- (4) Applicant also proposes herein to purchase and convert the existing magneto exchange at Wales, North Dakota to dial operation, and to improve and extend rural telephone facilities in said exchange. The Wales exchange is now owned and operated by the Wales Mutual Telephone Company, and 51 subscribers, including 37 rural subscribers, are now served by said Company. The existing telephone exchange facilities at Wales are obsolete and inefficient, and are inadequate to serve telephone communication needs in the Wales area. Applicant estimates that after a five-year development period 211 subscribers will be served in the Wales exchange, including 128 new rural subscribers. Since the Village of Wales is a rather small community (1950 population: 235) located about 15 miles from Langdon, and is dependent upon Langdon for many business and social services, Applicant plans to provide extended area service between the Wales and Langdon exchanges.
- (5) Applicant further proposes to purchase rural telephone line facilities now owned by the Loam Telephone Company, and by the Easby Telephone Company. The Loam Telephone Company serves 15 rural subscribers, and the Easby Telephone Company 8 rural subscribers, in the vicinity of Langdon. Subscribers served by said companies are now switched at Langdon by Applicant. The existing telephone properties to be acquired are all located within Applicant's proposed service area, and will be integrated with new telephone facilities to be constructed by Applicant in the Langdon area.
- (6) The territory proposed to be served by Applicant, and involved in this proceeding, is located in Cavalier County, North Dakota, and is shown outlined in red on Maps No. 1 and No.2 included as part of Exhibit No. 5 in this proceeding. Present plans are to have the Wales and Langdon exchanges converted to dial operation early in 1957, and after a five-year development period Applicant estimates that it will be furnishing telephone service for 1243 subscribers in said exchanges, including 22 switched subscribers. Applicant plans to provide telephone service for the widest practicable number of sub-

of telephony to furnish plans and specifications for the proposed telephone facilities and to supervise the construction thereof.

CONCLUSIONS

Upon consideration of the foregoing Findings of Fact the Commission concludes: (1) That present and future public convenience and necessity require construction and operation of the proposed telephone facilities; and, (2) That authorization to acquire the existing telephone properties herein described is consistent with the public interest.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation, of Langdon, North Dakota, be and hereby is issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate telephone facilities in that portion of Cavalier County, North Dakota, shown outlined in red on Maps No. 1 and No. 2 included as part of Exhibit No. 5 in this proceeding, exclusive of such territories or areas therein served by existing unacquired telephone companies or systems.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said certificate shall not preclude the issuance of certificates of public convenience and necessity to non-profit cooperative corporations or associations for construction and operation of rural telephone lines in the above described territory if, after due notice and hearing, it appears that the issuance of said certificates is consistent with the public interest.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation be and hereby is authorized to purchase existing telephone properties now owned by the following companies:

<u>NAME OF COMPANY</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Wales Mutual Telephone Co.	Wales, North Dakota
Easby Telephone Co.	Langdon, North Dakota
Loam Telephone Co.	Langdon, North Dakota

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 1st day of June, 1956.

BY THE COMMISSION:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate No. 392

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That public convenience and necessity require, and permission is hereby granted for the _____
construction and operation _____ of telephone _____
facilities in parts of the ~~plant or system at~~ Counties of Cavalier and Towner, North Dakota,
by United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation This certificate is issued in accordance with the report and
order of this Commission, dated May 7, 1957 in Case No. 5567 and is subject to the
conditions and limitations noted thereon.

CONDITIONS: This certificate is conditioned upon the said United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation
securing the consent, franchise, permit, ordinance, or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for
the exercise of the rights and privileges granted herein.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 7th

day of May 19 57

ATTEST:

Elmer Olson
Secretary

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION:

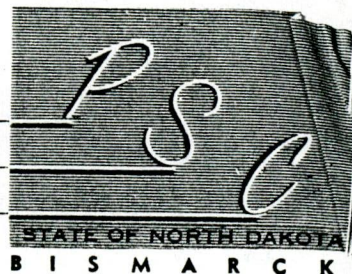
By Ernest D. Wilson
Commissioner



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SECRETARY

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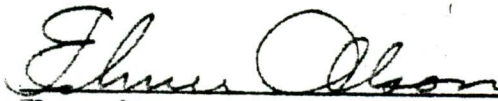
Mr. Clyde Duffy
Attorney at Law
Devils Lake, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Duffy:

Pursuant to approval by the Commission we now transmit a copy of the Commission's Order in Case No. 5567 granting the application of United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation for a certificate of public convenience and necessity and for authority to purchase certain telephone properties. We also enclose a Certificate No. 392, as well as the Commission's Order in Case No. 5568 granting the application of United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation for authority to make a long term loan and to establish a schedule of rates for telephone service.

If additional copies of these orders are required either certified or otherwise, kindly advise and they will be furnished.

Very truly yours,


Elmer Olson
Secretary

EO/mf

c.c. Mr. Frank Solberg, Manager
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation
Langdon, North Dakota



ELMER OLSON
SECRETARY

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
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April 3, 1958

Mr. Clyde Duffy
Attorney At Law
Devils Lake, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Duffy:

Pursuant to approval by the Commission on April 2, 1958 we now enclose your copy of the Commission's order in Case No. 5650 granting the application of United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation, of Langdon, North Dakota, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, for authority to purchase telephone properties, for authority to make a long term loan and also for authority to establish a schedule of rates of telephone service. We also transmit herewith certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 405.

If additional copies of the order are required, either certified or otherwise, kindly advise and they will be furnished.

Very truly yours

Elmer Olson
Elmer Olson
Secretary

EO/mr Enclosures
c.c. Mr. Frank Solberg, Manager
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation
Langdon, North Dakota

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Application of United)
Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation, of Langdon,)
North Dakota: (1) For a certificate of pub-)
lic convenience and necessity to construct)
and operate telephone facilities; and, (2))
For authority to purchase certain existing)
telephone properties.)

CASE NO. 5567

FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS AND ORDER

By the Commission:

On March 25, 1957 United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation, of Langdon, North Dakota, filed an application with this Commission: (1) For a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate telephone facilities; and, (2) For authority to purchase certain existing telephone properties.

The application was set for public hearing at Langdon, North Dakota, on April 18, 1957; all interested parties were notified of said hearing in the manner provided by law; the hearing was duly held before Commission Martin Vaaler, and the following appearances were entered:

CLYDE DUFFY, Attorney, Devils Lake, North Dakota, appearing for Applicant.

CLARENCE E. BRYANT, Chief Engineer, North Dakota Public Service Commission Bismarck, North Dakota.

G. W. ROURKE, Osnabrock, North Dakota, appearing on behalf of Telephone Line No. 8 out of Osnabrock Exchange, of Osnabrock Telephone Company.

ED. BRUSSEAU, Osnabrock, North Dakota, appearing for Telephone Line No. 6 out of Osnabrock Exchange, Osnabrock Telephone Company.

EDWIN H. LINDTVEDT, of Milton, North Dakota, appearing for Telephone Line No. 4 out of Milton.

FRANK WARD, Osnabrock, North Dakota, appearing for Telephone Line No. 5 out of Osnabrock, North Dakota, of the Osnabrock Telephone Company.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Upon consideration of the evidence of record in this proceeding the Commission finds that:

- (1) Applicant, United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation, is a non-profit membership corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Dakota. Applicant now owns and operates telephone exchanges at Langdon, Wales and Munich, North Dakota, serving a total of approximately 900 subscribers. Applicant is now in the process of converting its exchanges at Langdon and Wales, North Dakota, to dial operation and of improving and expanding rural telephone facilities in said exchanges.

- (2) Applicant proposes herein to purchase existing telephone facilities in, and in the vicinity of, Osnabrock, Milton, Sarles and Hannah, North Dakota. Said telephone exchanges are now manual magneto systems serving approximately 280 subscribers. The existing systems are obsolete and do not adequately serve the areas involved. Applicant proposes to install modern dial telephone exchanges at Milton and at Sarles, North Dakota, to serve the territory now served by the existing companies, and to expand rural telephone facilities to provide service to a number of farms in the area now without telephone service. Applicant estimates that, after a five-year development period, it will serve about 550 subscribers in the exchanges at Milton, and Sarles, North Dakota, including approximately 200 new rural subscribers. The community of Osnabrock, North Dakota, will be served through the Milton exchange, and the Village of Hannah, North Dakota, will be served from the Wales exchange. The Milton and Sarles telephone exchange areas will be contiguous to territory now served by Applicant, and are shown outlined in red on Area Coverage Design maps Nos. 1 and 2, included as part of Exhibit No. 1 in this proceeding.
- (3) Estimated cost of the telephone construction program herein described is \$511,142. Funds to finance the proposed construction will be obtained from subscribers' membership fees and from a long term loan from the Rural Electrification Administration. Construction of the proposed telephone facilities will begin during 1957. Applicant has employed engineers experienced in the field of telephony to furnish plans and specifications for the proposed telephone facilities and to supervise the construction thereof. New telephone facilities to be constructed by Applicant will not duplicate or interfere with the service or system of any other telephone company.

C O N C L U S I O N S

Upon consideration of the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Commission concludes: (1) that present and future public convenience and necessity require construction and operation of the proposed telephone facilities; and, (2) that the proposed sale and transfer of existing telephone properties is consistent with the public interest.

O R D E R

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation, of Langdon, North Dakota, be and hereby is issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate telephone facilities in parts of the Counties of Cavalier and Towner, North Dakota, shown outlined in red on Area Coverage Design Maps Nos. 1 and 2, included as part of Exhibit No. 1 in this proceeding, excluding such territories or areas therein served by existing unacquired or unabandoned telephone companies or systems.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said certificate shall not preclude the issuance of certificates of public convenience and necessity to non-profit cooperative corporations or associations for construction and operation of rural telephone lines in the above described territory if, after notice and hearing, it appears that the issuance of said certificates is consistent with the public interest.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation be and hereby is authorized to purchase existing telephone property now owned by the following companies:

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Address</u>
Sarles Telephone Company	Sarles, North Dakota
Hannah Telephone Exchange	Hannah, North Dakota
Osnabrock Telephone Company	Osnabrock, North Dakota
Milton Telephone Company	Milton, North Dakota
Easby Telephone Line (Line No. 2)	Osnabrock, North Dakota
Telephone Line No. 5	Osnabrock, North Dakota
Telephone Line No. 6	Osnabrock, North Dakota
Telephone Line No. 8	Osnabrock, North Dakota
Dell Telephone Company (Line No. 1)	Milton, North Dakota
Telephone Line No. 4	Milton, North Dakota
Elgin Telephone Company (Line No. 6)	Milton, North Dakota
Wild Telephone Line	Milton, North Dakota

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 7th day of May, 1957.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ERNEST D. NELSON
President

(S E A L)

MARTIN VAALER
Commissioner

ATTEST:


Secretary

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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In the Matter of the application of)
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corpora-)
tion, of Langdon, North Dakota for)
authority: (1) to make a long term)
loan from the Rural Electrification)
Administration; and, (2) to establish)
a schedule of rates and charges for)
the furnishing of telephone service.)

CASE NO. 5568

FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS AND ORDER

By the Commission:

On March 25, 1957 United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation, of Langdon, North Dakota filed an application with this Commission requesting authority: (1) to make a long term loan from the Rural Electrification Administration for the purpose of financing acquisition and construction of telephone facilities; and, (2) to establish a schedule of revised rates and charges for the furnishing of dial telephone service on its system,

The application was set for public hearing at Langdon, North Dakota on April 18, 1957; all interested parties were notified of said hearing in the manner provided by law; the hearing was duly held before Commissioner Martin Vaaler, and the following appearances were entered:

CLYDE DUFFY, Attorney, Devils Lake, North Dakota appearing for applicant.

CLARENCE E. BRYANT, Chief Engineer, North Dakota Public Service Commission Bismarck, North Dakota.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Upon consideration of the evidence of record in this proceeding the Commission finds that:

- (1) Applicant, United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation, is a non-profit membership corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Dakota. Applicant now owns and operates telephone exchanges at Langdon, Wales and Munich, North Dakota serving a total of approximately 900 subscribers. Applicant is now in the process of converting its exchanges at Langdon and Wales to dial operation and of improving and expanding rural telephone facilities in said exchanges.
- (2) Applicant proposes herein to borrow from the United States of America, acting through the Rural Electrification Administration, the sum of \$451,000 for the purpose of financing acquisition of certain existing telephone properties, as described in the Commission's Order in Case No. 5567, and construction of new dial

Telephone exchanges at Milton and Sarles, North Dakota to serve the territory now served by the existing telephone companies to be acquired, and to expand rural telephone facilities in said exchanges to provide service to farms and other rural establishments in the area now without telephone service.

- (3) The proposed loan of \$451,000 will be advanced to Applicant from time to time as required. The loan will be evidenced by notes bearing interest at the rate of two (2) percent per annum and payable within 35 years from the date thereof. The notes will be secured by a mortgage on all assets of Applicant now owned or hereafter acquired. Interest on the notes will accrue for a period of three (3) years before quarterly payments calculated to repay the notes, with interest become due and payable. The proposed loan of \$451,000 is in addition to prior loans in the total amount of \$887,000 approved by the Commission in Cases Nos, 5422 and 5208. Applicant plans to apply an unused balance of \$40,000 from the prior loan to supplement the proposed loan of \$451,000 to finance the acquisition and construction program herein described.
- (4) Applicant estimates that its net investment in telephone plant and equipment and working capital, after completion of the "A", "B" and "C" sections of its proposed system will be \$1,403,802. Equity funds in the amount of \$65,802 will be obtained from subscribers membership fees to supplement the previously mentioned loan funds of \$1,338,000.
- (5) Upon completion of the acquisition and construction program herein described, Applicant will furnish extended area service, without toll charge, between the following exchanges:

Extended Area Service

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Langdon	Milton, Wales
Milton	Langdon
Sarles	Wales
Wales	Langdon, Sarles

- (6) Applicant also proposes to revise its rates and charges for the furnishing of telephone service by establishment of group telephone rates in lieu of the present single schedule of rates. The proposed classification of exchanges by rate groups reflects present practice in the telephone industry of establishing rate differentials based on the number of telephones accessible, without toll charge, in a particular telephone exchange or extended service area. Applicants proposed telephone exchange classification is as follows:

<u>Rate Group</u>	<u>Number of Stations Accessible</u>
"A"	0 - 200
"B"	201 - 500
"C"	501 - 800
"D"	801 - 1200
"E"	1201 - 3000

- (7) Applicant estimates that, after a 5-year development period, its annual operating revenues from local, toll and miscellaneous services will be \$144,709, under the proposed rates for telephone service, and that annual operating expenses will amount to \$98,929, leaving an operating margin of \$45,780 for payment of interest and for other corporate purposes.

CONCLUSIONS

Upon consideration of the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Commission concludes: (1) that Applicant requires funds, in addition to subscribers' membership fees, to finance acquisition and construction of the telephone facilities herein described; (2) that such funds are available on reasonable terms and conditions from the Rural Electrification Administration; and (3) that the proposed rates and charges for the furnishing of telephone service are not excessive or unreasonable.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation, of Langdon, North Dakota be and hereby is authorized:

- (1) To borrow from the United States of America, acting through the Rural Electrification Administration, the sum of \$451,000 upon the terms and conditions and for the purposes set forth herein.
- (2) To mortgage to the United States of America all property now owned or hereafter acquired by it in the State of North Dakota to secure payment of the principal of, and interest on, the above described loan.
- (3) To apply an unused balance of \$40,000 from prior loan allocations from the Rural Electrification Administration, and approved by this Commission by orders issued in Cases Nos. 5422 and 5208, toward financing the acquisition and construction program herein described.
- (4) To apply the following schedule of rates and charges for the furnishing of dial telephone service on its system in North Dakota:

TELEPHONE RATE SCHEDULE

	Net Monthly Rate				
	Group "A"	Group "B"	Group "C"	Group "D"	Group "E"
<u>BUSINESS</u>					
One Party	\$ 7.25	\$ 7.75	\$ 8.25	\$ 8.75	\$ 9.25
Two Party	5.75	6.25	6.75	7.25	7.75
Rural Multi-Party	5.75	6.25	6.75	7.25	7.75
Extensions	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
<u>RESIDENCE</u>					
One Party	4.00	4.25	4.50	4.75	5.00
Two Party	3.25	3.50	3.75	4.00	4.25
Four Party	2.50	2.75	3.00	3.25	3.50
Rural Multi-Party	4.25	4.50	4.75	5.00	5.25
Extensions	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
<u>SWITCHING SERVICE</u>					
	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
<u>PAY STATIONS</u>					
Daily Guarantee	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Local Calls-Each	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10

EXCHANGE CLASSIFICATION

Rate Group	Number of Stations Accessible
"A"	0 - 200
"B"	201 - 500
"C"	501 - 800
"D"	801 - 1200
"E"	1201 - 3000

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation shall:

- (1) File with this Commission, within 30 days prior to the effective date thereof, local exchange tariffs for each of its telephone exchanges reflecting the rates and charges for telephone service herein authorized,
- (2) Classify each of its telephone exchanges for billing purposes in accordance with the number of telephone stations accessible, without toll charge, on the effective date of the rates and charges herein authorized,
- (3) In the event of a transitional change in the number of telephone stations in any exchange or extended service area, reclassify such exchange or service area for billing purposes to the appropriate rate group on the next regular billing date following such change.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 7th day of May, 1957.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ERNEST D. NELSON

President

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MARTIN VAALER

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Palmer Olson

Secretary

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate No. 414

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That public convenience and necessity require, and permission is hereby granted for the _____
Construction and Operation _____ of Telephone _____
Facilities in ~~XXXXXX~~ _____ Towner County, _____ North Dakota,

by United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation This certificate is issued in accordance with the report and
order of this Commission, dated October 8, _____ in Case No. 5731 _____ and is subject to the
conditions and limitations noted thereon.

CONDITIONS: This certificate is conditioned upon the said United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation
securing the consent, franchise, permit, ordinance, or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for
the exercise of the rights and privileges granted herein.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 8th _____

day of October _____ 19 58

ATTEST:

Edward Olson
Secretary

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION:

By Arson J. Anderson
Commissioner

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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In the Matter of the Application of United)
Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation, Langdon,)
North Dakota: (1) For a Certificate of)
Public Convenience and Necessity to con-)
struct and operate telephone facilities;)
(2) For authority to purchase certain)
existing telephone properties; (3) For)
authority to make a long term loan from)
Rural Electrification Administration; and)
(4) To establish a schedule of rates and)
charges for telephone service.)

CASE NO. 5731

FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS AND ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 11, 1958, the United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation of Langdon, North Dakota, filed an application with this Commission: (1) For a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate telephone facilities in Towner County, North Dakota; (2) For authority to purchase existing telephone properties now owned by the Towner County Telephone Company at Rock Lake and Egeland, North Dakota; (3) For authority to make a long term loan from the Rural Electrification Administration in the amount of \$416,000 for the purpose of financing acquisition and construction of telephone facilities in the State of North Dakota; and (4) For authority to apply its system rates, charges, and rules and regulations for the furnishing of telephone service in the exchanges at Rock Lake and Egeland, North Dakota.

The application was set for public hearing at Egeland, North Dakota, on September 11, 1958; all interested parties were notified of said hearing in the manner provided by law; the hearings were duly held before Commissioner

FINDINGS OF FACT

Upon consideration of the testimony and other evidence of record in this proceeding, the Commission finds that:

- 1) Applicant, United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation, is a non-profit membership corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Dakota. Applicant now owns and operates telephone exchanges serving Langdon, Sarles, Hannah, Osnabrock, Milton, Munich, and Wales, North Dakota, serving approximately 1,500 subscribers.
- 2) Applicant proposes herein to construct and operate new dial telephone exchanges at Egeland and Rock Lake, North Dakota. The proposed service areas are shown outlined in red on the Area Coverage Design Map included as part of Exhibit No. 1 in this proceeding, except insofar as existing switcher lines owned by companies who wish to retain their identity are already serving in such areas. Applicant estimates that after a 5-year development period it will furnish telephone service for 338 subscribers in the Rock Lake exchange and 145 subscribers in the Egeland exchange. At the present time there are 168 telephones in Rock Lake and Egeland. The estimated cost of construction of the proposed telephone facilities is \$435,000. The proposed telephone facilities will not duplicate or interfere with the service or system of any other telephone company. Applicant has employed engineers experienced in the field of telephony to furnish plans and specifications for the proposed facilities and to supervise the construction thereof.
- 3) Applicant also proposes to purchase existing telephone property now owned and operated by the Towner County Telephone Company of Cando, North Dakota, which now provides telephone service in Rock Lake and Egeland.
- 4) Applicant also proposes to borrow from the United States of America, acting through the Rural Electrification Administration, the sum of \$416,000 for the purpose of financing acquisition and construction of the telephone facilities herein described. Applicant also proposes to utilize funds in the amount of \$19,000 for the purposes herein described which are available from the United States of America under previous loans approved by this Commission.
- 5) Applicant proposes to apply its existing system rates, charges, and rules and regulations, heretofore approved by this Commission for the furnishing of dial telephone service in the exchanges at Rock Lake and Egeland, North Dakota.

- 3) That Applicant requires additional funds to finance acquisition and construction of the telephone facilities herein described, and that such funds are available on reasonable terms and conditions from the Rural Electrification Administration.
- 4) That application of Applicant's existing system rates and charges for the furnishing of dial telephone service in the areas involved herein is fair and reasonable.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation, of Langdon, North Dakota be and hereby is:

- 1) Issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate telephone facilities in Towner County as outlined in red on the Area Coverage Design Map included as part of Exhibit No. 1 in this proceeding, excluding such territories or areas therein served by existing unacquired or unabandoned telephone companies or systems.
- 2) Authorized to purchase existing telephone properties now owned by the Towner County Telephone Company at Rock Lake and Egeland, North Dakota.
- 3) Authorized to borrow from the United States of America, acting through the Rural Electrification Administration, the sum of \$416,000 upon the terms and conditions and for the purposes set forth herein.
- 4) Authorized to apply its existing system rates, charges, and general rules and regulations for the furnishing of telephone service in the exchanges at Rock Lake and Egeland, North Dakota upon conversion of said exchanges to dial operation.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 8th day of October, 1958.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ERNEST D. NELSON
President

ANSON J. ANDERSON
Commissioner

BRUCE HASEN, PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONERS

• RICHARD A. ELKIN •

BEN J. WOLF



ELMER OLSON
SECRETARY

PUBLIC
SERVICE
COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

BISMARCK 58501


March 20, 1969

Mr. Reinhold Goschke, President
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation
Langdon, North Dakota 58249

Dear Mr. Goschke:

Pursuant to approval by the Commission, we now transmit a copy of the Commission's Order in Case No. 7451, granting the Application of United Telephone for authority to construct and operate certain buried telephone toll facilities; also Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1085.

Very truly yours,


Elmer Olson
Secretary

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cc: E. W. Benser, Vice President
and General Manager
Northwestern Bell Telephone Company

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate No. 1085

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That public convenience and necessity require, and permission is hereby granted for the _____
_____ construction and operation _____ of buried toll telephone
cables and associated toll telephone terminal facilities *
~~plant or system~~ at see below _____ North Dakota,
by United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation _____ This certificate is issued in accordance with the report and order
of this Commission, dated March 18, 1969 _____ in Case No. 7451 _____ and is subject to the
conditions and limitations noted thereon.

CONDITIONS: This certificate is conditioned upon the said United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation
securing the consent, franchise, permit, ordinance, or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for
the exercise of the rights and privileges granted herein.

* from its central office at the Langdon Telephone Exchange, Langdon, North Dakota, to its central
offices at the Munich and Sarles Telephone Exchanges.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 18th
day of March, _____, 19 69.

ATTEST:

Conrad Wilson
Secretary.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION:

By *Ben J. Way*
Commissioner.

EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation)
and Northwestern Bell Telephone Company)
for a Certificate of Public Convenience)
and Necessity for Certain Toll Telephone)
Facilities between Langdon, Munich and)
Sarles, North Dakota.)

CASE NO. 7451

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

On September 4, 1968, the United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation and Northwestern Bell Telephone Company filed a Joint Application with this Commission wherein they requested authority for the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company to abandon certain existing toll facilities, and authority for the United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation to construct and operate certain toll facilities.

On October 31, 1968, the Public Service Commission issued its Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, wherein all interested parties were given notice of their opportunity to file objections or requests for hearing on or before the 20th day of November, 1968. No such objections or requests were received prior to or since said deadline.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT APPEARING that the United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation is a North Dakota corporation legally authorized to conduct a telephone utility business in the State of North Dakota and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

IT FURTHER APPEARING that the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company is an Iowa corporation, legally authorized to conduct a telephone utility business in the State of North Dakota, and is also subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission.

IT FURTHER APPEARING that the Applicants' joint proposals are in the

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation be and hereby is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing it to construct and operate buried toll telephone cables and associated toll telephone terminal facilities from its central office at the Langdon Telephone Exchange, Langdon, North Dakota, to its central offices at the Munich and Sarles Telephone Exchanges, and to provide toll telephone service to said Munich and Sarles Telephone Exchanges thereby.

Dated this 18th day of March, 1969, at Bismarck, North Dakota

(S E A L)

BY THE COMMISSION

BRUCE HAGEN

President

ATTEST:

BEN J. WOLF

Commissioner

Elmer Olson
Secretary

RICHARD A. ELKIN

Commissioner

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation)
and Northwestern Bell Telephone Company)
for a Certificate of Public Convenience)
and Necessity for Certain Toll Telephone)
Facilities between Langdon, Munich and)
Sarles, North Dakota.)

CASE NO. 7451

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

On September 4, 1968, the United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation and Northwestern Bell Telephone Company filed a Joint Application with this Commission wherein they requested authority for the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company to abandon certain existing toll facilities, and authority for the United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation to construct and operate certain toll facilities.

On October 31, 1968, the Public Service Commission issued its Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, wherein all interested parties were given notice of their opportunity to file objections or requests for hearing on or before the 20th day of November, 1968. No such objections or requests were received prior to or since said deadline.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT APPEARING that the United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation is a North Dakota corporation legally authorized to conduct a telephone utility business in the State of North Dakota and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

IT FURTHER APPEARING that the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company is an Iowa corporation, legally authorized to conduct a telephone utility business in the State of North Dakota, and is also subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation be and hereby is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing it to construct and operate buried toll telephone cables and associated toll telephone terminal facilities from its central office at the Langdon Telephone Exchange, Langdon, North Dakota, to its central offices at the Munich and Sarles Telephone Exchanges, and to provide toll telephone service to said Munich and Sarles Telephone Exchanges thereby.

Dated this 18th day of March, 1969, at Bismarck, North Dakota

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BY THE COMMISSION

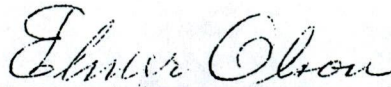
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President

ATTEST:

BEN J. WOLF

Commissioner.



Secretary

RICHARD A. ELKIN

Commissioner