

Service Date: June 24, 1986

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Connection of ) UTILITY DIVISION  
Customer Owned Coin Telephones to ) DOCKET NO. 84.10.68  
the Local Exchange Company Network. ) ORDER NO. 5192b

ORDER ON MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On June 16, 1986 Northwestern Telephone Systems, Inc. (NWTS) filed a Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. 5192a in this docket. NWTS asked that the Commission allow all local exchange companies the option of filing tariffs for coin telephone customers based in part on minutes of use or number of messages similiar to the tariffs for Mountain Bell.

2. The Commission finds that the request of NWTS is reasonable. In Order No. 5192a the Commission found that:

The MPSC continues to support the requirement that customers reselling telecommunications services subscribe to a usage rated access line for precisely the reasons set forth in the RSI testimony. However, the local exchange company should not be required to incur significant costs to make a usage rated line available to a very limited number of customers.

3. The Commission also found in Order No. 5192a that none of the independent telephone companies, including NWTS, filed any cost information in this docket in response to the Issue No. 3 set forth in the Procedural Order in this docket which asked

parties to address the issue concerning what rates should be charged for the telephone company access line. Therefore, if companies opt to file message or measured rates they must meet two requirements. The first requirement is that the company will file a flat rate that is less than its current single party business rate to reflect removing average usage from the flat rate. Mountain Bell's current measured access is 46% of its single party flat business rate. Message access is 70% of its single party flat business rate. Absent of any cost data in this docket the Commission finds that these percentages are reasonable and should be used by independent companies to calculate the access portion of measured or message service.

4. The second requirement is that the company file usage charges of no more than Mountain Bell's current usage rates for public access lines. Mountain Bell's message rate is \$06.2 per call and the measured rate is \$.02 for the first minute and \$.005 for each additional minute. No discounts apply to public access line usage.

5. In Order No. 5192a the Commission gave companies which had requests for connection of coin phones or currently had coin phone customers 30 days to file tariffs. That would require tariffs to be filed by July 6, 1986. Given the simplicity of the changes in this order the Commission finds no reason to extend this filing date.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

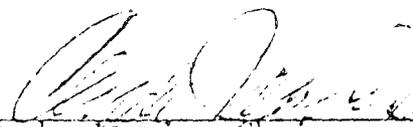
1. Pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA, the Montana Public Service Commission has jurisdiction over public utilities offering regulated telephone service in Montana.

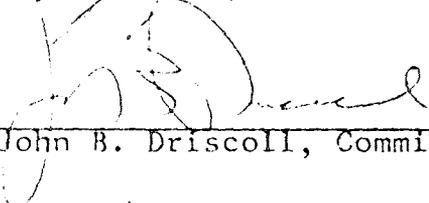
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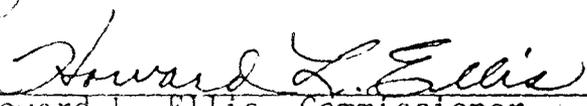
1. The request of Northeastern Telephone Services for Reconsideration of Order No. 5192a is hereby GRANTED to the limited extent set forth in the findings of this Order.

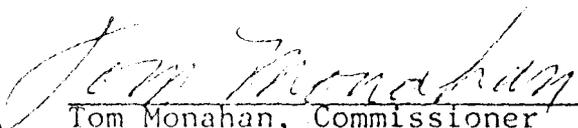
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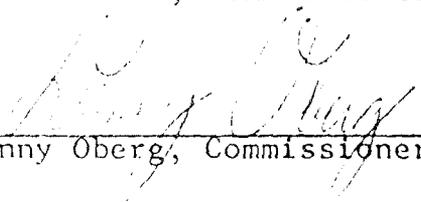
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Clyde Jarvis, Chairman

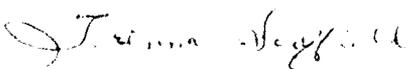
  
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