

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: TERRI CARLOCK

DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2003

SUBJECT: ALBION TELEPHONE COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR
AMENDMENT TO DEBT AUTHORITY OF \$15 MILLION; CASE
NO. ALB-T-02-2.

RECOMMEND: APPROVAL

Albion Telephone requests an amendment to its authority to borrow not more than \$15 million from the Rural Telephone Utilities Service (RUS), Order No. 29058. RUS sent a loan verification letter dated October 21, 2003 to Albion for a hardship loan from RUS in the amount of \$7,500,000 and concurrent loans from RUS of \$4,046,000 and from the Rural Telephone Bank of \$2,355,150. The aggregate loan amounts of \$13,901,150 are within the existing authority but the Rural Telephone Bank loan was not anticipated at the time of the original Application and Order. Order No. 29058 needs to be amended to allow issuance by the Rural Telephone Bank along with the Rural Telephone Utilities Service. The other terms and conditions will not be changed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Order No. 29058 be amended to allow issuance by the Rural Telephone Bank along with the Rural Telephone Utilities Service.

COMMISSION DECISION

Should Order No. 29058 be amended to allow issuance by the Rural Telephone Bank along with the Rural Telephone Utilities Service?


Terri Carlock