

ORDINANCE

PROVIDING FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF
CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, IN PROCEEDINGS
BEFORE THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
RELATIVE TO AN INCREASE IN THE CHARGES
FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE FURNISHED BY THE
ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

FOR THAT, WHEREAS, the Illinois Bell Telephone Company has filed with the illinois commerce commission certain telephone rate schedules designed to increase rates charged for telephone services furnished by said Company throughout the State of Illinois and to this municipality, and the Mayors and other responsible city officials of the cities served by said Illinois Bell Telephone Company have formed a Committee on the procedure to be followed by all of the municipalities defending against said proposed telephone rate increases, consisting of the Mayors of the Cities of Alton, Danville, Evanston, Nashville, Peoria, Rockford and Springfield, to employ counsel and to determine upon the procedure required for the protection of the public interest of the defending municipalities, known as the Committee of Defending Municipalities in the Illinois Bell Telephone Company Case, and which is hereinafter referred to as the "Committee"; and

WHEREAS, said Committee has determined it to be necessary that each of the defending municipalities initially contribute a sum not less than one-cent per capita of each defending municipality, same to constitute a defense fund for use in such proceeding, and thereafter pay proportionate share of the current monthly expenses of the defense in such proceeding; each participating municipality to reserve the right to withdraw from any such proceeding upon reasonable notice and pay-

ment of current charges, and such withdrawing municipality to be refunded out of said defense fund any unexpended portion thereof as contributed by it at the time such withdrawal becomes effective, and to cease thereupon, to have further financial responsibility for such proceedings; and

WHEREAS, such method of defense enables each participating city to secure the advantages of such joint representation and defense, without committing any city to an expenditure for services beyond the point the same are deemed to be in its public interest; and

WHEREAS, said Committee has secured the services of GILLESPIE, BURKE & GILLESPIE of Springfield, Illinois, attorneys experienced in Illinois Commerce Commission and public utility practice; and said attorneys have agreed to accept said employment on the basis of the defense plan as worked out by said Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS :

SECTION 1. That the City of Urbana, Illinois, hereby elects to join and joins with other respondent cities in a proceeding entitled,

Before the Illinois Commerce Commission

ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY,)	
In the matter of petition that)	
the Commission not suspend)	No. 34517
increased rates filed by)	
petitioner with the Commission)	CONSOLIDATED
	FOR PURPOSE
	OF HEARING
ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY,)	
In the matter of the proposed)	
advance in rates for telephone)	No. 34581
service in schedules applying)	
to all exchanges served by the)	
Illinois Bell Telephone Company)	

and to defend against the increase in rates proposed to be charged by the Illinois Bell Telephone Company in its petitions filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission and consolidated for hearing in said proceedings.

SECTION 2. That said municipality agrees to the employment of said attorneys and to the incurring of other essential expenses incident to the defense of said proceedings, in so far as it affects said municipality, by said Committee, and agrees to initially contribute to the expense fund of said proceedings the sum of \$141.00, which is computed on the basis of one-cent per capita on the population of said municipality as shown by the last federal census.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that it shall be refunded in proportion to its total contribution any sum remaining unexpended at the time said proceedings are concluded or in case it determines to withdraw from such proceeding upon 30 days notice to said Committee and right is reserved to said municipality to so withdraw from said proceeding and to terminate any further obligation to contribute to the expenses thereof.

SECTION 3. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to cause said initial contribution to be made forthwith upon the adoption of this ordinance, and to otherwise represent this City in the proceedings of said City and before the Illinois Commerce Commission in said proceedings.

Ordinance presented March 30, 1947.

Adoption of ordinance moved by Robert W. Wells;

seconded by Alvin W. Hunter.

ROLL CALL: Yeas; 11 Nays; None

The foregoing ordinance approved by me this 30 day of March, 1947.

George J. Hurd
MAYOR

SEAL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
ATTEST:
Paul M. Jones
CLERK