

In considering Alltel's request for a price cap waiver I would like you to think about these points as well. Price caps reduce access charges which can lower long distance rates. It is not an acquisition that would be good for Nebraskans. It will reduce investment in the Nebraska telephone network. It will not benefit Nebraska communities when jobs are cut and the communities spending power therefore is cut. I believe it will also affect the quality of service that Nebraskans have become accustomed to. Benefits to Aliant employees will be cut and will have widespread effect on our community. Foremost as a telephone user I have been very happy with my local service and am not happy about my dollars spent leaving our great state.