

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of ) Application No. C-1099  
the Nebraska Telephone Association )  
seeking authority to revise guide- ) GRANTED  
line depreciation rates for various )  
accounts. ) Entered September 27, 1994

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

By application filed on August 19, 1994, the Nebraska Telephone Association (NTA) seeks to revise certain depreciation rates for telephone company assets. Notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record pursuant to the Commission Rules and Regulations. No one protested the application; therefore, we will proceed according to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure (see Title 291, NAC Ch. 1, Rule 018.03).

BY THE COMMISSION

The Commission has established guideline depreciation rates for various telecommunications assets in Nebraska. To reflect changes in technology, these rates are periodically reviewed and revised. The depreciation rates which are currently in effect have not been modified since 1988.

The applicant comes forward per this application to revise the Commission's depreciation rates for certain equipment. The proposed rate revisions would be made to the following accounts: computers, switches, circuits, fiber and cable, all of which are subject to accelerated retirement due to technological developments. The applicant also requests the rate changes take place retroactively, effective July 1, 1994.

O P I N I O N   A N D   F I N D I N G S

Upon consideration of the application, the governing statutes and rules, and being fully informed, the Commission is of the opinion and finds:

Approval of the revised depreciation guideline rates will encourage further investment and expanded service offerings by aligning the guidelines with the actual life expectancy of certain assets.

As the depreciation rates have not been revised for several years, updating the guidelines is fair and reasonable, and is in the public interest.

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O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1099 be, and it is hereby granted and the depreciation guideline rates are modified as reflected in attached Exhibit A.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the depreciation rate shall take effect retroactively July 1, 1994.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 27th day of September, 1994.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Daniel G. Unwillen*

*Deane D. Gay*

//s//Rod Johnson

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//James Munnelly

*Paul S. Landis*  
Chairman

ATTEST:

*J. R. Smith*  
Executive Director

## EXHIBIT A

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Current Guideline Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Guideline Rate</u>
2124	General Purpose Computers	18.0	20.0
2212	Digital Electronic Switching	7.0	8.0
2232.2	Analog Circuit	10.0	15.0
2421.1	Fiber	4.0	5.0
2422	Underground Cable	4.5	7.0
2422.2	Fiber	4.0	5.0
2423	Buried Cable	4.5	6.0
2423.1	Fiber	4.0	5.0