

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the application )	Application No. C-31
of Northwestern Bell Telephone )	
Company, Omaha, Nebraska, for )	GRANTED IN PART
Approval of tariff sheets of its )	
General Exchange Tariff. )	Entered: August 26, 1980

OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed June 19, 1980, the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Omaha, Nebraska, seeks approval of tariff sheets of its General Exchange Tariff.

Notice of the filing of the application was published pursuant to the provisions of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. No protest to the application was filed.

Attached to the application and incorporated herein by reference are copies of the following proposed tariff sheets:

General Exchange Tariff:  
Section 11, Original Sheets 61 and 62  
Section 30, Original Sheet 6

Applicant seeks to revise its tariff to offer a Manual Communications Module/Printer, primarily for use by hearing and speech impaired customers. Monthly rates proposed are \$23.65 for certified hearing or speech impaired customers and \$31.00 for others.

Rate differences which presently exist are based on the use of the service (business-residence) or the character of the service (individual-party line). Applicant now proposes a difference in rates for the same equipment based not on differences in the service but on differences between subscribers. Applicant indicates that the anticipated market for this equipment, both handicapped and other users, is quite small. It is reasonable to assume that the reason that most customers who are not handicapped would subscribe to this equipment would be to communicate with those who were. It is therefore appropriate that the monthly rate of \$23.65 apply to all customers for this equipment.

Upon consideration of the application and attending circumstances and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that as modified above the application is fair and reasonable, is in the public interest and should be granted in part.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-31 be and it is hereby granted in part and the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Omaha, Nebraska be and it is hereby authorized to revise its tariff to include the sheets set forth in the Opinion and Findings herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a monthly rate of \$23.65 shall apply to all subscribers to the proposed service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant file appropriate tariff sheets with the Commission.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 26th day of August, 1980.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary

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