

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application
of Cozad Telephone Company, Cozad,
Nebraska, for authority to amend
certain depreciation rates.

) Application No. C-45

) GRANTED

) Entered: March 24, 1981

OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed July 11, 1980, the Cozad Telephone Company, Cozad, Nebraska seeks authority to amend certain depreciation rates.

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.

Applicant has amended certain rates of depreciation on its telephone plant effective January 1, 1980 pursuant to the provisions of the Commission's order in Application No. 33118. For two classes of telephone plant, Central Office Equipment (to be retired) and Underground Conduit, applicant seeks approval of depreciation rates which exceed those allowed in Application No. 33118.

Applicant is engaged in a service improvement program which will result in the replacement of a substantial portion of its central office equipment and outside plant. In order to reduce the extraordinary retirement which will result, applicant seeks approval of depreciation rates of 18% for Central Office Equipment (to be retired) and 3.5% for Underground Conduit.

Having considered the application and attending circumstances, the Commission finds that the facts and circumstances justifies its approval of the proposed depreciation rates. The Commission further finds, however, that its approval of these depreciation rates is limited to this particular case and it should in no way be understood that the Commission has abandoned the use or applicability of extraordinary retirements.

The application is fair and reasonable, is in the public interest and should be granted, said depreciation rates to be effective January 1, 1981.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-45 be and it is hereby granted and the Cozad Telephone Company be and it is hereby authorized to use depreciation rates of 18% for Central Office Equipment (to be retired) and 3.5% for Underground Conduit, effective January 1, 1981.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 24th day of March, 1981.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Duane D. Gay
Chairman

ATTEST:

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Terrence L. Hubert
Secretary