

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the application)	Application No. C-62
of Northwestern Bell Telephone)	
Company, Omaha, Nebraska, for)	
Approval of tariff sheets of its)	GRANTED
General Exchange and Private Line)	
Tariffs.)	Entered: October 28, 1980

OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed August 14, 1980, the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Omaha, Nebraska, seeks approval of tariff sheets of its General Exchange and Private Line Tariffs.

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:

<u>Tariff</u>	<u>Section No.</u>	<u>Revision No.</u>	<u>Sheet No.</u>
General Exchange	Rules and Regulations	Fifth	1
		Original	2A
Private Line	-	Second	146
		Original	154.1

Applicant seeks to revise its tariff to provide that the telephone company may furnish equipment to a prospective customer for a trial period of up to 30 days without charge.

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

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-62 be and it is hereby granted 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 applicant file appropriate tariff sheets with the Commission.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 28th day of October, 1980.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Harold D. Simpson
Chairman

ATTEST:

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Terence L. Kubert
Secretary

COMMISSIONER DISSENTING:

/s/ Duane D. Gay

For Commissioner Gay's dissent, see over.

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DISSENT OF COMMISSIONER DUANE D. GAY

"I must hereby respectfully dissent to the decision of the Commission in this matter. For the last several years and during the last round of rate increases that have been granted by this Commission to various Nebraska telephone companies, one of the major thrusts has been to increase the service connection charges to more appropriately reflect the costs incurred in same. Most recently, the Bell Telephone Company was the recipient of a Rate Award in the amount of \$8,017,000. Of that total award, increases were given in the ranges of 33% to 66%, and the total amount was \$1,107,00 specifically designated for service charges. Now Northwestern Bell makes application to this Commission to disregard its own presentation in the rate case just concluded.

This application covers all of the many types of installations throughout the Bell system, many of which are extremely expensive. Obviously, if the increased rates now granted do not even cover the costs of installation as Bell professes, then there are costs beyond the tariffed costs for installation now in existence.

Lo and behold, now we find the Bell system offering customers a proposition whereby the equipment is installed on the customer's premises for a test period of up to 30 days. If, at the end of that time, the customer chooses not to subscribe to the installation, the equipment must be removed, thus incurring both the tremendous installation charges as well as the cost of removing the equipment at no expense to the customer. Therefore, these costs must be paid for by the other subscribers of the telephone company. I strenuously object to this. Just recently, the Federal Communications Commission has ordered in Computer II that the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company and General Telephone Company must create separate subsidiaries for the handling of competitive equipment and ventures. This, to me, is a perfect example of the type of service that the F.C.C. envisioned to be placed in their sales department to ensure that no cross-subsidization would occur within the system."

Respectfully Submitted:

Tanda Quinn for Duane D. Gay
Duane D. Gay, 10/28/80