BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Omaha, Nebraska, for approval of a tariff sheet of its Long Distance Telecommunications Service. Application No. C-186

GRANTED

Entered: November 23, 1982

APPEARANCES:

For the applicant Richard L. Johnson, Attorney 100 South 19th Street Omaha, Nebraska

OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed october 6, 1981, the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Omaha, Nebraska seeks approval of a tariff sheet of its Long Distace Telecommunications Service Tariff.

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

Pursuant to notice required by law, public hearing was held on the application on January 28, 1982 at 9:30 a.m. in the W. Dale Clark Library, Omaha, Nebraska with appearance as set forth above.

Upon consideration of the application the evidence adduced at the hearing and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

- 1. Applicant is an Iowa corporation duly authorized to do business in Nebraska. It is engaged in the telephone business as a common carrier and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- 2. Applicant seeks to revise its Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service Tariff to allow the resale and sharing of intrastate message toll service. A copy of proposed First Revised Sheet 3, Section 2 is attached to the application and is incorporated herein by reference.
- 3. The proposed change would allow vendors such as hotels, hospitals colleges, etc. to resell message telephone service for a profit or to share in a non-profit arrangement.
- 4. The evidence indicates that the proposed tariff could be of advantage to applicant and the public in that resale could permit calls by direct dial rather than operator handled calls at higher rates.
- 5. Those subscribers of the applicant who resell its service for profit would be common carriers and should be required to obtain a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity from this Commission and obtain approval of tariffs.
- 6. 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-186 be and it is hereby granted and the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company be and it is hereby authorized to revise its tariff as set forth in the Opinion and Findings herein.

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that subscribers reselling such service for profit and they are hereby required to obtain a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity from the Commission and obtain approval of tariffs before engaging in such resale.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln Nebraska, this 23rd day of November, 1982.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

ATTEST:

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Executive Secretary