

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the application of the)	Application No. C-212
Northwestern Bell Telephone Company,)	
Omaha, Nebraska, for approval of tariff)	GRANTED IN PART
sheets of its Local Exchange Tariff.)	
	Entered: March 15, 1982

APPEARANCES: For the Applicant
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OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed December 27, 1981, the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Omaha, Nebraska, seeks approval of tariff sheets of its Local Exchange Tariff.

Notice of the filing of the application was published pursuant to the provisions of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. One informal protest to the application was filed.

Pursuant to notice required by law, public hearing was held on the application on February 17, 1982 at 9:30 a.m. in the Courthouse, Grand Island, Nebraska with appearances as set forth above.

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

Local Exchange tariff:	
Ninth Revised Sheet 7	Ninth Revised Sheet 11
First Revised Sheet 7A	Original Sheets 25-28

General Exchange Tariff:
Fourth revised Sheet 6, Section 12

Applicant seeks to revise its tariff to offer Local Measured Rate Service at its Grand Island Nebraska exchange. One party measured service rates proposed are \$18.30 for business and \$6.65 for residence, which are less than the one party flat rates. In addition, the following rates for usage would apply:

Zone 1, 0-10 mi, 1st min.	\$.05
ea. addl. min.	.01
Zone 2, 11-15 mi, 1st min.	.07
ea. addl. min.	.013

Residence subscribers would receive a usage credit allowance of \$1.00. Also, for residence subscribers, the maximum monthly bill would not exceed 150% of the one party flat rate.

Another feature of the proposal is the availability for local calls of the same operator services available for long distance calls, including third number billing. Because of the frequent complaints concerning third number billing, the Commission is of the opinion that it not be offered for local measured service and the proposed tariff should be revised to specifically exclude the availability of third number billing.

With the introduction of measured services, applicant proposes to discontinue the offering of residence two party service to new customers at Grand Island. Although the measured rate is lower than the two party rate in all but some rural zones, the Commission is of the opinion that two party service should continue to be offered for at least six months after the introduction of measured service and adequate records kept to evaluate whether or not two party service should be discontinued.

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Applicant should also maintain adequate record to evaluate the acceptance of measured service and shall report to the Commission in six months or less concerning the offering of measured service in all other exchanges where facilities permit.

Upon consideration of the application the evidence adduced at the hearing 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-212 be and it is hereby granted in part and the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company 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 the tariff specifically exclude the availability of third number billing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that residence two party service continue to be offered to new subscribers until further order of this Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant maintain such records to permit evaluation of its measured service and shall report to this Commission in six months or less concerning the offering of measured service in all other exchanges where facilities permit.

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

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 15th day of March, 1982.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Harold D. Simpson
Chairman

ATTEST:

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Dwaine D. Gay

Terence L. Kubiak
Secretary