BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the application of the) United Telephone Company of the West, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, for authority to file revised tariff sheets enabling spe-) cified equipment to be available on a limited basis.

Application No. C-222

DENIED

Entered: July 6, 1982

OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed January 12, 1982, the United Telephone Company of the West, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, seeks authority to file revised tariff sheets enabling specified equipment to be available on a limited basis.

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 Index, Ninth Revised Sheet 1

General Rules Index, Third Revised Sheet 1

General Rules and Regulations, Original Sheet 8

Section 11: Third Revised Sheet 6

Original Sheet 6A

Second Revised Sheet 7

Original Sheet 7A

Section 15: Third Revised Sheet 1 Original Sheet 1A

Section 17: Fifth Revised Sheet 5

Third Revised Sheet 6

Section 24: Third Revised Sheet 1

Section 28: Original Sheet 2

Applicant seeks to revise its tariffs to provide for the sale of items of telephone equipment and to provide for limited availability of equipment.

The proposed tariff providing for sale of equipment is different from that approved by the Commission for other telephone companies in that there is no provision that sales be above cost.

The proposed tariff would also provide that unless otherwise designated all service and equipment would be available only from existing stock. When that stock is exhausted, new installations would no longer be made on a rental basis. Making specific items of equipment obsolete is reasonable, however applicant's approach of making virtually all service offerings obsolete is not in the public interest.

Upon consideration of the application and attending circumstances and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the application should be denied.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-222 be and it is hereby denied.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 6th day of July, 1982.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

ATTEST:

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Secretary