

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of  
Nebraska Central Telephone Company,  
Gibbon, Nebraska, for authority to  
Adjust Depreciation Rates.

) Application No. C-297

) GRANTED

) Entered: November 23, 1982

OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its Application filed August 31, 1982, the Nebraska Central Telephone Company, Gibbon, Nebraska, seeks authority to adjust depreciation rates .

Notice of the filing of the application was published pursuant to the provisions of the Commission Rules and Regulations. No protest to the application was filed.

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

1. Applicant is a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nebraska. Its principal office is located at Gibbon, Nebraska. It is engaged in the telephone business as a common carrier serving approximately 3,525 subscribers through exchanges located at Gibbon, Sargent, Comstock, Shelton, Arcadia and Ansley, Nebraska.
2. Applicant proposes a 20% depreciation rate to apply on its investment in Station Apparatus account 231. Applying the proposed depreciation rates to the balance in Account 231 at June 30, 1982 results in an annual increase in depreciation expense of \$36,978.
3. A reduction in customer premises equipment service life will be accelerated by deregulation, competition and obsolescence in addition to physical wear and tear. The deregulation of customer premises equipment after January 1, 1983 means that no new investment will be added to account 231. Accordingly, the average service life of the embedded customer premises equipment will get older and the remaining life will become shorter, thereby requiring increased depreciation rates.
4. The Application is fair and reasonable and should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-297 be and it is hereby granted and the Nebraska Central Telephone Company is authorized to increase its depreciation rate to 20% on its investment carried in Account 231, effective December 1, 1982.

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

*Harold D. Simpson*  
Chairman

ATTEST:

*Terence L. Kuback*  
Executive Secretary

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Duane D. Gray*