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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the application of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Omaha, Nebraska, for approval of tariff sheets of its Wide Area Telephone Ser- vice Tariff.	}	Application No. C-331  GRANTED  Entered: June 14, 1983
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APPEARANCES: For the applicant  
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For The Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Company  
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OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed December 15, 1982, the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Omaha, Nebraska, seeks approval of tariff sheets of its Wide Area Telephone Service Tariff.

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:

Preface:  
Original Sheet 1

<u>Index:</u> Fifth Revised Sheet 1	Fourth Revised Sheet 2
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<u>Section 1:</u> Sixth Revised Sheet 1 Fourth Revised Sheet 2 Third Revised Sheet 3 Fifth Revised Sheet 4 Fourth Revised Sheet 5 Fifth Revised Sheet 6 Third Revised Sheet 7 Fifth Revised Sheet 8	Seventh Revised Sheets 9, 10 Sixth Revised Sheet 11 Eighth Revised Sheets 12, 13 Fourth Revised Sheet 14 Second Revised Sheets 15, 16 Fourth Revised Sheet 17 Second Revised Sheet 18 Original Sheets 19 - 21
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Pursuant to notice required by law public hearing was held on the application on March 9, 1983 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln, Nebraska with appearances 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. The applicant is a common carrier offering communications service for hire and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

2. Applicant proposes to restructure and reprice its Wide Area Telephone Service. The proposal is intended to make the rates more cost related. The minimum rate level will be reduced to permit more customers to use the service. The Full Business Day rates now offered will be discontinued. Large users will therefore experience an increase. As a result of the proposed restructure, applicant estimates a reduction of \$11,000 in annual revenue.

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3. Applicant also proposes to permit resale and sharing of Wide Area Telephone Service.

4. In addition to the two witnesses called by the applicant, four public witnesses testified Stephen R. Robinson, Director of Communications for the State of Nebraska testified in opposition to the rate restructure. Mr. Robinson has since advised by letter that his objections have been satisfied. Paul M. Schudel representing The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company was opposed to the resale and sharing proposal. Two other witnesses representing potential resellers testified in support of the application.

5. Those subscribers who resell Wide Area Telephone Service 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-331 be and it is hereby granted 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 applicant file appropriate tariff sheets with the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that subscribers reselling Wide Area Telephone Service be and they are hereby required to obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from this Commission and obtain approval of tariffs before engaging in such resale.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 14th day of June, 1983.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

*Harold D. Simpson*  
Chairman

ATTEST:

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Terrence L. Kubeck*  
Executive Secretary