

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) Application No. C-353
 Northwestern Bell Telephone Company,)
 Omaha, Nebraska, for approval of tariff) GRANTED
 sheets of its General Exchange Tariff.)
 Entered: June 21, 1983

APPEARANCES: For the applicant
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OPINION AND FINDINGS

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Notice of the filing of the application was published pursuant to the provisions of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. Protests to the application were filed in the matter by Business Telecommunications Systems and Executone Nebraska/Western Iowa, Inc.

Pursuant to notice required by law, public hearing was held on the application on May 5, 1983 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Hearing, Lincoln, Nebraska with appearances as set forth above.

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

<u>Tariff</u>	<u>Section No.</u>	<u>Revision No.</u>	<u>Sheet No.</u>
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	43	Foruth	1
		Original	2

Applicant seeks to offer for direct sale its Single Line Terminal Equipment. Customers who are currently leasing this equipment on a month-to-month arrangement will have the option to purchase the equipment in-place or continue to lease.

The tariff became effective April 15, 1983, pursuant to the provisions of Section 76-616 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

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The disagreement in this proposed case centers on certain language used in the proposed tariff. Northwestern Bell's tariff provides in part as follows:

"The Telephone Company, may, at its option, (1) offer for sale to the general public items of telephone equipment, terminal equipment and telephone accessory equipment; and (2) offer for sale to its customers existing installations of key and PABX systems, telephone sets, ancillary equipment and associated station wiring on the customer premises."

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