

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	Application No. C-467
Northwestern Bell Telephone Company,)	
Omaha, Nebraska, for approval of a)	GRANTED
tariff sheet of its General Exchange)	
Tariff.)	Entered: February 14, 1984

APPEARANCES: For the applicant
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OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed November 3, 1983, the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Omaha, Nebraska seeks approval of tariff sheets of its General Exchange Tariff.

Notice of the filing of the application was published pursuant to the provisions of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. Letters of protest were filed by the Nebraska Division of Communications (subsequently withdrawn) and by Norstan Communications Systems.

Pursuant to notice, public hearing was held on January 20, 1984 at 9:30 a.m. in the Civic Center, Omaha, Nebraska with appearance as shown.

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. Applicant seeks approval of Third Revised Sheet 1 of Section 40 of its General Exchange Tariff. The proposed tariff provides that Centron Service will be provided at rates set at cost or above.

2. Centron is a newer tariff designation for Centrex Service. Centrex Service is no longer offered to new customers, however there is physically no difference between Centrex and Centron.

3. Applicant now seeks to revise its tariff to allow the rates for Centron Service to be established on a case by case basis. Applicant presented evidence that a number of other companies are offering competitive systems.

4. Protestant expressed concern that cross-subsidization may result if Centron Service is detariffed.

5. Applicant intends that prices for Centron Service be set to meet market place demand, but not set below cost, including cost of money. In order to insure that cross-subsidization does not occur applicant should be required to keep on hand for six months from the date of service or customer acceptance of a competitive bid all cost data pertaining to that customer service, to be available for review as required by the Commission staff.

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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-467 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 sheet set forth in the Opinion and Findings herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant keep on hand for six (6) months from the date of service or customer acceptance of a competitive bid all cost data pertaining to that Centron customer service.

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

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 14th day of February, 1984.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Harold D. Simpson
Chairman

ATTEST:

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Duane D. Gay

Terrence L. Kubick
Executive Secretary