

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the application of)	Application No. C-518
Nebraska Central Telephone Company,)	
Gibbon, Nebraska, for authority to)	GRANTED
establish depreciation rates for the)	
COE and toll Carrier accounts.)	Entered: July 17, 1984

OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed May 18, 1984, the Nebraska Central Telephone Company, Gibbon, Nebraska, seeks authority to amend certain of its depreciation rates.

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.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Commission's order in Application No. 33118, maximum depreciation rates for each class of plant have been established. Companies may file and put these rates into effect upon the submission of a letter to the Commission. For two classes of plant, Central Office Equipment (to be retired), and Toll Carrier, Applicant seeks approval of depreciation rates which exceed those allowed in Application No. 33118.

Applicant is engaged in a service improvement program which will result in the replacement of a substantial portion of its central office switching equipment and the toll carrier. In order to reduce the extraordinary retirement which will result, Applicant seeks approval of depreciation rates of 22% for central office equipment and 11% for toll carrier equipment effective June 1, 1984.

Having considered the application and attending circumstances, the Commission finds that the facts and circumstances justify the approval of the proposed depreciation rates. However, the Commission finds that the approval of these rates is limited to this particular case and in no way should be understood that the Commission has abandoned the use or applicability of extraordinary retirements.

The application is fair and reasonable, is in the public interest and should be granted, with the depreciation rates to be effective June 1, 1984.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-518 be and it is hereby granted and the Nebraska Central Telephone Company be and it is hereby authorized to use the depreciation rates of 22% for central office equipment (to be retired) and 11% for toll carrier, effective June 1, 1984.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 17th day of July, 1984.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Harold D. Simpson
Chairman

ATTEST:

Ann S. Munger
Executive Secretary

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Duane D. Gay