

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	Application No. C-549
Northwestern Bell Telephone Company,)	
Omaha, Nebraska, for approval of tariff)	GRANTED
sheets of its Wide Area Telephone)	
Service Tariff.)	Entered: January 29, 1985

APPEARANCES: For the applicant
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OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed October 2, 1984, 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.

Pursuant to notice required by law, public hearing was held on the application on December 19, 1984 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln, Nebraska with appearance as shown. Further hearing was held on January 14, 1985.

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 is an Iowa corporation duly authorized to do business in Nebraska with its principal place of business in Omaha, Nebraska. It is engaged in the telephone business as a common carrier and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

2. Harold Walker, Manager of Pricing for Nebraska testified for applicant. Applicant proposes to revise its tariff to restructure its rates for 800 service and two-way WATS. During 1984, applicant has billed these customers for both itself and for AT&T Communications of the Midwest under a waiver to the Modified Final Judgement because it was not possible to determine if a call was interLATA or intraLATA. This information will be available in January 1985 and both applicant and AT&T Communication of the Midwest will begin to bill customers separately. The proposed rate schedule will bill for the access line and for intraLATA usage. No increase or decrease in total revenue is proposed, however individual customers will experience increases and decreases. If the current rates were not changed all customers would experience substantial increases.

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3. This application was heard at the same time as a similar application (C-551) by AT&T Communications of the Midwest.

4. William Miller, Telephone Network Manager for the State Division of Communications testified that the changes proposed by applicant and AT&T Communications of the Midwest would result in an increase of approximately \$84,100 per year for the Division. About four-fifths of this increase would be billed by AT&T Communications of the Midwest and includes increases previously allowed. The remaining one-fifth would be billed by The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company which concurs in applicant's rates.

5. It was pointed out that larger users would experience increases while small users would experience decreases.

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-549 be and it is hereby granted and Northwestern Bell Telephone Company be and it is hereby authorized to revise its tariff as set forth in the Opinion and Findings herein.

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

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 29th day of January, 1985.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Harold D. Simpson
Chairman

ATTEST:

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Duane D. Gay

Donald Adams
Executive Secretary