BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)
United Telephone Company of the West,)
Scottsbluff, Nebraska, for authority)
to Increase its Rates and Charges.)

Application No. C-574

ORDER APPROVING RATE SCHEDULE

Entered: July 15, 1986

OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By order entered May 27, 1986, the Commission granted the above-captioned application in part and authorized United Telephone Company of the West to increase its rates and charges to produce additional annual revenue of \$746,403.

In accordance with that order, applicant has submitted a schedule of rates, charges and tariff provisions which include increases in non-recurring charges, extended area service, local exchange service and general auxiliary services. Upon examination of the proposed rates we find that they conform to the order entered May 27, 1986 and should be approved, effective August 1, 1986.

Pursuant to the provision of Section 75-128 R.S. Neb. the applicant implemented a portion of its proposed rates on October 1, 1985, subject to refund. The annual dollar value of the rates implemented is \$664,871 which results in a total refund of \$554,110. This refund is allocated to the affected subscribers in accordance with a plan of refund submitted by the applicant. We have examined this plan and find that it conforms with the increase allowed.

We further find that the refund should be made by check to be issued not later than October 1, 1986 with interest at the rate of 11.67% per annum.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the rate schedules and tariffs referred to in the Opinion and Findings herein be and they are hereby approved, effective August 1, 1986.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the plan of refund referred to in the Opinion and Findings herein be and its is hereby approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that such refund be by check to be issued not later than October 1, 1986 and will include interest at 11.67% per annum.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 15th day of July, 1986.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Secretary

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//Bob Brayton

//s//James F. Munnelly

//s//Eric Rasmussen //s//Harold D. Simpson