

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the application)	Application No. C-595
of Northwestern Bell Telephone)	
Company, Omaha, Nebraska, for)	
authority to Adjust the Rates and)	ORDER APPROVING RATE SCHEDULE
Charges for Telephone Service)	AND PLAN OF REFUND
Furnished by it in the State of)	
Nebraska.)	Entered: February 17, 1987

BY THE COMMISSION:

Pursuant to Commission order entered December 23, 1986, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Omaha, Nebraska, has submitted for the Commission's approval a schedule of rates and tariffs that are designed to produce additional intrastate annual revenue of \$7,914,366. The proposed schedule of rates and tariffs is incorporated herein by reference.

In the order of December 23, 1986, the Commission directed that in preparing its rate design the Applicant should take the interim rates it had put into effect on January 8, 1986 and reduce those rates in an annual amount of \$2,960,634.

In that order the Commission also directed the Applicant to file tariffs which incorporate the following staff proposals :

1. Present rate groups will be folded into two groups. Group A will include all exchanges offering measured service and group B will include all other exchanges.

2. The charge for EAS will be isolated and listed separately on the customer's bill.

3. The additional monthly charge for touch tone service will be discontinued. The annual revenue presently being recovered with this charge will now be a portion of the access line rate assessed against all subscribers.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

1. The Commission has examined the proposed schedule of rates and tariffs and finds that it conforms to the directions contained in the December 23, 1986 order, and should be implemented.

2. Applicant shall file a list of those exchanges that will temporarily require a customer call to the business office to activate touch tone calling on their line. Applicant will also submit a schedule for each affected office reflecting the elimination of this notification requirement by April 1, 1988.

3. Pursuant to the order entered December 23, 1986 the Applicant has also submitted for the Commission's approval a revised plan of refund. The revised plan of refund is incorporated herein by reference.

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4. The Commission has examined the revised plan of refund and finds that it is fair and reasonable and conforms to the directions contained in the December 23, 1986 order. The Commission directs that for a subscriber who currently has active service with the Applicant, the refund due shall take the form of a credit against the subscriber's future telephone charges. In the case of a subscriber who is entitled to a refund and who is no longer an active subscriber to Applicant's telephone service, Applicant shall issue the refund to that subscriber in the form of a check. All refunds shall bear interest at the rate of 10.22% per annum, which is 90% of the Applicant's overall authorized rate of return.

5. The rates and charges approved herein shall become effective no later than April 8, 1987. Refunds to subscribers shall be in the manner and according to the time schedule set forth in the plan of refund.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission pursuant to the order entered December 23, 1986 in Application No. C-595 that Applicant be and it is hereby authorized to charge and collect the rates and charges, approved in the Opinion and Findings, effective no later than April 8, 1987.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicant shall file a schedule listing those exchanges where a customer call is required to activate touch tone calling. This schedule shall include all company plans to eliminate this notification requirement on or before April 1, 1988 as set forth in the Opinion and Findings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicant shall make refunds to subscribers in the manner and according to the time schedule set forth in the revised plan of refund as modified herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all present rates and charges for telephone service not herein modified, revised or replaced shall remain in full force and effect.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 17th day of February, 1987.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Eric Rasmussen
Chairman

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//James F. Munnelly
//s//Eric Rasmussen
//s//Harold D. Simpson

ATTEST:

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Executive Secretary

COMMISSIONERS DISSENTING:

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