

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) Application No. C-777  
of US West Communications for )  
authority to revise existing ) GRANTED  
depreciation rates. )  
 ) Entered: August 22, 1989

APPEARANCES: For the Applicant  
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OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed July 7, 1989, US West Communications, Omaha, Nebraska, seeks authority to revise existing depreciation rates retroactive to January 1, 1989.

Notice of the filing of the application was published pursuant to the provisions of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. No protests or petitions to intervene were filed, and thus this application may be processed administratively pursuant to the Commission's Rules. Upon consideration of the application, the information presented to the Commission staff by applicant and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

1. The applicant is a corporation domesticated under the laws of Nebraska with offices located in Omaha, Nebraska. Applicant is a common carrier furnishing general communications services for hire in Nebraska under the jurisdiction of this Commission.

2. The books and records of the applicant, including statements of the costs of property and of operating revenues and operating expenses covering its communications property and services are maintained in accordance with the accounting rules and regulations of the FCC as adopted in Chapter V, Section 002.24 of this Commission's Rules and Regulations.

3. This application is submitted in accordance with this Commission's order entered in Application No. C-664 on April 14, 1987, which requires a depreciation rate review of the applicant by the Commission on a triennial basis beginning in 1989.

4. Applicant's revised depreciation rates, applied to January 1, 1989 plant balances, would reduce annual depreciation expense by \$5,523,000. The intrastate portion of the reduction will be \$3,631,000.

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5. Statement A, attached to and made part of this order, reflects the parameters agreed to at the 3-way depreciation meeting held at Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 1-4, 1989.

6. Based upon the information which applicant has presented to the Commission staff and the independent analysis thereof which has been performed by the staff, the Commission finds that the depreciation rates found in the column entitled "Rate %" under the heading "Rates Effective in 1989" of Statement A attached hereto are fair and reasonable, are supported by the evidence and are hereby approved.

7. The application is fair and reasonable, is in the public interest and should be granted as set forth above.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-777 is hereby granted and the applicant US West Communications is hereby authorized to revise its depreciation rates as set forth hereinabove effective January 1, 1989.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 22nd day of August, 1989.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

*Daniel G. Urwiller*  
Chairman

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Duane D. Gay*  
//s//Frank E. Landis, Jr.  
//s//James Munnelly  
//s//Eric Rasmussen  
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
Executive Director