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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-858
of GTE North, Incorporated,)
Westfield, Indiana for authority) GRANTED
to adjust depreciation rates)
assigned to the Nebraska Intra-)
state Portion of its property.) Entered: September 27, 1990

OPINION AND FINDINGS

By its application filed August 8, 1990, GTE North, Incorporated, Westfield, Indiana seeks authority to adjust depreciation rates assigned to the Nebraska intrastate portion of its property effective on and after January 1, 1991.

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. Applicant is a common carrier furnishing general communications 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.

4. Pursuant to applicable provisions of Nebraska and federal law, representatives of the staffs of the Commission, GTE North, and the Federal Communications Commission met on March 20, 1990 and March 21, 1990 to discuss appropriate depreciation rates for the Company in what is commonly referred as a "three way meeting". This meeting was concluded on March 21, 1990 after reaching agreement on the appropriate depreciation parameters to be used by GTE North on and after January 1, 1991.

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5. The document embodying the three way agreement and that reached between the Nebraska Commission staff and GTE North is expressed in Exhibit 'A' attached hereto and by reference made a part of this order.

6. This application seeks Commission approval of the agreement reached at the three way meeting and the depreciation rates and amortization schedules contained in Exhibit 'A' to be recorded on its books beginning on January 1, 1991.

7. Applicant's revised depreciation rates, applied to December 31, 1989 plant balances, would reduce the Nebraska intrastate annual depreciation expense by \$483,000.

8. 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 parameters and the resulting remaining life rates found under the heading AGREEMENT on Exhibit 'A' attached hereto are fair and reasonable, are supported by the evidence and are hereby approved.

9. 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-858 is hereby granted and the applicant GTE North, Incorporated is hereby authorized to adjust depreciation rates assigned to its Nebraska intrastate portion of its property as set forth above effective January 1, 1991.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 27th day of September, 1990.

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:

John R. King
Executive Director