BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

| In the Matter of the Application |) Application No. C-1086 |
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| of GTE Midwest Inc., of Grinnell, | |
| Iowa seeking authority to adjust |) GRANTED |
| its depreciation rates assigned | |
| to the Nebraska intrastate por- |) |
| tion of its property. |) Entered: September 13, 1994 |

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

By application filed July 12, 1994, GTE Midwest Inc. (GTE), of Grinnell, Iowa seeks authority from the Commission to adjust its depreciation rates assigned to its intrastate property in Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in the Omaha Daily Record, July 25, 1994. No protests to the application were received; therefore, the matter will be processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure (see Title 291, Ch. 1, Rule 018.03).

BY THE COMMISSION

OPINION AND FINDINGS

Upon consideration of the application, the governing statutes and rules, and being fully informed, the Commission is of the opinion and finds:

Representatives of the Nebraska Public Service Commission (the Commission), GTE, and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) met on April 18, 1994 through April 20, 1994 in order to discuss appropriate depreciation rates for GTE. From this colloquium, came generally agreed upon parameters which would be submitted to the Commission. The attached proposal, Exhibit A, reflects the depreciation rates which were discussed and accepted by all parties in attendance at the meeting. GTE now submits the changes to the Commission for final approval.

Based on the application and the exhibits, the application is fair and reasonable, is in the public interest, and should be granted.

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ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1086 be, and it is hereby, granted and GTE Midwest Inc., of Grinnell, Iowa is hereby authorized to adjust its depreciation rates assigned to the Nebraska intrastate portion of its property as reflected in attached Exhibit A.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the new depreciation rates and amortization rates will be effective beginning January 1, 1995.

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska this 13th day of September, 1994.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Executive Director

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//Duane D. Gay

//s//Rod Johnson
//s//Frank Landis, Jr.

//s//James F. Munnelly

ATTEST: