

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Application No. C-1416
on its own motion, to investigate)
GTE Midwest Incorporated's cost)
to establish rates for inter-)
connection, unbundled network) ORDER CLOSING DOCKET
elements, transport and)
termination and resale services.) Entered: February 6, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

On September 19, 1996, the Commission opened this docket as a generic proceeding to investigate GTE Midwest Incorporated's (GTE) costs in order to establish rates for interconnection, unbundled network elements, transport and termination and resale services.

On October 27, 1999, GTE and Citizens Communication Company of Nebraska, Stamford, Connecticut, (Citizens) filed a joint application with the Commission seeking authority for approval of the acquisition of the GTE telephone exchanges and assets within the state by Citizens. After a series of public hearings, the Commission approved the acquisition by Citizens of the exchanges and assets owned by GTE on April 5, 2000.

F I N D I N G S

At the time of the approval of that acquisition, the Commission intended Citizens to stand in place of GTE in this docket. Based on the Commission's continuing work on pricing in Docket Nos. C-2256 and C-2172, the Commission finds that it would be more appropriate to resolve pricing issues for areas served by Citizens within the context of those dockets, or alternately, for the Commission to open a separate pricing docket with respect to Citizens. In either case, the Commission finds that this docket should be closed.

The Commission reserves the right to extract data, information, opinions, testimony and evidence, from this file for use in the pricing dockets, as it deems reasonable, necessary and appropriate.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Docket No. C-1416 should be, and is hereby, closed.

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska on this 6th day of February, 2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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ATTEST:

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