BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

| In the Matter of the Application |) | Application No. C-1488 |
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| of the Arlington Telephone Company |) | |
| and the Blair Telephone Company both |) | |
| of Blair, Nebraska, seeking author- |) | GRANTED |
| ity to include the Fremont exchange |) | |
| in their Expanded Area Calling |) | |
| Plan. |). | Entered: March 25, 1997 |

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On February 13, 1997, an application was filed by the Arlington Telephone Company and the Blair Telephone Company both of Blair, Nebraska, seeking authority to include the Fremont exchange in their Expanded Area Calling Plan (EACP). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record on February 17, 1997. No protests were filed; therefore, this application has been administered pursuant to the Commission's modified procedure rule.

This Commission has approved Extended Area Service (EAS) between Omaha and Fremont to be effective June 1, 1997, pursuant to Application No. C-1306. Applicants state that in conjunction with the implementation of EAS between Omaha and Fremont, US West intends to implement EAS from the Omaha calling area to Arlington, Blair, Fort Calhoun and Kennard.

The applicants have offered customers an EACP since June 11, 1996, allowing customers to call certain exchanges within the Omaha calling area. The EACP provides calling from the applicants' exchanges to the Omaha calling area for \$.10 per minute. The applicants seek authority from the Commission to include calls from the applicants' exchanges to the Fremont exchange beginning May 11, 1997. If approved, the EACP will be provided hence as follows:

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EACP from: Arlington Blair Fort Calhoun Kennard

EACP to: Omaha, which includes the following offices: Bellevue, Douglas Street, Fort Street, Fowler Street, Izard Street. O Street, 78th Street, 84th Street, LaVista, Papillion, Ralston, 90th Street, 135th Street, and 156th Street Bennington Elkhorn Fremont Gretna Springfield **Valley** Waterloo Carter Lake, Iowa

Upon consideration of the application and being fully informed, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the application should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application C-1488 be, and it is hereby, granted.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that the Arlington Telephone Company and the Blair Telephone Company revise their tariffs accordingly.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 25th day of March, 1997.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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