

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-1504
of United Telephone Company of the)
West d/b/a Sprint, of Overland) GRANTED
Park, Kansas, seeking approval of)
its intrastate Prescription Plan.) Entered: April 24, 1997

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

On March 19, 1997, an application was filed by the United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a Sprint (Sprint), of Overland Park, Kansas, seeking approval of its 1+ IntraLATA Presubscription Plan (the Plan). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record on March 20, 1997. AT&T filed a formal intervention to the application on April 22, 1997. No protests were received; therefore, we will process this application pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Under 47 C.F.R. Part 51, a local exchange carrier must file a plan for providing IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity with the Commission. The rule requires Sprint to convert all technically feasible offices on or before August 8, 1997. Sprint proposes to provide 1+ IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity to 82% of Sprint's access lines in Nebraska by August 8, 1997. Two exchanges will be converted after the August deadline, Gering and Broadwater. Both Gering and Broadwater are scheduled to have IntraLATA Dialing Parity in 1997. Sprint is required to notify the Federal Communications Commission of any exchanges which will not have intraLATA dialing parity by August 8, 1997.

Sprint's Plan provides for 60 day advance notice of cutovers to carriers and 30 days advance notice to customers. Sprint will implement the full 2-PIC carrier selection method which will enable customers to presubscribe to one carrier for interLATA toll calls and the same or a different carrier for intraLATA toll calls. Existing customers will be permitted to presubscribe to any available telecommunications carrier offering 1+ intraLATA toll service one time, free of charge, any time within the first 180 days after implementation. All subsequent intraLATA PIC changes will be assessed a PIC change charge. After cutover, customers that do not choose to move to another 1+ intraLATA provider will remain with US West.

New customers will be permitted to choose a 1+ interLATA and a 1+ intraLATA toll carrier. New customers that do not make an intraLATA carrier selection will be identified as "no PIC" and must dial 10XXX or some other dialing scheme to place intraLATA toll calls.

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Consistent with 47 C.F.R. Section 51.215, Sprint is entitled to recover the incremental costs necessary for the implementation of toll dialing parity. Sprint proposes to recoup the incremental cost of implementing IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity over a period not to exceed 3 years. A cost recovery per minute rate will be developed by Sprint based upon the identified costs divided by the total originating intrastate minutes of use. Sprint proposes to bill this temporary adder to the existing Carrier Common Line rate element.

Having reviewed the Plan and applicable rules, we conclude that the Plan should be adopted. While Sprint's plan is reasonable and should be adopted, the Commission recognizes that other carriers may propose different schedules of satisfying their 1+ intraLATA dialing parity obligation. Nothing in this Order should be construed as limiting the Commission from accepting another carrier's proposed implementation method so long as it also complies with all applicable rules.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application C-1504 be, and it is hereby granted and the 1+ IntraLATA Presubscription Implementation Plan submitted on behalf of United Telephone Company of the West, Inc., d/b/a Sprint, of Overland Park, Kansas, is hereby approved as filed, effective on the date hereof.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of April, 1997.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

[Signature of Rod Johnson]

[Signature of Anne C. Boyle]

//s//Rod Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

[Signature of Rod Johnson]

ATTEST:

[Signature of Robert B. Logsdon]
Executive Director