

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of	)	Application No. C-1595
GTE Midwest Inc., of Grinnell,	)	
Iowa, seeking authority to adjust	)	
its depreciation rates assigned to	)	GRANTED
the Nebraska intrastate por-	)	
tion of its property.	)	Entered: October 8, 1997

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

By application filed July 21, 1997, 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 The Daily Record, July 23, 1997. 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).

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

Representative of the Nebraska Public Service Commission (the Commission) and GTE met on April 24, 1997, to discuss appropriate depreciation rates for GTE. From this colloquium, came generally agreed upon parameters which would be submitted to the Commission. The attached two-page proposal, Exhibit A, reflects the depreciation rates which were discussed and accepted by 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.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1595 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 the two-page Exhibit A, attached to and a part of this order.


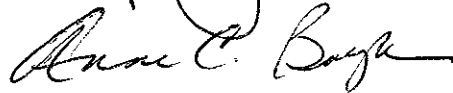
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the new depreciation rates and amortization contained in Exhibit A will be effective beginning January 1, 1997.

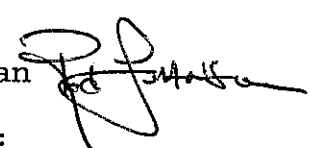
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 8th day of October, 1997.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman 

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director