BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) Application No. C-2041
of United Telephone Company of the)
West, dba Sprint of Scottsbluff,) APPLICATION INCORPORATED INTO
Nebraska, seeking authority to) DOCKET NO. NUSF-5/C-2045
increase its basic local exchange)
rates.) Entered: May 26, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed April 29, 1999, United Telephone Company of the West, dba Sprint (Applicant) seeks authority to increase its basic local exchange rates. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 30, 1999, pursuant to Commission Rules.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

The Commission is of the opinion that it would be wasteful of Commission resources and add undue expense and delay to the process to require each company to separately justify an increase in basic local exchange rates in connection with the submission of a compliant transition plan.

As such, the Commission finds that it would be in the interest of administrative economy to approve, at one time, all proposed local rate increases to the extent practicable. Therefore, the application of United Telephone Company of the West, dba Sprint will be merged with and incorporated into Docket No. NUSF-5/C-2045 for consideration thereunder.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2041 be, and it is hereby, merged with and incorporated into Docket No. NUSF-5/C-2045 for consideration thereunder.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 26th day of May, 1999.

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NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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

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