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Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

We are pleased to submit to you the Commission's 1990 Annual Report on Telecommunications. This report covers the period of November 1, 1989, to October 31, 1990.

This report is submitted in compliance with the Telecommunications Act of 1986 and specifically addresses the items cited in §86-804, Neb. Rev. Stat. (1943) as amended of that Act.

Respectfully submitted,

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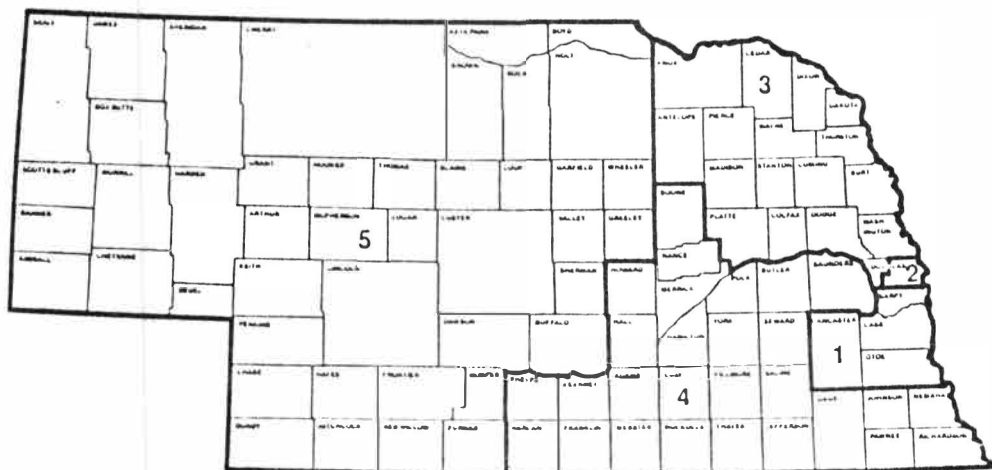
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the fourth annual report prepared for the Nebraska Unicameral as required by the Telecommunications Act of 1986 (LB 835). This report contains information regarding the accomplishments and concerns of the Commission and the activities of the telecommunications industry during the past year.

This report is intended to help Nebraska State Senators and their staff, telecommunications policymakers, and the general public monitor the impact of LB 835, a major deregulation law adopted in 1986. This report has two broad perspectives. First, issues for legislation are presented and discussed to assist the Legislature in formulating policy for the 1990's. Second, because of considerable information compiled for research and administrative purposes, the report is to assist and serve as a tool for the industry.

This report contains facts and figures pertaining to the telecommunications industry in Nebraska. The Commission's recommendation for proposed legislation is the heart of this report. The Nebraska Supreme Court last year strongly emphasized the value of this report to the Legislature by stressing the obligation of the Commission to suggest additional legislation.

The objectives of this report are threefold:

Chapter One examines the quality of telecommunications services being provided to the citizens of Nebraska. The first section of Chapter One examines telephone complaints. A total of 301 informal complaints were received from telephone subscribers. This represents a 25 percent increase over the 241 complaints received in the last reporting period. As a result of complaints received regarding 900 services, the Commission adopted new rules and regulations in that area.

The last section of Chapter One examines the service testing of each of the central offices in the state. Quality of service is monitored through an on-site Commission testing program, one of the few Commission funded programs in the nation. Several concerns were expressed by customers this year regarding upgraded central office equipment. Ironically, some subscribers were dissatisfied with modern technology feeling the older system was less expensive and more suited to their needs. This occurred in fire stations, small businesses and residences. However, the majority of Nebraska subscribers appear to desire modern state-of-the-art equipment.

Chapter Two summarizes the availability of diverse and affordable telecommunications services to all citizens of Nebraska. This year, several new services sparked a lot of interest, such as caller identification, 911 service, deaf relay service and various unique calling features.

One of the most enjoyable tasks this year was creating a dual-party relay system. This project was a multi-agency, public-private enterprise. The Nebraska Commission for the Hearing Impaired, telephone industry representatives and an advisory committee of involved citizens worked hand in hand with the Public Service Commission on this worthwhile project. LB 240 was sponsored by Senator Tim Hall and became effective in 1990. Hamilton Telephone Company of Aurora, Nebraska was awarded the bid and service should be operating by January 1, 1991.

The most controversial issue the Commission faced was the availability and price of Extended Area Service within the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Service Area. More than 400 letters and 750 telephone calls were received by the Commission in connection with this issue. Approximately 800 people attended the six public hearings the Commission held on the proposals.

Alternative services are expanding with local measured service available and optional calling plans becoming available to certain communities. Equal access to long distance carriers is expanding in our state. Twelve resellers of telecommunications services have applied for certificates in the past twelve months. Five applications were granted, two were denied, and five are pending.

Although currently not within the jurisdiction of the Commission, the summary of diverse services would not be complete without acknowledging that cellular, radio, digital, microwave, satellite and optical fiber services are available in Nebraska. Most of these services have been exempted from regulation by §86-808. Consultants frequently inquire about state regulation in these areas. Cellular service continues to grow and the Commission receives regular complaints and inquiries. The Commission recommends that registration of cellular services be legislated in order to monitor providers.

Chapter Three reports on the level of rates of local exchange and interexchange telecommunications companies. As in the past, the Commission is pleased to report that the telecommunications industry in Nebraska is very healthy.

In the last report, Commissions in 34 states and the District of Columbia had ordered rate reductions. In 1990, Kansas and Michigan were added to the list. Nationally, the second quarter of 1990 was the 14th consecutive quarter in which rate reductions exceeded increases. This trend helps explain why we have some telephone companies that have not had to increase their basic rates for decades, and why the Commission has recommended rate re-regulation the past four years.

Lastly, the summary section includes the recommendations of the Commission.

LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Highest Priority

Repeal the sunset clause on the consumer's right to petition.

Repeal the sunset clause on de-averaging of toll rates.

Not Prioritized

Study whether Extended Area Service should be considered basic local service.

Allow subscribers 120 days (rather than 60) to petition the Commission and allow the telephone company to implement the proposed rate increase after 60 days of notice. This allows the public adequate time to petition while avoiding regulatory lag. Consumers would be granted refunds if the proposed rate increase is ultimately determined to be too high.

Reduce the percentage of increase that a company can implement from ten percent to five percent annually.

Reduce by one half the required percentage of petitioners for US West and Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company subscribers. US West would then need one percent and LT&T one and one half percent of affected subscribers to petition before a hearing could be held.

Allow the Commission to review a company's rate of return if the company experiences a tax windfall.

Clear up the discrepancy on the dates when a company can reapply for a rate increase.

Change the standard from actual cost to fair, just and reasonable.

Recommendations in Areas Other Than LB 835

Mandate that failure to disclose the cost of a 900 call in a 900 advertisement is an unfair trade practice.

Allow the Commission to coordinate the 911 surcharge to assist Nebraska communities in utilizing 911 services.

Provide for a civil fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000 for offering telecommunications services or operating an automatic dialing-announcing device without proper authority.

It is hoped that this report will be a useful tool for the Unicameral to keep pace with the developments in the telecommunications field. The Commission offers its resources to assist the Legislature in enhancing affordable telecommunications service.

One

A review of the quality
of telecommunications
service being provided
to the citizens of Nebraska

TELEPHONE COMPLAINTS

Pursuant to the Commission's Rules and Regulations, when a subscriber has a telephone complaint, the complaint shall first be made to the telephone company involved. If the telephone company fails to resolve the complaint to the subscriber's satisfaction, the Nebraska Public Service Commission will work with the subscriber and the telephone company to resolve the complaint.

During the twelve month reporting period, 301 complaints were received from telephone subscribers. Table 1 categorizes the complaints and shows a comparison to the number of complaints received the previous year.

—Table 1—

<u>Complaints</u>	<u>November 1, 1988 to October 31, 1989</u>	<u>November 1, 1989 to October 31, 1990</u>
Service	80	106
Billing	70	68
Miscellaneous	91	103
900#	--	24
Total	241	301

Of the 301 complaints received, 87.0% were against either the Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) or an Interexchange Carrier (IXC). Table 2 provides a further breakdown.

—Table 2—

<u>Complaints</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
Local Exchange Carriers	216	71.8
Interexchange Carriers	46	15.3
Automatic Dialers/976	17	5.6
Alternate Operator Services	12	3.9
Telemarketing	7	2.4
Others	3	1.0
Total	301	100.0

The categories in Table 2 are explained more fully below. The explanation also includes examples of the types of complaints the Commission receives.

Local Exchange Carriers:

Local exchange service is provided by 37 regulated companies in Nebraska. Of these, the five largest companies serve all but 7.0% of the total access lines.

Table 3 shows the number of complaints received against each of the five largest telephone companies and the 32 other telephone companies and five co-ops.

These complaints exclude those received as a result of the LT&T Extended Area Service (EAS) proposal. They are reported in a separate section.

—Table 3—

<u>LEC</u>	<u>Complaints</u>	<u>Access Lines</u>	<u>Percent of Total Access Lines</u>
US West	108	458,295	54.3
LT&T	49	226,670	27.3
GTE North	13	47,881	5.5
Great Plains	12	24,991	3.0
United	10	23,669	2.9
Others	24	59,677	7.0
Total	216	841,183	100.0

Complaints against Local Exchange Carriers (LEC's) are divided into three categories - service, billing and miscellaneous.

A complaint of trouble on the line, such as static, cut-offs during calls, or the line going dead are examples of service complaints.

Billing complaints usually arise when a subscriber has repeatedly asked the company to take a charge off the monthly bill, such as a long distance call which a subscriber disputed, but which continues to appear on the bill.

Another typical billing complaint involves refusal of service or disconnection. In many instances, the subscriber has a past due bill and has been disconnected. In order to reestablish service, the subscriber must pay the old bill and make a deposit. Similarly, a subscriber who now has service may be threatened with disconnection unless the past due bill is paid. In addition, the telephone company may require a deposit. In both of these instances, the telephone company's policy must comply with the Commission's Rules and Regulations. While these requirements may make it difficult for some people to obtain or keep their service,

it protects the telephone company from large uncollectible bills and other telephone subscribers from bearing the expense of the uncollectible accounts.

Other complaints are of a miscellaneous nature. Examples of complaints in this category are deposit requirements, harassing or obscene telephone calls, errors in directory listings, an error in the subscriber's directory advertising or trouble with privately owned coin phones.

Interexchange Carriers:

Complaints against long distance companies are often billing problems such as being back-billed for calls, receiving several months' billing at one time, or not being properly credited for a payment. Since equal access, there have also been complaints of a subscriber's long distance carrier being changed from one IXC to another without the subscriber's permission.

Alternate Operator Service:

Alternate Operator Services (AOS's) compete with AT&T and LEC operators. Typically, their service is through semi-public payphones and phones in hotels, motels and hospitals. Their rates may be higher than what people expect to be charged. In many cases, calls are routed to the AOS provider without the caller even realizing it.

Automatic Dialers and 900/960/976 Complaints:

Over this last year, the Commission received multiple complaints regarding automatic dialing-announcing devices and 900/960/976 information charges.

The Commission has registered the use of 31 dialers in the state. Those used for advertising or solicitation purposes have paid the fee of \$500 per device. Dialers are used in a variety of ways. To name a few, the Commission has licensed or registered a church, retail store, state agency, collection bureau and multiple insurance companies. The permit is valid for two years and then must be renewed. The Commission investigates complaints to determine if a valid license is held by the user of the device and contacts the user to disconnect if operating in the state without a license. The Commission contacts the appropriate law enforcement agency to enforce the act.

The Commission has assisted multiple households in regard to 900, 960 and 976 charges on their telephone bills. The 900/960/976 numbers are general information services such as weather or sports information, gab or talk lines, adult entertainment and children's programming. One can access these services through long distance carriers or local exchange carriers. The Commission received a number of customer complaints involving access by children and other unauthorized persons to these numbers without knowledge or

permission of the subscriber. Blocking of access to these numbers was offered, prior to the Commission ordering it, by GTE North and US West in Nebraska, however, it was not available across the state.

This past year, the Commission adopted a rule and regulation requiring each local exchange company to provide blocking of any of the 900 series numbers at no cost to the subscriber. This service is offered where facilities are available, only upon the request of the customer, and without interruption of any other services. The Commission also required that failure to pay for 900, 960 or 976 calls disputed by the customer would not result in a disconnection.

The Commission will continue to work with any household that has incurred bills due to misuse of the 900/960/976 services.

CONSUMER TOLL FREE HOTLINE

(800-526-0017)

The Nebraska Public Service Commission has installed an instate consumer hotline. This toll free number has been heavily utilized this past year by Nebraska consumers.

SERVICE TESTING

To ensure telecommunications service is adequate, the Commission has emphasized the importance of service testing in all telephone company central offices in the state.

The Commission service evaluation program is designed to test and inspect every central office in the state once every two years. The percentage of local, EAS and toll completion tests which fail Commission objectives has steadily declined due in part to the installation of digital switching equipment, placement of fiber optic cable and improved central office maintenance procedures as recommended by the Commission staff.

During the first 11 months of 1990, the staff has conducted tests at 204 central offices throughout Nebraska. The majority of the central offices tested have met the Commission standards, however, follow-up tests and trouble report monitoring insure these standards will be met in the future in locations that fail to initially meet objectives.

The testing program includes placing local, EAS and toll calls through the use of a Northeast Electronics 41-3A central office analyzer. This equipment enables the operator to simulate subscriber usage by placing both dial pulse and touch tone calls using different loop and leak conditions. All trouble encountered is documented and corrected, if possible, and each company is informed of the nature of the trouble encountered when Commission objectives are not attained. Follow-up testing is sometimes necessary to insure trouble has been corrected and necessary maintenance performed at locations which initially failed to meet these objectives. All tests and inspections are designed to make certain each certificated local exchange carrier in Nebraska is providing adequate telecommunications service and is in compliance with Commission Rules and Regulations.

Two

A review of the availability
of diverse and affordable
telecommunications services
to all of the people of Nebraska

This chapter examines the availability of diverse and affordable telecommunications services to all of the people of Nebraska.

CENTRAL OFFICE DATA

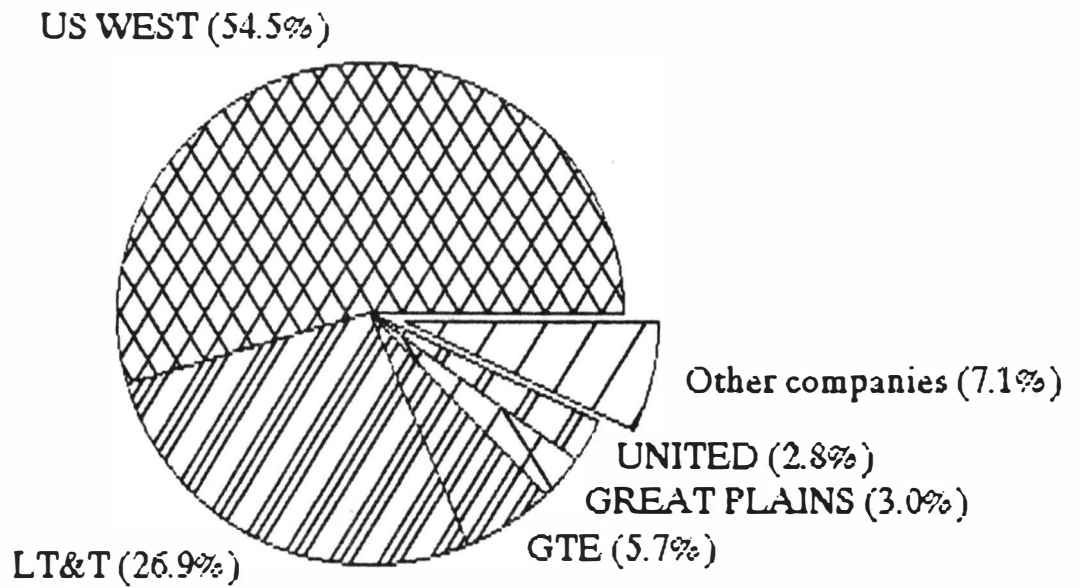
Central offices are the heart of the telecommunications network and an essential element in determining the quality of service provided by local exchange carriers. The technology employed in these end offices impacts the availability of equal access as well as enhanced services such as call waiting, call forwarding and conference calling. Table 4 shows the type and approximate age of the technology used in Nebraska.

Table 4

Switching Technology			
<u>Technology</u>	<u>Number of Switches</u>	<u>Percent Total</u>	<u>Age in Years</u>
Step-by-step	172	36.3%	3-40
Leich Relay	10	2.1%	25-33
Crossbar	27	5.7%	13-28
Electronic	23	4.9%	6-19
Digital	<u>242</u>	<u>51.0%</u>	0-11
Total	474	100.0%	
Source: 1989 Telephone Company Annual Reports, Nebraska Public Service Commission			

ACCESS LINES

State of Nebraska



Includes unregulated companies such as co-ops.

ACCESS LINE & EXCHANGE DATA

1/1/90

COMPANY	ACCESS LINES		NUMBER OF		COMPANY	ACCESS LINES		NUMBER OF	
	BUS.	RES.	TOTAL	EXCHANGES		BUS.	RES.	TOTAL	EXCHANGES
US WEST	110,612	320,405	458,295	95	LT&T	49,474	163,456	226,670	137
LT&T	49,474	163,456	226,670	137	US WEST	110,612	320,405	458,295	95
GTE	10,456	33,367	47,881	37	GREAT PLAINS	3,966	20,504	24,991	51
GREAT PLAINS	3,966	20,504	24,991	51	GTE	10,456	33,367	47,881	37
UNITED	5,138	18,245	23,669	13	CONSOLIDATED	353	2,396	2,802	15
NEBRASKA CENTRAL	953	4,877	5,925	12	UNITED	5,138	18,245	23,669	13
HAMILTON	938	3,837	5,325	9	NEBRASKA CENTRAL	953	4,877	5,925	12
BLAIR	999	4,286	5,320	3	NORTHEAST NEBRASKA	379	3,345	3,870	12
SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA	565	3,248	3,873	2	HAMILTON	938	3,837	5,325	9
NORTHEAST NEBRASKA	379	3,345	3,870	12	GLENWOOD	389	2,192	2,609	9
CONSOLIDATED	353	2,396	2,802	15	EASTERN NEBRASKA	481	1,895	2,376	8
COZAD	624	2,028	2,737	1	CONSOLIDATED TELCO	244	1,200	1,460	5
GLENWOOD	389	2,192	2,609	9	DALTON	291	955	1,260	5
EASTERN NEBRASKA	481	1,895	2,376	8	THREE RIVER	154	1,056	1,216	5
PIERCE	236	1,416	1,707	2	DILLER	72	783	865	4
HARTINGTON	448	1,011	1,462		BLAIR	999	4,286	5,320	3
CONSOLIDATED TELCO	244	1,200	1,460	5	ARAPAHOE	156	839	1,009	3
DALTON	291	955	1,260	5	CLARKS	96	835	945	3
THREE RIVER	154	1,056	1,216	5	HARTMAN	0	439	442	
CAMBRIDGE	190	965	1,164	2	SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA	565	3,248	3,873	2
HOOPER	216	934	1,159	2	PIERCE	236	1,416	1,707	2
BENKELMAN	243	906	1,157		CAMBRIDGE	190	965	1,164	2
PLAINVIEW	185	940	1,146		HOOPER	216	934	1,159	2
STANTON	180	842	1,032		ROCK COUNTY	199	797	1,002	2
ARAPAHOE	156	839	1,009	3	HOME	71	640	721	2
ROCK COUNTY	199	797	1,002	2	K&M	72	543	622	2
CLARKS	96	835	945	3	KEYSTONE-ARTHUR	75	504	593	
ARLINGTON	127	799	926		COZAD	624	2,028	2,737	
HENDERSON	76	794	888		HARTINGTON	448	1,011	1,462	
DILLER	72	783	865	4	BENKELMAN	243	906	1,157	
HEMINGFORD	109	716	837		PLAINVIEW	185	940	1,146	
CURTIS	166	577	749	1	STANTON	180	842	1,032	
HOME	71	640	721	2	ARLINGTON	127	799	926	
HERSHEY	87	592	684	1	HENDERSON	76	794	888	
WAUNETA	115	532	652	1	HEMINGFORD	109	716	837	
K&M	72	543	622	2	CURTIS	166	577	749	
KEYSTONE-ARTHUR	75	504	593	2	HERSHEY	87	592	684	
HARTMAN	0	439	442	3	WAUNETA	115	532	652	
PETERSBURG	48	381	431		PETERSBURG	48	381	431	
EUSTIS	58	370	430		EUSTIS	58	370	430	
ELSIE	26	169	202		ELSIE	26	169	202	
SODTOWN	3	76	79		SODTOWN	3	76	79	
TOTAL					TOTAL				
189,270 605,292 841,183 460					189,270 605,292 841,183 460				

EQUAL ACCESS

Equal access is a coding method enabling telephone subscribers to choose a long distance carrier that will route and bill their toll calls. In exchanges where equal access is offered, subscribers access their selected long distance carrier simply by dialing a single digit. This is identical to the procedure followed in placing toll calls prior to the availability of equal access. Subsequent to selecting a long distance carrier, the local exchange carrier must code the subscriber's access line to route toll calls to the long distance carrier selected by the subscriber. In exchanges where equal access is not available, subscribers must dial extra digits to access the alternative long distance carrier of their choice.

In Nebraska, equal access is offered in 170 exchanges serving 673,735 access lines or 80% of the total access lines. Table 5 shows the exchanges where equal access is offered or will be offered on or before January 1, 1991, the local exchange carrier serving each exchange and the date each exchange was converted to equal access. The number of long distance carriers varies on each equal access ballot depending upon the interest shown by the long distance carriers in serving the exchange.

Table 5

1/1/91 EQUAL ACCESS EXCHANGES

Exchange	Company	Conversion Date	Access Lines	Exchange	Company	Conversion Date	Access Lines
Adams	LT&T	02-Dec-89	378	Dorchester	LT&T	28-Mar-87	415
* Alexandria	LT&T	01-Dec-90	171	* Douglas	LT&T	01-Dec-90	178
Allen-Waterbury	US West	11-Feb-89	412	Dunbar	LT&T	12-Dec-87	260
Alvo-Eagle	LT&T	02-Dec-89	758	* Duncan	GTE	24-Feb-90	326
Ashland	LT&T	03-Dec-88	1,979	Dwight	LT&T	02-Dec-89	181
* Atkinson	US West	09-Mar-90	1,313	Edgar	LT&T	12-Dec-87	385
Auburn	LT&T	30-Jan-88	2,290	Edison	GTE	16-Dec-89	152
Barneston	LT&T	28-Mar-87	156	Elkhorn-Waterloo	US West	25-Jan-86	3,617
Beatrice	LT&T	28-Mar-87	7,412	Exeter	LT&T	30-May-87	440
* Beaver City	GTE	27-Oct-90	533	* Fairbury	LT&T	01-Dec-90	3,076
Beaver Crossing	LT&T	02-Dec-89	341	* Fairfield	LT&T	01-Dec-90	329
Bellevue	US West	15-Mar-85	18,431	Fairmont	LT&T	30-May-87	406
Bellwood	LT&T	30-May-87	386	Firth	LT&T	15-Nov-86	388
Benedict	LT&T	30-May-87	243	Fremont	US West	13-Dec-86	14,174
Bennet	LT&T	02-Dec-89	554	Friend	LT&T	28-Mar-87	744
Bennington	US West	07-Dec-85	849	Garland	LT&T	02-Dec-89	208
Bradshaw	LT&T	30-May-87	235	Geneva	LT&T	02-Apr-88	1,670
Brainard	LT&T	12-Dec-87	381	Gering	United	25-Jun-88	4,170
Brock	LT&T	30-Jan-88	145	* Glenvil	LT&T	01-Dec-90	321
Broken Bow	US West	31-Dec-88	2,715	Gordon	US West	31-Dec-89	1,704
Brownville	LT&T	30-Jan-88	197	Grand Island	US West	12-Mar-88	22,879
Bruno	LT&T	30-May-87	226	Greenwood	LT&T	02-Dec-89	307
* Brunswick	GTE	17-Nov-90	248	Gretna	US West	07-Dec-85	1,564
Cairo	US West	12-Mar-88	538	Hallam	LT&T	20-Jan-87	218
Carleton	LT&T	30-May-87	124	Hansen	LT&T	15-Nov-86	304
Ceresco	LT&T	30-May-87	483	Harvard	LT&T	15-Nov-86	553
Chadron	US West	30-Sep-89	3,831	Hastings	LT&T	15-Nov-86	12,854
* Chambers	K&M	12-Dec-90	451	* Heartwell	GTE	27-Jan-90	111
Clarks	Clarks	15-Nov-89	440	Hebron	LT&T	30-May-87	1,279
* Clatonia	LT&T	01-Dec-90	204	Hickman	LT&T	02-Dec-89	756
Clay Center	LT&T	12-Dec-87	554	Humphrey-Creston	US West	11-Feb-89	1,029
Columbus	GTE	28-Feb-86	12,440	* Inman	K&M	12-Dec-90	171
Cook	LT&T	12-Dec-87	332	* Jansen	LT&T	01-Dec-90	155
Cordova	LT&T	10-Nov-87	133	Johnson	LT&T	02-Dec-89	368
Cortland	LT&T	20-Jan-87	365	Julian	LT&T	30-Jan-88	83
Crab Orchard	LT&T	02-Dec-89	94	Juniata	LT&T	03-Dec-88	550
Crete	LT&T	28-Mar-87	2,812	Kearney	GTE	31-Jan-86	16,248
Davenport	LT&T	12-Dec-87	346	Kenesaw	LT&T	15-Nov-86	475
Davey	LT&T	02-Dec-89	372	Laurel	US West	11-Feb-89	755
David City	LT&T	30-May-87	1,685	* Lexington	US West	26-Jan-90	4,332
* Daykin	LT&T	01-Dec-90	228	Liberty	LT&T	28-Mar-87	132
Decatur	US West	31-Dec-89	402	Lincoln-15th&M	LT&T	15-Nov-86	63,530
Denton	LT&T	02-Dec-89	312	Lincoln-27th&OC	LT&T	15-Nov-86	12,364
Deweese	LT&T	12-Dec-87	129	Lincoln-48th&South	LT&T	15-Nov-86	26,174
* DeWitt	LT&T	01-Dec-90	458	Lincoln-49th&Walker	LT&T	15-Nov-86	21,940

* 1990 Conversions

Table 5

1/1/91 EQUAL ACCESS EXCHANGES

Exchange	Company	Conversion Date	Access Lines	Exchange	Company	Conversion Date	Access Lines
Lincoln-Air Park	LT&T	06-Jan-87	1,414	Plymouth	LT&T	28-Mar-87	393
Lindsay	GTE	29-Jul-89	380	Polk	LT&T	30-May-87	412
Louisville	LT&T	12-Dec-87	1,016	Raymond	LT&T	15-Nov-86	332
Malcolm	LT&T	02-Dec-89	450	Republican City	GTE	18-Nov-89	294
Martell	LT&T	15-Nov-86	321	* Rising City	LT&T	01-Dec-90	323
Mead	LT&T	03-Dec-88	360	Riverdale	GTE	31-Jan-86	250
Milford	LT&T	02-Dec-89	1,275	Ruskin	LT&T	03-Dec-88	162
* Monroe	GTE	24-Feb-90	264	Schuyler	US West	31-Dec-89	2,615
Morrill	United	25-Jun-88	1,085	Scottsbluff	United	25-Jun-88	10,022
Murdock	LT&T	12-Dec-87	274	Seward	LT&T	28-Mar-87	3,371
* Murray	LT&T	01-Dec-90	763	Shelby	LT&T	12-Dec-87	529
Nebraska City	LT&T	28-Mar-87	3,953	Sidney	US West	03-Dec-88	3,955
Nehawka	LT&T	30-May-87	234	So. Sioux-Dak. City	US West	11-Feb-89	6,322
Nelson	LT&T	12-Dec-87	598	Springfield	US West	26-Mar-88	1,097
Nemaha	LT&T	30-Jan-88	141	Staplehurst	Clarks	15-Nov-89	270
Norfolk	US West	11-Feb-89	13,795	* Steele City	LT&T	01-Dec-90	96
North Platte	US West	31-Dec-88	13,845	Sterling	LT&T	12-Dec-87	467
* Oakland	US West	12-Jan-90	1,010	Stromsburg	LT&T	12-Dec-87	863
Octavia	LT&T	30-May-87	123	St. Libory	US West	12-Mar-88	342
Omaha-135th St	US West	12-Jul-86	25,616	Superior	LT&T	12-Dec-87	1,626
Omaha-156th St	US West	04-May-85	14,147	Surprise	LT&T	12-Dec-87	95
Omaha-78th St	US West	27-Apr-85	14,847	* Sutton	LT&T	01-Dec-90	1,063
Omaha-84th St	US West	22-Feb-86	29,663	* Swanton	LT&T	01-Dec-90	114
Omaha-90th St	US West	15-Jun-85	37,105	Syracuse	LT&T	02-Dec-89	1,204
Omaha-Douglas	US West	13-Apr-85	49,190	Table Rock	LT&T	12-Dec-87	249
Omaha-Fort	US West	15-May-85	17,828	Tamora	LT&T	02-Dec-89	197
Omaha-Fowler	US West	07-Dec-85	23,743	Tecumseh	LT&T	02-Dec-89	1,355
Omaha-Izard	US West	29-Jun-85	35,196	* Tekamah	US West	17-Nov-90	1,302
Omaha-O St	US West	18-Jan-86	23,228	Ulysses	Clarks	15-Nov-89	235
Orchard	GTE	29-Jul-89	477	Union	LT&T	28-Mar-87	411
* Orleans	GTE	23-Jun-90	408	Utica	LT&T	10-Nov-87	502
Osceola	LT&T	12-Dec-87	758	Valley	US West	26-Mar-88	1,868
Otoe	LT&T	12-Dec-87	126	Valparaiso	LT&T	15-Nov-86	479
O'Neill	US West	31-Dec-89	2,950	Wahoo	LT&T	30-May-87	2,222
Palmyra	LT&T	02-Dec-89	390	Wakefield	US West	11-Feb-89	868
* Panama	LT&T	01-Dec-90	227	Waverly	LT&T	02-Apr-88	1,147
* Pawnee City	LT&T	01-Dec-90	779	* Wayne	US West	21-Apr-90	2,918
* Pender	US West	12-Jan-90	1,084	Weeping Water	LT&T	30-May-87	776
Peru	LT&T	02-Dec-89	447	Western	LT&T	12-Dec-87	243
Pickrell	LT&T	03-Dec-88	281	* Wilber	LT&T	01-Dec-90	1,062
Pilger	US West	11-Feb-89	371	Winside	US West	11-Feb-89	363
Platte Center	GTE	28-Feb-86	494	Wood River	US West	12-Mar-88	813
Plattsmouth	LT&T	30-May-87	3,749	* Wymore	LT&T	01-Dec-90	1,146
Pleasant Dale	LT&T	02-Dec-89	289	York	LT&T	30-May-87	4,932
Pleasanton	GTE	13-Dec-86	369				=====
						TOTAL	673,735
* 1990 Conversions							

EXTENDED AREA SERVICE

Extended Area Service (EAS) is a service permitting subscribers in one exchange to place and receive two-way switched telecommunications to and from subscribers in one or more other exchanges without a toll charge. Several companies have a separate non-optional rate for the provision of EAS, which is itemized on the monthly bill, however, many companies currently have not established EAS adders to properly recover related expenses. For those companies, EAS expenses are included in the cost of providing basic local exchange service and are recovered as a part of the basic local exchange rate. At present, 351 exchanges have either one-way or two-way EAS to 741,527 access lines or 88.1% of the total access lines in service (see Table 6). The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company provides EAS to 126 of its 137 exchanges representing 97.1% of their access lines in service. Historically, EAS has been provided on a non-optional basis, however, The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company initiated EAS service to the community of Ceresco on an optional basis. This may be a solution to future provision and pricing of EAS.

Current Nebraska statutes define EAS as separate from basic local exchange service, however, where EAS is provided on a non-optional basis, subscribers logically conclude that EAS is an element of basic local exchange service.

At the present time there are three EAS matters pending before the Commission:

On November 1, 1989, the community of Ashland filed applications with the Commission for extended area service to Omaha and to the Lincoln Common Service Area and Wahoo. A cost study submitted by The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company indicated that the rate required for the Lincoln Common Service Area would be \$23.34.

On February 6, 1990, the Commission opened a docket to elicit comments and suggestions for possible revision of rules and regulations governing extended area service. Comments have been received from AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Nebraska Telephone Association, Great Plains Communications, K & M Telephone Company and US West Communications.

On March 6, 1990, as a result of the pending applications of the Ashland community and other inquiries, the Commission ordered LT&T to file a plan within 90 days to offer EAS to all of its subscribers. A plan was submitted on May 4th which essentially replaced the existing EAS with a reduced rate of \$.125 per minute within a 25 mile radius and \$.22 per minute for calls over 25 miles within the LT&T area along with package plans within 25 miles of \$2.50 for 50 minutes, \$7.00 for 100 minutes and \$27.00 for 300 minutes. On May 24th the Commission directed the company to submit an alternative plan or plans which was done on August 31st. The

new plan calls for the same 25 mile calling area but reduces the rate per minute to \$.06, changes the packages to \$6.00 for 300 minutes, \$12.00 for 800 minutes, \$18.00 for 1,800 minutes and \$30.00 for unlimited calling for residence customers. In addition, the new plan calls for a uniform residence rate of \$11.00 and business rates of \$30.00, \$33.00 and \$36.00 depending on the size of the exchange. A flat rate option has been filed by the Save Our Service group. The Commission staff and the Community of Ashland have also made proposals. Six days of public hearing have been held throughout the LT&T service area. Thus far, the Commission has received over 750 telephone calls, 400 letters and several thousand petition signatures concerning EAS in the LT&T area. In addition, approximately 800 people have attended the hearings.

Table 6

AVAILABILITY OF EAS				
	<u>EXCHANGE</u>	<u>ACCESS LINES</u>	<u>PERCENT ACCESS LINES</u>	<u>PERCENT EXCHANGES</u>
<u>TOTAL STATE:</u>				
NO EAS	109	99,656	11.9	23.7
2-WAY EAS	279	693,463	82.4	60.6
1-WAY EAS	<u>72</u>	<u>48,064</u>	<u>5.7</u>	<u>15.7</u>
	460	841,183	100.0%	100.0%
<u>LT&T</u>				
NO EAS	11	6,612	2.9	8.0
2-WAY EAS	54	171,994	75.9	39.4
1-WAY EAS	<u>72</u>	<u>48,064</u>	<u>21.2</u>	<u>52.6</u>
	137	226,670	100.0%	100.0%
Source: 1989 Telephone Company Annual Reports, Nebraska Public Service Commission				

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EXCHANGE	COMPANY	EAS		ACCESS LINES					TOTAL
		TO	FROM	BUS.	COIN	RES.	MOBILE	OTHER	
ADAMS	LT&T	0	0	42	3	330	0	3	378
AINSWORTH	US WEST	1	1	313	13	1,195	0	72	1,593
ALBION	GTE	1	1	334	14	1,250	0	125	1,723
ALEXANDRIA	LT&T	2	0	9	1	160	0	1	171
ALLEN-WATERBURY	US WEST	1	1	74	5	321	0	12	412
ALLIANCE	US WEST	1	1	961	53	4,519	0	194	5,727
ALMA	GTE	3	3	195	8	625	0	87	915
ALVO-EAGLE	LT&T	19	19	41	7	709	0	1	758
AMHERST	GTE	2	2	13	1	277	0	8	299
ANSELMO	CONSOLIDATED	1	1	12	1	199	0	0	212
ANSLEY	NEBRASKA CENTRAL	1	1	62	3	455	0	0	520
ARAPAHOE	ARAPAHOE	2	2	128	3	595	9	0	735
ARCADIA	NEBRASKA CENTRAL	0	0	49	3	294	0	0	346
ARCHER	GREAT PLAINS	3	3	8	0	85	0	0	93
ARLINGTON	ARLINGTON	1	1	127	0	799	0	0	926
ARNOLD	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	106	4	530	0	10	650
ARTHUR	CONSOLIDATED	0	0	29	3	197	0	0	229
ASHBY	CONSOLIDATED	3	3	0	1	79	0	0	80
ASHLAND	LT&T	0	0	260	60	1,647	0	12	1,979
ASHTON	US WEST	1	1	18	0	185	0	9	212
ATKINSON	US WEST	2	2	210	8	1,058	0	37	1,313
ATLANTA	US WEST	1	1	13	0	89	0	4	106
AUBURN	LT&T	0	5	392	28	1,844	7	19	2,290
AURORA	HAMILTON	8	8	650	27	1,902	29	257	2,865
AYOCA	LT&T	2	2	13	1	203	0	5	222
AXTELL	US WEST	2	2	70	3	342	0	19	434
BANCROFT	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	67	2	392	0	5	466
BARNESTON	LT&T	3	3	10	3	141	0	2	156
BARTLETT	NORTHEAST NEBRASKA	0	0	32	9	104	0	16	161
BARTLEY	CAMBRIDGE	1	1	31	1	215	0	0	247
BASSETT	ROCK COUNTY	1	1	184	3	611	3	0	801
BATTLE CREEK	GTE	2	2	95	2	655	0	29	781
BAYARD	UNITED	6	6	115	3	824	0	0	942
BEATRICE	LT&T	2	6	1,266	113	5,972	14	47	7,412
BEAVER CITY	GTE	0	0	88	2	404	0	39	533
BEAVER CROSSING	LT&T	1	0	15	2	319	0	5	341
BEEMER	GREAT PLAINS	1	1	102	5	417	0	5	529
BELDEN	EASTERN NEBRASKA	0	0	21	0	104	0	0	125
BELGRADE (SEE CEDAR RAPIDS)	US WEST	2	2						
BELLWOOD	LT&T	1	0	25	3	356	0	2	386
BENEDICT	LT&T	1	0	20	2	220	0	1	243
BENKELMAN	BENKELMAN	0	0	243	7	906	1	0	1,157
BENNET	LT&T	19	19	36	4	514	0	0	554
BENNINGTON	US WEST	6	6	80	4	740	0	25	849
BERTRAND	GTE	1	1	84	1	515	0	35	635

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EXCHANGE	COMPANY	EAS		ACCESS LINES					
		TO	FROM	BUS.	COIN	RES.	MOBILE	OTHER	TOTAL
BIG SPRINGS	US WEST	1	1	58	22	353	0	15	448
BINGHAM	CONSOLIDATED	3	3	0	2	51	0	0	53
BLADEN	GLENWOOD	8	8	24	2	160	0	0	186
BLAIR	BLAIR	3	3	897	29	3,473	0	0	4,399
BLOOMFIELD	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	186	4	909	0	8	1,107
BLOOMINGTON	GTE	2	2	9	1	136	0	4	150
BLUE HILL	GLENWOOD	8	8	142	2	599	16	0	759
BOELUS	US WEST	3	3	10	1	166	0	5	182
BRADSHAW	LT&T	1	0	24	4	206	0	1	235
BRADY	HOME	0	0	33	2	365	0	1	401
BRAINARD	LT&T	1	1	33	6	339	0	3	381
BREWSTER	CONSOLIDATED	3	3	14	2	87	0	0	103
BRIDGEPORT	US WEST	0	0	258	14	996	0	55	1,323
BRISTOW (SEE SPENCER)	US WEST	3	3						
BROADWATER	UNITED	0	0	27	1	159	0	0	187
BROCK	LT&T	1	0	12	1	128	0	4	145
BROKEN BOW	US WEST	0	0	570	22	2,049	0	74	2,715
BROWNLEE	CONSOLIDATED	4	4	0	0	73	0	0	79
BROWNVILLE	LT&T	1	0	67	10	117	0	3	197
BRULE	US WEST	2	2	50	5	274	0	18	347
BRUNING	LT&T	1	0	39	3	253	0	1	296
BRUNO	LT&T	1	0	10	2	212	0	2	226
BRUNSWICK	GTE	2	2	30	1	201	0	16	248
BURCHARD	LT&T	1	0	19	2	153	1	3	178
BURR	LT&T	0	0	14	1	102	0	3	120
BURWELL	NEBRASKA CENTRAL	4	4	247	6	956	33	0	1,242
BUSHNELL	DALTON	0	0	39	1	142	0	0	182
BUTTE	US WEST	3	3	60	2	314	0	12	388
BYRON	GREAT PLAINS	1	1	21	1	189	0	2	213
CAIRO	US WEST	2	2	54	4	467	0	13	538
CALLAWAY	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	88	2	431	0	7	528
CAMBRIDGE	CAMBRIDGE	1	1	159	8	750	0	0	917
CAMPBELL	GLENWOOD	8	8	48	2	242	0	0	292
CARLETON	LT&T	1	0	17	2	104	0	1	124
CARROLL	EASTERN NEBRASKA	0	0	25	0	250	0	0	275
CEDAR BLUFFS	LT&T	1	0	32	4	416	0	1	453
CEDAR RAPIDS-PRIMROSE-BELGRADE	US WEST	2	2	74	2	542	0	20	638
CENTER	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	40	2	84	0	4	130
CENTRAL CITY	US WEST	2	2	315	19	1,486	0	48	1,868
CERESCO	LT&T	20	19	47	5	426	0	5	483
CHADRON	US WEST	2	2	1,254	52	2,429	0	96	3,831
CHAMBERS	K&M	2	2	62	3	383	1	2	451
CHAPMAN	GREAT PLAINS	2	2	30	3	279	0	0	312
CHAPPELL	UNITED	0	0	159	8	600	0	0	767
CHESTER-HUBBELL-REYNOLDS	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	67	6	371	0	0	444

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EXCHANGE	COMPANY	EAS		ACCESS LINES					TOTAL
		TO	FROM	BUS.	COIN	RES.	MOBILE	OTHER	
CLARKS	CLARKS	0	0	55	3	373	9	0	440
CLARKSON	US WEST	0	0	67	1	557	0	34	659
CLATONIA	LT&T	1	1	21	2	178	0	3	204
CLAY CENTER	LT&T	0	5	127	8	411	0	8	554
CLEARWATER	NORTHEAST NEBRASKA	0	0	65	18	404	13	10	510
CODY	US WEST	0	0	27	2	169	0	14	212
COLERIDGE	NORTHEAST NEBRASKA	0	0	66	7	406	0	26	505
COLON	LT&T	1	0	6	1	136	0	1	144
COLUMBUS	GTE	3	3	2,479	116	8,793	0	1,052	12,440
COMSTOCK	NEBRASKA CENTRAL	1	1	11	1	145	0	0	157
COOK	LT&T	1	0	33	1	295	0	3	332
CORDOVA	LT&T	1	0	11	3	115	0	4	133
CORTLAND	LT&T	19	19	13	3	349	0	0	365
COTESFIELD	GREAT PLAINS	2	2	6	1	77	0	0	84
COZAD	COZAD	0	0	624	17	2,028	0	68	2,737
CRAB ORCHARD	LT&T	1	0	5	1	81	0	7	94
CRAIG	NORTHEAST NEBRASKA	0	0	16	3	271	0	5	295
CRAWFORD-WHITNEY	US WEST	3	3	150	17	863	0	23	1,053
CREIGHTON	GREAT PLAINS	1	1	145	6	803	0	24	978
CRESTON (SEE HUMPHREY)	US WEST	2	2						
CRETE	LT&T	0	1	441	62	2,297	0	12	2,812
CROFTON	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	98	8	752	0	5	863
CROOKSTON	US WEST	1	1	8	0	126	0	5	139
CULBERTSON	US WEST	1	1	52	4	513	0	5	574
CURTIS	CURTIS	1	1	166	6	577	0	0	749
DAKOTA CITY (SEE S. SIOUX CITY)	US WEST	2	2						
DALTON	DALTON	0	0	83	4	268	0	0	355
DANBURY	HARTMAN	1	1	0	1	75	0	0	76
DANNEBROG	US WEST	3	3	26	2	290	0	6	324
DAVENPORT	LT&T	0	0	49	2	294	0	1	346
DAVEY	LT&T	19	19	20	3	349	0	0	372
DAVID CITY	LT&T	1	6	275	37	1,348	5	20	1,685
DAWSON	LT&T	1	0	22	3	182	0	2	209
DAYKIN	LT&T	1	0	20	3	203	0	2	228
DECATUR	US WEST	2	2	36	2	344	0	20	402
DENTON	LT&T	19	19	9	3	300	0	0	312
DESHLER	GREAT PLAINS	1	1	93	3	563	0	8	667
DEWEESE	LT&T	2	0	10	2	116	0	1	129
DEWITT	LT&T	2	1	50	5	400	0	3	458
DILLER	DILLER	2	2	24	3	254	0	0	281
DIX	DALTON	0	0	45	1	127	0	0	173
DIXON	NORTHEAST NEBRASKA	0	0	31	2	256	0	1	291
DODGE	GREAT PLAINS	3	3	94	2	491	0	3	590
DONIPHAN	HAMILTON	7	7	82	5	469	39	80	675
DORCHESTER	LT&T	1	0	28	3	380	0	4	415

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EXCHANGE	COMPANY	EAS		ACCESS LINES					
		TO	FROM	BUS.	COIN	RES.	MOBILE	OTHER	TOTAL
DOUGLAS	LT&T	1	1	13	2	163	0	0	178
DUBOIS	LT&T	1	1	12	1	145	0	3	161
DUNBAR	LT&T	1	1	14	2	242	0	2	260
DUNCAN	GTE	1	1	30	3	284	0	9	326
DUNNING	CONSOLIDATED	3	3	17	6	155	0	0	178
DWIGHT	LT&T	2	1	13	2	161	0	5	181
EDGAR	LT&T	1	0	59	4	320	0	2	385
EDISON	GTE	1	1	17	0	129	0	6	152
ELBA	US WEST	3	3	18	1	124	0	4	147
ELGIN	GREAT PLAINS	1	1	121	4	626	0	5	756
ELK CREEK	LT&T	1	0	15	0	135	0	3	153
ELKHORN-WATERLOO	US WEST	6	6	487	34	3,000	0	96	3,617
ELM CREEK	US WEST	2	2	80	10	552	0	16	658
ELMWOOD	LT&T	1	1	47	2	399	0	4	452
ELSIE	ELSIE MUTUAL	0	0	26	0	169	0	7	202
ELWOOD	US WEST	1	1	115	7	829	0	18	969
EMERSON	US WEST	0	0	68	3	518	0	11	600
ERICSON	NEBRASKA CENTRAL	2	2	31	3	169	0	0	203
EUSTIS	EUSTIS	0	0	58	1	370	0	1	430
EWING	GREAT PLAINS	2	2	63	4	283	0	15	365
EXETER	LT&T	0	1	54	2	383	0	1	440
FAIRBURY	LT&T	0	4	487	40	2,501	16	32	3,076
FAIRFIELD	LT&T	1	1	43	1	274	0	11	329
FAIRMONT	LT&T	1	0	52	5	348	0	1	406
FALLS CITY	SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA	1	1	524	20	2,705	24	11	3,284
FARNAM	US WEST	0	0	24	1	168	0	7	200
FARWELL	US WEST	3	3	12	1	128	0	5	146
FILLEY	LT&T	1	0	15	2	174	0	1	192
FIRTH	LT&T	19	19	41	5	342	0	0	388
FORT CALHOUN	BLAIR	2	2	82	5	561	0	0	648
FRANKLIN	GTE	3	3	174	3	631	0	52	860
FREMONT	US WEST	0	0	2,605	153	11,124	0	292	14,174
FRIEND	LT&T	0	0	103	10	627	0	4	744
FULLERTON	US WEST	1	1	150	11	793	0	27	981
FUNK	GLENWOOD	3	3	37	1	248	0	0	286
GARLAND	LT&T	1	0	8	3	194	0	3	208
GENEVA	LT&T	0	4	380	22	1,239	15	14	1,670
GENOA	GTE	1	1	108	6	584	0	44	742
GERING	UNITED	6	6	719	19	3,424	0	8	4,170
GIBBON	NEBRASKA CENTRAL	1	1	172	12	869	0	0	1,053
GILTNER	HAMILTON	5	5	43	2	261	0	20	326
GLENVIL	LT&T	1	1	25	1	281	0	14	321
GORDON	US WEST	1	1	303	18	1,326	0	57	1,704
GOTHENBURG	US WEST	0	0	362	19	1,668	0	81	2,130
GRAFTON	LT&T	1	0	19	2	112	0	2	135

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EXCHANGE	COMPANY	EAS		ACCESS LINES					TOTAL
		TO	FROM	BUS.	COIN	RES.	MOBILE	OTHER	
GRAND ISLAND	US WEST	6	6	5,206	299	16,479	27	868	22,879
GRANT	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	251	8	753	0	41	1,053
GREELEY	GTE	3	3	73	1	287	0	18	379
GREENWOOD	LT&T	19	19	24	3	280	0	0	307
GRESHAM	LT&T	1	1	17	1	218	0	1	237
GRETNA	US WEST	6	6	185	22	1,337	0	20	1,564
GUIDE ROCK	LT&T	0	0	28	2	246	0	1	277
GURLEY	DALTON	0	0	57	3	138	0	0	198
HAIGLER	HARTMAN	0	0	0	1	208	0	0	209
HALLAM	LT&T	19	19	16	4	198	0	0	218
HALSEY	CONSOLIDATED	5	5	25	3	79	0	0	107
HAMPTON	HAMILTON	4	4	62	2	296	0	23	383
HANSEN	LT&T	5	5	30	1	261	0	12	304
HARBINE	DILLER	2	2	6	1	111	0	0	118
HARDY	LT&T	1	1	23	2	127	0	2	154
HARRISON	US WEST	2	2	52	4	270	0	10	336
HARTINGTON	HARTINGTON	0	0	448	0	1,011	2	0	1,462
HARVARD	LT&T	1	0	61	4	479	0	9	553
HASTINGS	LT&T	4	4	2,478	208	9,968	69	131	12,854
HAY SPRINGS	GREAT PLAINS	1	1	79	3	474	0	13	569
HAYES CENTER	GREAT PLAINS	1	1	52	3	249	0	8	312
HEARTWELL	GTE	1	1	18	0	89	0	4	111
HEBRON	LT&T	0	3	265	17	989	0	8	1,279
HEMINGFORD	HEMINGFORD COOP	1	1	109	12	716	0	0	837
HENDERSON	HENDERSON COOP	0	0	76	8	794	10	0	888
HENDLEY	ARAPAHOE	2	2	8	1	55	0	0	64
HERMAN	GREAT PLAINS	1	1	33	2	337	0	0	372
HERSHEY	HERSHEY COOP	0	0	87	5	592	0	0	684
HICKMAN	LT&T	19	19	46	5	705	0	0	756
HILDRETH	GTE	1	1	38	1	307	0	25	371
HOLBROOK	ARAPAHOE	2	2	20	1	189	0	0	210
HOLDREGE	US WEST	3	3	758	31	2,768	0	142	3,699
HOLSTEIN	GLENWOOD	8	8	22	1	204	0	0	227
HOMER	US WEST	2	2	31	2	353	0	14	400
HOOPER	HOOPER	1	1	164	2	723	0	5	894
HORDVILLE	HAMILTON	5	5	16	1	118	0	3	138
HOSKINS	PIERCE	1	1	31	3	296	0	5	335
HOWELLS	US WEST	0	0	68	3	530	0	15	616
HUBBELL (SEE CHESTER)	GREAT PLAINS	0	0						
HUMBOLDT	LT&T	0	1	126	9	711	0	4	850
HUMPHREY-CRESTON	US WEST	2	2	127	6	864	0	32	1,029
HYANNIS	CONSOLIDATED	3	3	56	11	298	0	0	365
IMPERIAL	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	399	10	1,302	0	24	1,735
INDIANOLA	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	70	3	454	0	12	539
INMAN	K&M	2	2	10	0	160	0	1	171

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EXCHANGE	COMPANY	EAS		ACCESS LINES					TOTAL
		TO	FROM	BUS.	COIN	RES.	MOBILE	OTHER	
ITHACA	LT&T	1	0	16	1	129	0	3	149
JACKSON	NORTHEAST NEBRASKA	0	0	44	6	398	0	1	449
JANSEN	LT&T	1	0	17	3	134	0	1	155
JOHNSON	LT&T	1	0	37	3	325	0	3	368
JOHNSTOWN	THREE RIVER	0	0	15	0	106	0	0	121
JULIAN	LT&T	1	0	5	1	74	0	3	83
JUNIATA	LT&T	4	4	48	3	486	0	13	550
KEARNEY	GTE	4	4	4,907	102	10,277	0	962	16,248
KENESAW	LT&T	4	4	50	6	408	0	11	475
KENNARD	BLAIR	3	3	20	1	252	0	0	273
KEYSTONE	KEYSTONE-ARTHUR	1	1	55	4	120	0	0	179
KILGORE	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	6	1	82	0	0	89
KIMBALL	UNITED	0	0	523	19	1,432	0	21	1,995
LAUREL	US WEST	0	0	111	8	628	0	8	755
LAWRENCE	GLENWOOD	8	8	41	1	298	0	0	340
LEBANON	HARTMAN	1	1	0	1	156	0	0	157
LEIGH	GTE	0	0	60	2	444	0	21	527
LEMOYNE	KEYSTONE-ARTHUR	1	1	20	10	384	0	0	414
LEWELLEN	UNITED	1	1	59	1	283	0	0	343
LEXINGTON	US WEST	2	2	915	47	3,221	0	149	4,332
LIBERTY	LT&T	3	3	7	2	121	0	2	132
LINCOLN 27TH & OLD CHENEY(421)	LT&T	19	19	355	59	3,169	0	9	3,592
LINCOLN 27TH & OLD CHENEY(423)	LT&T	19	19	1,129	14	7,614	0	15	8,772
LINCOLN 400 SOUTH 84TH(48X)	LT&T	19	19	SEE 48TH & SOUTH					
LINCOLN 48TH & SOUTH(48X)	LT&T	19	19	3,522	213	22,434	0	5	26,174
LINCOLN 49TH & WALKER(46X)	LT&T	19	19	4,406	344	17,186	0	4	21,940
LINCOLN 84TH & OLD CHENEY(48X)	LT&T	19	19	SEE 48TH & SOUTH					
LINCOLN AIR PARK(470)	LT&T	19	19	124	38	1,252	0	0	1,414
LINCOLN COD & ARL(435/476/477)	LT&T	19	19	SEE M STREET					
LINCOLN FLETCHER(435/476/477)	LT&T	19	19	SEE M STREET					
LINCOLN M STREET	LT&T	19	19	8,591	911	19,616	1,299	6,429	36,846
LINCOLN M STREET(471/472)	LT&T	19	19	14,001	0	1	0	1	14,003
LINCOLN M STREET(474/475)	LT&T	19	19	4,379	14	8,276	0	12	12,681
LINDSAY	GTE	2	2	77	2	286	0	15	380
LINWOOD-MORSE BLUFFS	NORTHEAST NEBRASKA	2	2	21	5	274	0	2	302
LITCHFIELD	US WEST	0	0	24	2	239	0	6	271
LODGEPOLE	DALTON	0	0	67	5	280	0	0	352
LONG PINE	US WEST	1	1	30	2	263	0	5	300
LOOMIS	US WEST	2	2	45	3	294	0	11	353
LOUISVILLE	LT&T	0	0	88	22	897	0	9	1,016
LOUP CITY	US WEST	1	1	144	13	759	0	31	947
LYMAN	UNITED	6	6	59	1	314	0	0	374
LYNCH	THREE RIVER	0	0	45	2	278	0	0	325
LYONS	US WEST	3	3	125	4	697	0	25	851
MACY	EASTERN NEBRASKA	3	3	61	0	77	0	0	138

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EXCHANGE	COMPANY	EAS		ACCESS LINES					TOTAL
		TO	FROM	BUS.	COIN	RES.	MOBILE	OTHER	
MADISON	GTE	0	0	211	16	1,057	0	68	1,352
MADRID	CONSOLIDATED TELCO	0	0	46	2	185	0	0	233
MALCOLM	LT&T	19	19	13	7	429	0		450
MARQUETTE	HAMILTON	5	5	24	1	270	0	12	307
MARTELL	LT&T	19	19	21	5	295	0	0	321
MARTINSBURG	NORTHEAST NEBRASKA	2	2	3	1	83	0	0	87
MASON CITY	US WEST	1	1	14	1	166	0	8	189
MAXWELL	HOME	0	0	38	6	275	0	1	320
MAYWOOD	CONSOLIDATED TELCO	2	2	43	2	247	0	0	292
McCOOK	US WEST		1	1,136	56	3,831	7	168	5,198
McCOOL	LT&T		0	47	3	320	0	3	373
MEAD	LT&T	1	1	56	7	295	0	2	360
MEADOW GROVE	EASTERN NEBRASKA	2	2	29	0	298	0	0	327
MERNA	CONSOLIDATED	1	1	31	3	303	0	0	337
MERRIMAN	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	23	2	127	0	9	161
MILFORD	LT&T	1	0	142	26	1,077	0	30	1,275
MILLER	GTE	2	2	12	1	120	0	6	139
MILLIGAN	LT&T	0	0	37	1	264	0	2	304
MINATARE	UNITED	6	6	100	8	990	0	0	1,098
MINDEN	US WEST	3	3	317	14	1,500	0	57	1,888
MIRAGE FLATS	GREAT PLAINS			8	0	133	0	0	141
MITCHELL	UNITED	6	6	204	2	1,220	0	0	1,426
MONROE	GTE	3	3	43		214	0	6	264
MORRILL	UNITED	6	6	185	7	887	0	6	1,085
MULLEN	CONSOLIDATED	0	0	84	4	422	0	0	510
MURDOCK	LT&T	1	1	19	2	248	0	5	274
MURRAY	LT&T		0	39	7	707	0	10	763
NAPER	THREE RIVER	0	0	21	1	221	0	0	243
NAPONEE	GTE	2	2	9	0	101	0	8	118
NEBRASKA CITY	LT&T	0	5	714	65	3,109	10	55	3,953
NEHAWKA	LT&T	0	0	26	5	201	0	2	234
NELIGH	GTE	2	2	325	12	915	0	144	1,396
NELSON	LT&T	0	1	78	8	510	0	2	598
NEMAHA	LT&T	1	0	6	1	131	0	3	141
NEWCASTLE	NORTHEAST NEBRASKA	2	2	36	3	290	0	4	333
NEWMAN GROVE	GTE	2	2	99	2	557	0	41	699
NEWPORT	ROCK COUNTY	1	1	15	0	186	0	0	201
NIOBRARA	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	84	7	307	0	8	406
NORFOLK	US WEST	1	1	3,035	183	10,123	1	453	13,795
NORMAN	GLENWOOD	9	9	13	0	103	0	0	116
NORTH BEND	GREAT PLAINS	3	3	183	9	734	0	6	932
NORTH BURWELL	NEBRASKA CENTRAL	3	3	11	0	103	0	0	114
NORTH LOUP	NEBRASKA CENTRAL	2	2	69	1	274	17	0	361
NORTH PLATTE	US WEST	0	0	2,787	176	10,413	9	460	13,845
OAKDALE	GREAT PLAINS			24	1	183	0	0	208

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		TO	FROM	BUS.	COIN	RES.	MOBILE	OTHER	
OAKLAND	US WEST	3	3	141	8	815	0	46	1,010
OBERT	NORTHEAST NEBRASKA	2	2	6	0	105	0		112
OCONTO	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	30	2	248	0		281
OCTAVIA	LT&T	1	0	4	0	117	0	2	123
ODELL	DILLER	2	2	32	5	343	0	0	380
OGALLALA	US WEST			851	96	2,506	0	271	3,724
OHIOA	LT&T	1	0	16	1	161	0	5	183
OMAHA-135TH STREET	US WEST	6	6	8,768	209	15,692	0	947	25,616
OMAHA-156TH STREET	US WEST	6	6	2,469	137	11,221	0	320	14,147
OMAHA-78TH STREET	US WEST	6	6	2,797	146	11,377	0	527	14,847
OMAHA-84TH STREET	US WEST	6	6	9,054	273	19,457	0	879	29,663
OMAHA-90TH STREET	US WEST	6	6	16,602	446	18,846	0	1,211	37,105
OMAHA-BELLEVUE	US WEST	6	6	2,819	228	15,100	0	284	18,431
OMAHA-DOUGLAS	US WEST	6	6	21,656	849	16,716	108	9,861	49,190
OMAHA-FORT STREET	US WEST	6	6	2,783	100	14,119	0	826	17,828
OMAHA-FOWLER ST.	US WEST	6	6	2,396	207	20,528	0	612	23,743
OMAHA-IZARD STREET	US WEST	6	6	5,648	367	28,368	0	813	35,196
OMAHA-O STREET	US WEST	6	6	3,695	250	19,036	0	247	23,228
ONG	LT&T		0	7		70	0	2	80
ORCHARD	GTE	2	2	80	3	375	0	19	477
ORD	GTE	2	2	404	9	1,471	0	118	2,002
ORLEANS	GTE	3	3	57	1	321	0	29	408
OSCEDOLA	LT&T	0	1	144	4	605	0	5	758
OSHKOSH	UNITED	1	1	189	5	747	0	0	941
OSMOND	EASTERN NEBRASKA	0	0	126	0	445	0	0	571
OTOE	LT&T	2	0	6	3	114	0	3	126
OVERTON	US WEST	2	2	56	11	393	0	27	487
OXFORD	US WEST	1	1	116	4	476	0	19	615
O'NEILL	US WEST	8	8	646	36	2,166	0	102	2,950
PAGE	GREAT PLAINS	2	2	29	1	190	0	2	222
PALISADE	GREAT PLAINS	1	1	55	2	302	0	9	368
PALMER	GTE	1	1	54	2	379	0	17	452
PALMYRA	LT&T	19	19	38	4	348	0	0	390
PANAMA	LT&T	19	19	24	1	202	0	0	227
PAWNEE CITY	LT&T	1	4	110	6	657	0	6	779
PAXTON	CONSOLIDATED TELCO	0	0	79	7	397	0	0	483
PENDER	US WEST	0	0	188	8	851	0	37	1,084
PERU	LT&T	1	0	40	21	383	0	3	447
PETERSBURG	PETERSBURG	0	0	48	2	381	0	0	431
PHILLIPS	HAMILTON	6	6	35	3	319	0	29	386
PICKRELL	LT&T		0	23	3	253	0	2	281
PIERCE	PIERCE		1	205	17	1,120	0	30	1,372
PILGER	US WEST	0	0	42	2	318	0	9	371
PLAINVIEW	PLAINVIEW	0	0	185	15	940	1	5	1,146
PLATTE CENTER	GTE	2	2	54	1	421	0	18	494

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EXCHANGE	COMPANY	EAS		ACCESS LINES					TOTAL
		TO	FROM	BUS.	COIN	RES.	MOBILE	OTHER	
PLATTSMOUTH	LT&T	0	1	434	45	3,233	3	34	3,749
PLEASANT DALE	LT&T	19	19	11	4	274	0	0	289
PLEASANTON	GTE	1	1	41	0	320	0	8	369
PLYMOUTH	LT&T	1	0	51	3	343	0	2	399
POLK	LT&T	1	0	42	2	366	0	2	412
PONCA	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	109	5	515	0	6	635
POTTER	UNITED	0	0	47	1	271	0	0	319
PRAGUE	NORTHEAST NEBRASKA	2	2	27	3	349	0	6	385
PRIMROSE (SEE CEDAR RAPIDS)	US WEST	2	2						
PURDUM	CONSOLIDATED	5	5	6	1	91	0	0	98
RAGAN-HUNTLEY	GREAT PLAINS	1	1	9	1	121	0	0	131
RANDOLPH	US WEST	0	0	86	8	723	0	13	830
RAVENNA	US WEST	1	1	136	10	922	0	35	1,103
RAYMOND	LT&T	19	19	8	8	316	0	0	332
RED CLOUD-RIVERTON	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	199	7	908	0	14	1,128
REPUBLICAN CITY	GTE	2	2	35	5	239	0	15	294
REYNOLDS (SEE CHESTER)	GREAT PLAINS	0	0						
RISING CITY	LT&T	1	0	25	2	294	0	2	323
RIVERDALE	GTE	1	1	24	1	219	0	6	250
RIVERTON (SEE RED CLOUD)	GREAT PLAINS	0	0						
ROCKVILLE	US WEST	1	1	5	11	81	0	4	101
ROSALIE	EASTERN NEBRASKA	3	3	16	0	136	0	0	152
ROSELAND	GLENWOOD	8	8	44	2	228	0	0	274
RUSHVILLE	US WEST	1	1	155	9	657	0	20	841
RUSKIN	LT&T	1	0	21	3	137	0	1	162
SARGENT	NEBRASKA CENTRAL	2	2	95	6	505	0	0	606
SCHUYLER	US WEST	0	0	378	34	2,113	0	90	2,615
SCOTIA	NEBRASKA CENTRAL	2	2	53	1	274	0	0	328
SCOTTSBLUFF	UNITED	6	6	2,752	81	7,094	0	95	10,022
SCRIBNER	GREAT PLAINS	3	3	105	7	597	0	7	716
SENECA	CONSOLIDATED	2	2	5	1	65	0	0	71
SEWARD	LT&T	1	6	657	59	2,629	0	26	3,371
SHELBY	LT&T	1	0	66	5	456	0	2	529
SHELTON	NEBRASKA CENTRAL	1	1	105	7	606	0	0	718
SHICKLEY	LT&T	1	1	54	2	289	0	2	347
SIDNEY	US WEST	0	0	885	59	2,856	1	154	3,955
SILVER CREEK	US WEST	0	0	47	6	322	0	15	390
SNYDER	GREAT PLAINS	3	3	47	3	241	0	1	292
SODTOWN	SODTOWN	1	1	3	0	76	0	0	79
SOUTH SIOUX CITY-DAKOTA CITY	US WEST	2	2	1,214	90	4,896	0	122	6,322
SPALDING	US WEST	2	2	75	3	420	0	14	512
SPENCER-BRISTOW	US WEST	3	3	72	6	476	0	13	567
SPRINGFIELD	US WEST	6	6	90	10	978	0	19	1,097
SPRINGVIEW	THREE RIVER	0	0	68	2	359	0	0	429
STAMFORD	GTE	2	2	18	0	177	0	9	204

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EXCHANGE	COMPANY	EAS		ACCESS LINES					TOTAL
		TO	FROM	BUS.	COIN	RES.	MOBILE	OTHER	
STANTON	STANTON	0	0	180	5	842	0	5	1,032
STAPLEHURST	CLARKS	2	1	20	1	249	0	0	270
STAPLETON	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	53	1	339	0	6	399
STEELE CITY	LT&T	1	0	5	1	88	0	2	96
STEINAUER	LT&T	1	0	12	1	109	0	3	125
STERLING	LT&T	1	0	37	2	425	0	3	467
STOCKHAM	HAMILTON	8	8	5	0	56	0	6	67
STRATTON	US WEST	1	1	54	3	296	0	19	372
STROMSBURG	LT&T	0	1	119	8	730	0	6	863
STUART	US WEST	2	2	56	5	420	0	12	493
ST. EDWARD	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	84	1	531	0	8	624
ST. LIBORY	US WEST	2	2	14	1	317	0	10	342
ST. PAUL	US WEST	6	6	211	11	1,086	0	21	1,329
SUMNER	GTE	1	1	26	1	175	0	14	216
SUPERIOR	LT&T	1	1	320	24	1,270	0	12	1,626
SURPRISE	LT&T	2	0	4	1	88	0	2	95
SUTHERLAND	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	118	12	587	0	8	725
SUTTON	LT&T	1	0	173	7	875	0	8	1,063
SWANTON	LT&T	1	1	10	2	100	0	2	114
SYRACUSE	LT&T	2	2	210	18	974	0	2	1,204
TABLE ROCK	LT&T	1	0	27	1	215	0	6	249
TALMAGE	LT&T	1	0	17	2	212	0	3	234
TAMORA	LT&T	1	0	19	2	171	0	5	197
TAYLOR	NEBRASKA CENTRAL	3	3	48	2	227	0	0	277
TECUMSEH	LT&T	0	4	200	23	1,096	7	29	1,355
TEKAMAH	US WEST	3	3	218	12	1,038	0	34	1,302
THEDFORD	CONSOLIDATED	4	4	74	10	211	4	0	299
TILDEN	GTE	1	1	109	3	604	0	52	768
TOBIAS	LT&T	0	0	16	1	133	0	2	152
TRENTON	US WEST	1	1	76	6	394	0	15	491
TRI-CITY	SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA	1	1	41	5	543	0	0	589
TRUMBULL	HAMILTON	4	4	21	0	146	0	11	178
TRYON	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	20	1	213	0	8	234
UEHLING	HOOPER	1	1	52	1	211	0	1	265
ULYSSES	CLARKS	1	1	21	1	213	0	0	235
UNADILLA	LT&T	1	1	23	3	234	0	3	263
UNION	LT&T	1	0	22	4	382	0	3	411
UPLAND	GLENWOOD	9	9	18	1	110	0	0	129
UTICA	LT&T	2	1	62	8	428	0	4	502
VALENTINE	US WEST	1	1	471	25	1,646	0	78	2,220
VALLEY	US WEST	6	6	281	20	1,533	0	34	1,868
VALPARAISO	LT&T	19	19	41	4	434	0	0	479
VENANGO	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	30	2	139	0	16	187
VERDEL	THREE RIVER	0	0	5	1	92	0	0	98
VERDIGRE	GREAT PLAINS	2	2	74	2	442	0	5	523

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EXCHANGE	COMPANY	EAS		ACCESS LINES					
		TO	FROM	BUS.	COIN	RES.	MOBILE	OTHER	TOTAL
VIRGINIA	DILLER	0	0	10	1	75	0	0	86
WACO	LT&T	1	1	29	13	270	0	1	313
WAHOO	LT&T	0	6	407	27	1,763	3	22	2,222
WAKEFIELD	US WEST	0	0	121	6	724	0	17	868
WALLACE	CONSOLIDATED TELCO	0	0	58	3	234	0	0	295
WALNUT	GREAT PLAINS	2	2	1	0	72	0	0	73
WALTHILL	EASTERN NEBRASKA	3	3	85	0	366	0	0	451
WATERBURY (SEE ALLEN)	US WEST	1	1						
WATERLOO (SEE ELKHORN)	US WEST	6	6						
WAUNETA	WAUNETA	0	0	115	4	532	1	0	652
WAUSA	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	96	2	547	0	6	651
WAVERLY	LT&T	19	19	160	16	971	0	0	1,147
WAYNE	US WEST	0	0	504	93	2,248	0	73	2,918
WEeping WATER	LT&T	1	1	138	13	622	0	3	776
WELLFLEET	CONSOLIDATED TELCO	1	1	18	2	137	0	0	157
WEST POINT	US WEST	0	0	471	25	1,922	0	70	2,488
WESTERN	LT&T	1	1	18	3	216	0	6	243
WESTON	NORTHEAST NEBRASKA	2	2	32	3	405	0	0	440
WHITMAN	CONSOLIDATED	3	3	0	1	80	0	0	81
WHITNEY (SEE CRAWFORD)	US WEST	3	3						
WILBER	LT&T	0	0	135	15	907	0	5	1,062
WILCOX	GREAT PLAINS	2	2	37	1	220	0	6	264
WILSONVILLE	GTE	0	0	26	0	128	0	5	159
WINNEBAGO	EASTERN NEBRASKA	3	3	118	0	219	0	0	337
WINNETOON	GREAT PLAINS	2	2	10	0	128	0	1	139
WINSIDE	US WEST	0	0	29	1	323	0	10	363
WISNER	GREAT PLAINS	1	1	216	11	853	0	13	1,093
WOLBACH	GREAT PLAINS	1	1	31	3	221	0	2	257
WOOD LAKE	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	4	1	96	0	1	102
WOOD RIVER	US WEST	2	2	94	11	677	0	31	813
WYMORE	LT&T	2	2	113	15	1,016	0	2	1,146
WYNOT	GREAT PLAINS	0	0	62	4	577	0	12	655
YORK	LT&T	0	5	1,101	115	3,654	22	40	4,932
YUTAN	LT&T	1	0	42	8	591	0	2	643

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TOTAL 191,107 9,412 605,292 1,836 33,542 841,183

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 460 - EXCHANGES
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LINK UP NEBRASKA TELEPHONE PROGRAM

During the 1989-90 annual report period, the Commission was in the first full year of "Link Up Nebraska", a cooperative effort by the Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, The Nebraska Telephone Industry, The Nebraska Department on Aging, The Nebraska Department of Social Services and Nebraska Community Action groups. This program permits eligible telephone customers to receive a 50 percent reduction in the connection fee, up to \$30.00. The program also encourages the local company to work with the subscriber on deposits. To be eligible, a person must meet certain income guidelines established by the Commission. The National Exchange Carrier Association administers the program which is funded through an assessment paid by the long distance carriers. Matching funds from Nebraska are not required.

In Nebraska, the local telephone companies are largely responsible for the success of the program; notable mention goes to United Telephone, Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph and US West. Approximately 541 households have been provided with telephone service. Of those 541 households, approximately 456 are new customers. Link-up Nebraska is one of the tools needed in the state to maintain the 96% telephone penetration rate (number of households with telephone service). Despite the high penetration rate, the Commission is still concerned about maintaining telephones in homes in our state. This year the Commission modified the eligibility guidelines pursuant to an FCC change and asked all local telephone companies to amend their rate lists.

NEBRASKA DUAL-PARTY RELAY

LB 240, sponsored by Senator Tim Hall of Omaha, and enacted by the 1990 Legislature, creates a relay system to be operated by the Nebraska Public Service Commission with assistance of an advisory committee chosen by the Nebraska Commission for the Hearing Impaired.

A relay service provides specially trained operators who relay conversations between Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) users and hearing people who use a standard voice telephone. The relay operator types the hearing caller's spoken words to the TDD caller. The operator then speaks the typed words received from the TDD caller to the hearing person. The operator acts as a go-between throughout the entire conversation.

The relay is also intended for the hearing community because it opens the doors to conversation between the speech and hearing impaired world.

The bill provides that the advisory committee include representatives from the Commission, the telephone industry, the Commission for the Hearing Impaired, the deaf, the hearing impaired, the speech impaired and the public at large. Members of the advisory committee are: Mr. Frank Landis, Mr. Norman Osland, Ms. Phyllis Large, Ms. Tami Nelson, Mr. James Kamas, Mr. Charles Doering and Dr. Robert Kellogg.

On August 28, 1990, the Commission adopted a statewide surcharge to implement the system. Funding for the dual-party relay system will be realized by implementing a surcharge of seven cents per month on each telephone line statewide. Those customers having in excess of 100 telephone lines would only be assessed the surcharge on the first 100 lines. LB 240 would have allowed a surcharge of up to ten cents. The surcharge is to become effective January 1, 1991, and will be billed by each customer's local telephone company. The Commission must evaluate the surcharge every year to determine what is needed to fund the program.

Once the request for proposal was drafted and reviewed by the state purchasing division, the project was let out for bid. Upon evaluation of the six proposals submitted to operate the relay the Commission with the advice of the advisory Committee, selected the Hamilton Telephone Company of Aurora, Nebraska to operate the relay. The service is expected to cost about \$560,000 the first year and \$1.3 million during the 30 months of the contract. The opening of the Nebraska Relay System is scheduled for January 1, 1991.

Phil Nelson, President of Hamilton Telephone Company, stated the company will be hiring about 15 additional people to operate the relay in Aurora and will start training in December of 1990.

In order for the Commission to communicate with the Advisory Committee members, the Commission purchased a TDD and trained the staff in its use.

The Commission supported LB 240, introduced on behalf of the Commission for the Hearing Impaired and welcomed the challenges of administering this program. The Commission staff found the tasks rewarding and the people selected for the advisory committee to be knowledgeable, thoughtful individuals, who have volunteered many hours of public service. We at the Commission wish to publicly acknowledge the contribution of the advisory committee and the Commission for the Hearing Impaired under the direction of Tanya Wendel in this joint venture.

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A review of the level of rates
of local exchange and
interexchange companies

BASIC LOCAL RATE CHANGES

Section III summarizes the financial status of the local exchange companies operating in the state of Nebraska. Statistics available for 1989 show that 20 Nebraska companies have achieved a higher rate of return for 1989 than was earned for 1988. The gross investment in telephone plant in Nebraska increased 10% from \$1.786 billion in 1988 to \$1.964 billion in 1989. Net operating income for Nebraska operations remained at \$104 million, a similar level to the 1988 results.

Local rate changes implemented during 1989 or pending at the end of 1989 consist of the following:

June, 1989 - Lincoln Telephone Company increase of \$2,200,000 in basic local rates under provisions of LB 835.

July, 1989 - Plainview Telephone Company increase of \$16,000 for basic local service under Nebraska Statute (§75-609) allowing for up to a 30% increase in local rates.

December, 1989 - United Telephone Company of the West increase of \$340,000 in basic local rates under provisions of LB 835.

December, 1989 - Cambridge Telephone Company application pending at year end. The Commission authorized the Company to increase rates by \$134,328 in May of 1990.

December, 1989 - Great Plains Communications application pending at year end with Commission authorization for rate equalization finalized in May of 1990. Commission order granted equalization of rates with no additional revenue generated from the plan.

The Commission staff reviewed the financial position of the companies listed above as well as Consolidated Telco and Consolidated Telephone Company. The table following lists the rate changes implemented by local exchange companies for the period of 1980-1990. If no rate changes took place during this period, the date of the most recent rate change is listed in the final column. Of the 38 companies listed, 17 have not had a rate increase during the 10 year period. Seven of these companies have had no increases for 15 years, and one company has maintained rates for over 30 years.

The statistics on the following pages provide a comparison of the rates of return for local exchange carriers for 1989. The information is compiled from the F.C.C. annual report Form M. The results of three of the companies, United, U.S. West, and Great Plains Communications, represent intrastate operations only. All other results reported are combined operations.

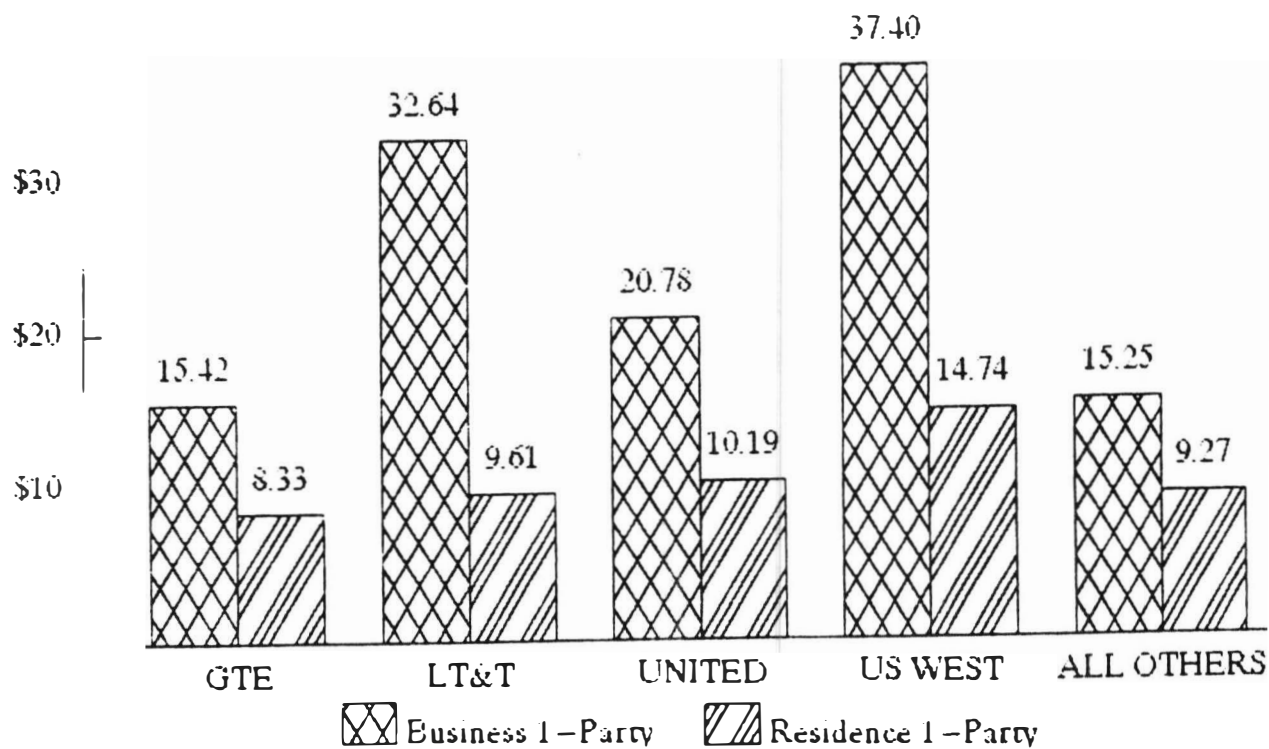
Graph number 1 shows the weighted average business and residential one-party rates for GTE, LT&T, United, U.S. West, and the 34 other local exchange carriers. The weighted average for the 33 companies serving fewer than 5,000 access lines is \$15.25 for business one-party and \$9.27 for residence one-party service. The F.C.C. report on Trends in Telephone Service indicates that in October of 1989, the national average for flat rate residential service with unlimited calling was \$12.28 per month.

GRAPH 1

AVERAGE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE RATES

Weighted by Access Lines

\$50

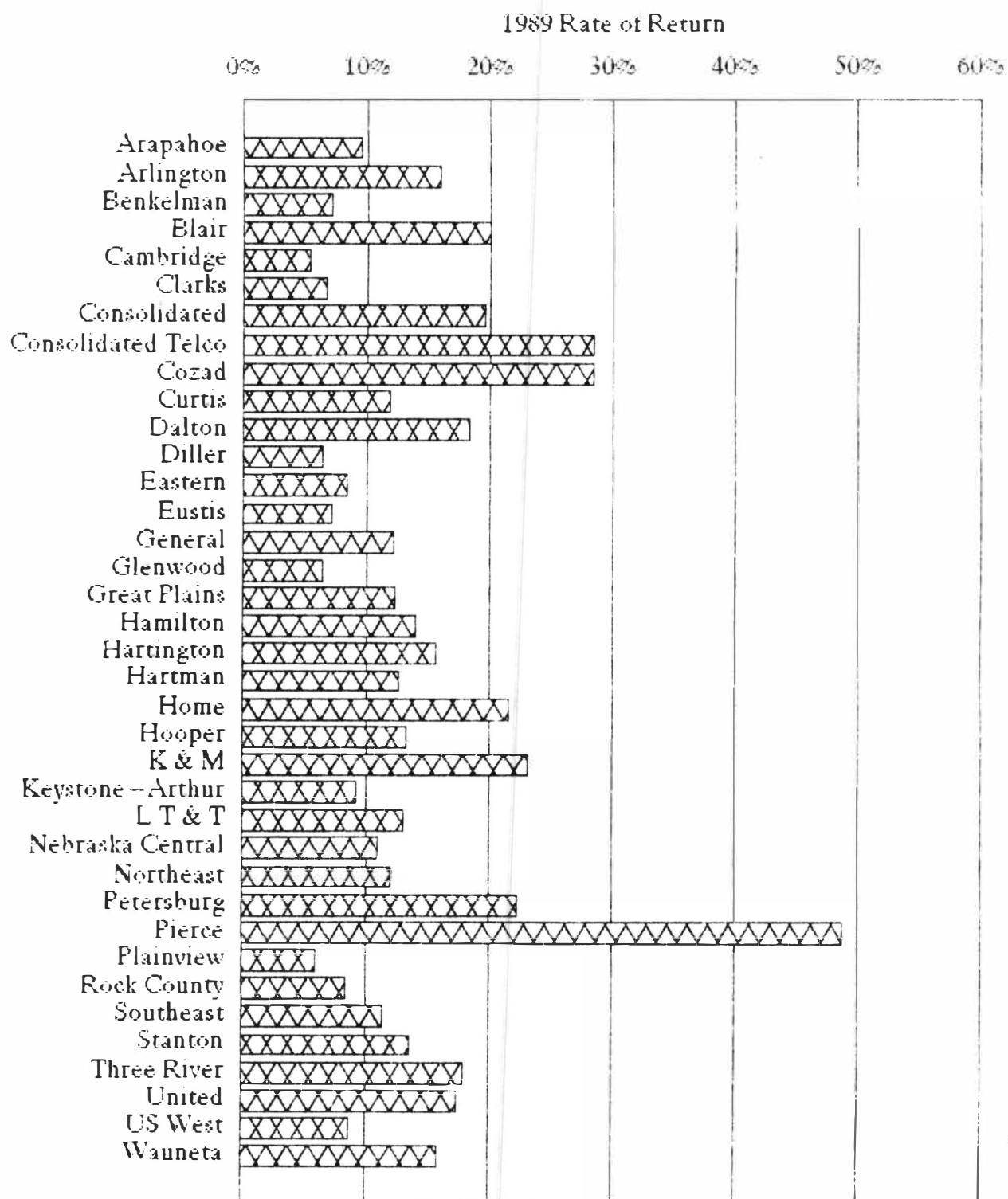


Basic Local Rate Changes
Local Exchange Companies

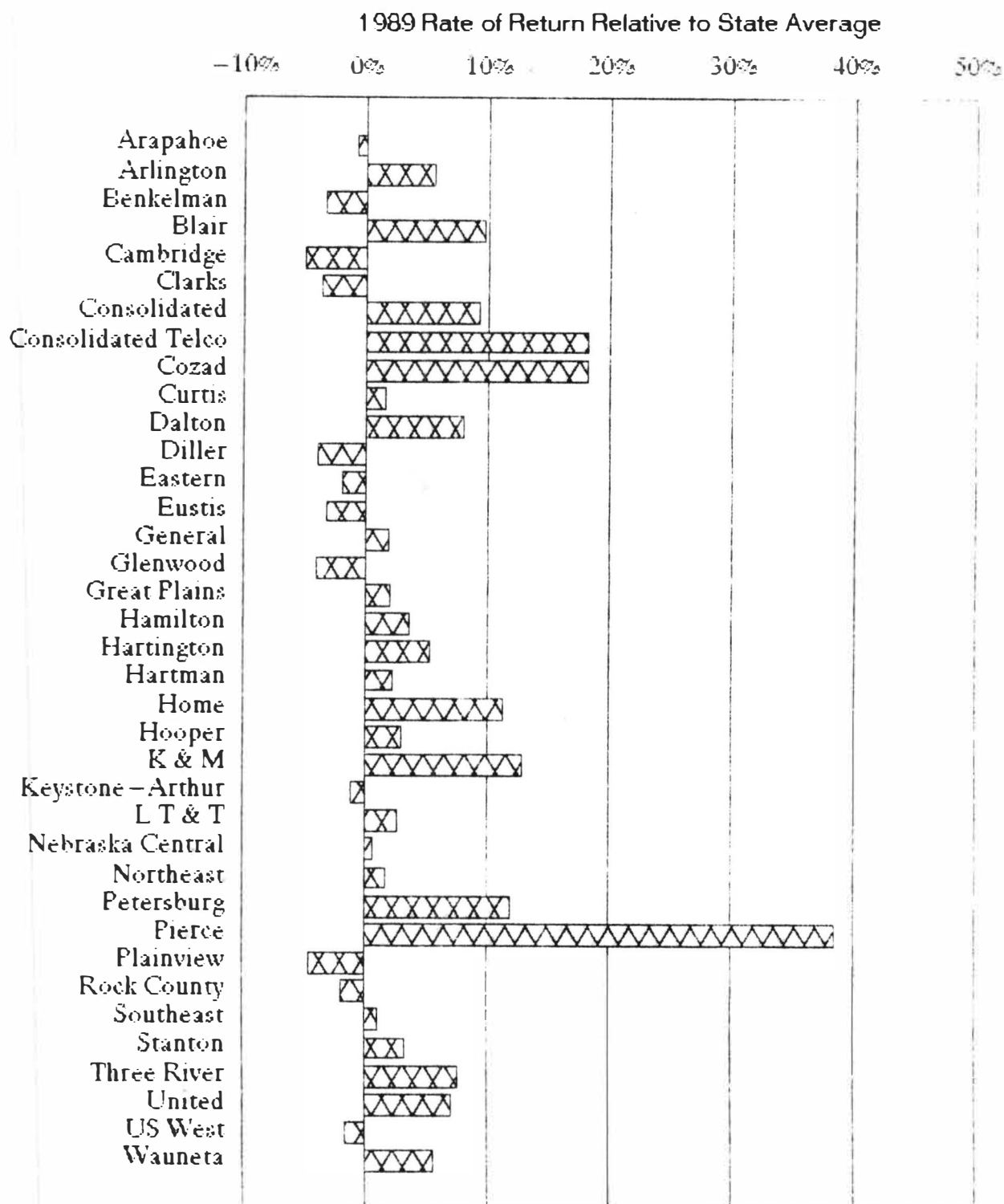
TABLE 7

	1990	1989	1988	1987	1986	1985	1984	1983	1982	1981	1980	Previous Rate Change
Arapahoe												1979
Arlington												1976
Benkelman												1978
Blair												1978
Cambridge	X											
Clarks						X						
Consolidated												1974
Consolidated Telco												1973
Cozad								X				
Curtis						X						
Dalton												1973
Diller											X	
Eastern				X								
Eustis												1971
General				X	X				X			
Glenwood												1979
Great Plains	X					X						
Hamilton												1976
Hartington								X				
Hartman												1978
Home												1959
Hooper												1979
K & M							X					
Keystone-Arthur												1978
L T & T		X						X			X	
Nebraska Central				X						X		
Northeast												1974
Petersburg							X					
Pierce				X			X					
Plainview		X			X		X		X			
Rock County												1976
Rodeo								X				
Southeast Nebraska										X		
Stanton						X					X	
Three River												1978
United		X			X			X				
US West				X			XX	XX		X	X	
Wauneta											X	

NEBRASKA LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS



NEBRASKA LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS



State Average = 10.363%

Great Plains, United and US West reflect combined rates of return.

Comparative Rates of Return

	1989 (%)	1988 (%)	1987 (%)
Arapahoe	9.56	6.63	11.89
Arlington	15.95	11.70	9.04
Benkelman	7.11	4.96	6.29
Blair	20.08	12.67	18.06
Cambridge	5.36	20.22	23.08
Clarks	6.75	11.22	6.44
Consolidated	19.66	20.44	13.73
Consolidated Telco	28.51	32.96	17.99
Cozad	28.49	8.21	14.89
Curtis	11.97	8.98	7.02
Dalton	18.33	8.65	11.43
Diller	6.41	14.44	2.74
Eastern	8.41	7.93	10.97
Eustis	7.13	11.53	25.27
General	12.22	9.35	10.03
Glenwood	6.36	4.99	2.78
Great Plains	12.39	13.96	12.52
Hamilton	13.95	21.05	22.31
Hartington	15.68	13.55	17.02
Hartman	12.61	8.03	6.10
Home	21.61	19.68	17.49
Hooper	13.28	13.95	23.32
K & M	23.21	24.78	10.15
Keystone-Arthur	9.17	14.27	8.68
L T & T	13.03	14.08	12.21
Nebraska Central	11.03	9.24	15.25
Northeast	12.03	17.73	6.35
Petersburg	22.33	15.16	14.09
Pierce	48.75	38.04	18.66
Plainview	5.83	53.68	39.03
Rock County	8.41	8.72	14.00
Southeast	11.35	9.47	6.43
Stanton	13.61	8.13	10.49
Three River	18.00	13.20	10.83
United	17.44	12.19	13.26
US West	8.72	9.28	9.97
Wauneta	15.92	11.71	19.82

* The Uniform System of Accounts as defined by Part 32 took effect January 1, 1988; consequently, 1987 and 1988 are not directly comparable.

* Great Plains, United and US West reflect combined rates of return

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	ARAPAHOE TEL.CO.	ARLINGTON TEL.CO.	BENKELMAN TEL.CO.	SLAIR TEL.CO.	CAMBRIDGE TEL.CO.
PLANT IN SERVICE	3,533,403	2,046,074	4,379,516	8,936,062	3,178,198
1220 Material & Supplies	15,317	505	16,901	29,722	34,418
2003 Short Term PUC	58,190	10,948	39,821	76,160	0
TOTAL	3,606,910	2,057,627	4,436,238	9,041,944	3,212,616
Less: Deprec. Reserve	1,484,909	789,271	1,905,842	5,128,753	234,256
Def. Income Taxes	251,017	122,866	263,894	387,694	47,329
RATE BASE	\$1,870,984	\$1,145,490	\$2,266,502	\$3,415,497	\$2,931,031
INCOME STATEMENT					
5000-5069 Local Network Service	123,156	129,256	134,892	1,063,645	78,475
5080-5084 Network Access	787,444	648,761	598,473	2,403,263	49,690
5100-5169 Long Distance Network Service	2,962	12,933	426,063	75,121	321,544
5200-5270 Miscellaneous	78,090	37,691	8,395	496,474	75,341
5280 Non Reg. Operating Revenue	0	49,513	0	295,511	14,773
5300-5302 Less Uncollectible - Net	2,506	2,695	(679)	16,983	1,093
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	989,046	875,459	1,169,502	4,318,033	594,121
6110 Network Support	56,116	8,104	1,193	53,737	0
6120 General Support	27,085	13,490	48,240	282,406	757
6210 CO Switching	45,490	34,267	67,046	215,993	33,943
6220 Operators System	0	0	0	0	0
6230 CO Transmission	3,960	6,972	30,203	87,456	0
6310 Origination/Termination	532	432	1,566	4,035	4,167
6410 Cable/Wire Facilities	9,922	22,361	23,314	170,203	28,941
TOTAL PLANT SPECIFIC OPERATIONS	142,105	95,526	171,562	814,470	69,043
6510 Other Property, Plant and Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
6530 Network Operations	9,274	34,239	53,401	187,491	41,300
6540 Access Expense	0	0	0	0	0
6560 Depreciation/Amortization	210,320	137,073	225,042	564,412	109,521
TOTAL PLANT NONSPECIFIC OPERATIONS	219,664	171,312	278,444	751,903	151,821
6610 Marketing	0	8,006	0	42,925	27,078
6620 Service	43,878	28,310	46,305	400,588	0
TOTAL CUSTOMER OPERATIONS	43,878	36,316	46,305	443,523	27,078
6710 Executive/Planning	131,897	100,809	95,578	493,873	21,609
6720 General/Administrative	165,908	86,944	160,426	555,125	86,898
6790 Provision for Uncollectible Notes	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CORPORATE OPERATIONS	297,805	187,753	256,004	1,054,398	118,507
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	704,452	480,907	752,315	2,064,894	274,959
Operating Taxes:					
7210 Operating Investment Tax Credit	12,981	(9,803)		(26,445)	0
7220 Operating Federal Income Taxes	21,844	174,456		230,690	14,343
7230 Operating State and Local Income Taxes	12,827	26,810		57,495	4,154
7240 Operating Other Taxes	68,863	16,032		137,050	26,277
7250 Prov. for Defen. Operating Taxes-Net	10,695	4,354		68,527	17,894
TOTAL OPERATING TAXES	105,820	211,849	255,018	567,320	62,628
TOTAL OPER. EXP. & TAXES	810,272	692,756	1,007,333	3,632,214	437,587
NET OPERATING INCOME	178,774	182,703	161,169	685,819	157,144
RATE BASE	1,870,984	1,145,490	2,266,502	3,415,497	2,931,031
RATE OF RETURN	9.56%	15.95%	7.11%	20.08%	5.36%

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	CLARKS TEL.CO.	CONSOLIDATED TEL.CO.	CONSOLIDATED TELCO INC.	COZAD TEL.CO.	CURTIS TEL.CO.
PLANT IN SERVICE	2,837,849	8,350,528	2,845,556	4,638,789	3,056,738
1220 Material & Supplies	5,933	2,660	13,682	13,504	28,320
2003 Short Term PUC	0	0	215,419	0	0
TOTAL	2,843,782	8,353,188	3,074,657	4,652,293	3,085,058
Less: Deprec. Reserve	641,650	5,113,511	2,046,554	2,576,995	1,504,269
Def. Income Taxes	24,950	564,000	56,500	0	0
RATE BASE	\$2,177,182	\$2,675,677	\$971,603	\$2,075,298	\$1,580,789
INCOME STATEMENT					
5000-5069 Local Network Service	139,062	329,320	171,018	230,686	131,139
5080-5084 Network Access	592,881	105,786	61,110	784,255	705,441
5100-5169 Long Distance Network Service	8,091	2,189,517	658,362	34,356	134
5200-5270 Miscellaneous	50,246	18,108	2,953	240,806	54,322
5280 Non Reg. Operating Revenue	0	0	0	112,151	0
5300-5302 Less Uncollectible - Net	2,573	5,288	1,303	2,177	2,183
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	787,707	2,637,443	892,140	1,400,077	888,853
6110 Network Support	32	129	0	1,790	0
6120 General Support	21,795	127,867	30,508	15,774	14,946
6210 CO Switching	38,708	183,062	25,763	49,992	25,819
6220 Operators System	0	0	0	0	0
6230 CO Transmission	3,257	195,636	8,038	4,734	6,628
6310 Origination/Termination	1,165	3,714	884	28,744	550
6410 Cable/Wire Facilities	54,136	169,965	48,539	46,427	51,952
TOTAL PLANT SPECIFIC OPERATIONS	119,093	680,373	113,732	147,461	99,895
6510 Other Property, Plant and Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
6520 Network Operations	14,468	251,041	27,185	39,746	22,819
6540 Access Expense	0	1,649	5,977	0	0
6560 Depreciation/Amortization	106,116	640,161	132,509	207,202	166,727
TOTAL PLANT NONSPECIFIC OPERATIONS	120,584	892,851	165,671	246,948	189,546
6610 Marketing	22	22	0	293	0
6620 Service	28,530	73,597	41,392	155,402	46,175
TOTAL CUSTOMER OPERATIONS	28,552	73,619	41,392	155,695	46,175
6710 Executive/Planning	91,616	95,171	28,167	72,046	51,399
6720 General/Administrative	223,408	105,182	95,126	136,019	133,700
6790 Provision for Uncollectible Notes	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CORPORATE OPERATIONS	315,024	200,353	123,293	208,065	185,099
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	583,253	1,847,196	444,088	758,169	520,715
Operating Taxes:					
7210 Operating Investment Tax Credit	(7,323)	(48,021)	(5,611)	(14,875)	(10,999)
7220 Operating Federal Income Taxes	24,062	242,707	128,979	0	110,305
7230 Operating State and Local Income Taxes	24,950	46,814	25,132	0	18,671
7240 Operating Other Taxes	15,821	87,721	33,067	65,516	45,306
7250 Prov. for Deferr. Operating Taxes-Net	0	(65,000)	(10,500)	0	15,680
TOTAL OPERATING TAXES	57,510	264,221	171,067	50,641	178,963
TOTAL OPER. EXP. & TAXES	640,763	2,111,417	615,155	808,810	599,678
NET OPERATING INCOME	146,944	526,026	276,985	591,267	189,175
RATE BASE	2,177,182	2,675,677	971,603	2,075,298	1,580,789
RATE OF RETURN	6.75%	19.66%	28.51%	28.49%	11.97%

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		DALTON TEL.CO.	DILLER TEL.CO.	EASTERN NEBRASKA TEL.CO.	EUSTIS TEL.EXCH.	GTE NORTH INC.
PLANT IN SERVICE		4,242,516	2,604,203	5,890,649	821,947	80,269,900
1220	Material & Supplies	21,133	9,201	6,521	1,631	1,005,626
2003	Short Term PUC	0	0	23,073	0	2,555,000
TOTAL		4,263,649	2,613,404	5,920,243	823,578	83,829,626
Less: Deprec. Reserve		1,443,965	1,334,167	3,253,058	267,698	37,355,547
Def. Income Taxes		228,890	166,064	0	77,041	7,695,385
RATE BASE		\$2,590,794	\$1,113,173	\$2,667,185	\$478,839	\$38,778,694
INCOME STATEMENT						
5000-5069	Local Network Service	156,163	84,449	429,195	33,790	7,243,000
5080-5084	Network Access	1,120,638	136,922	1,339,996	173,858	14,570,000
5100-5169	Long Distance Network Service	0	402,631	5,475	8,421	1,235,000
5200-5270	Miscellaneous	102,580	40,273	102,553	31,161	1,873,000
5280	Non Reg. Operating Revenue	7,231	0	103,083	0	2,033,000
5300-5302	Less Uncollectible - Net	8,304	43	2,508	41	73,000
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES		1,378,308	664,232	1,977,794	247,189	26,881,000
6110	Network Support	0	2,368	24,886	1,302	105,000
6120	General Support	27,441	21,706	55,520	4,547	1,342,000
6210	CO Switching	198,534	42,201	125,474	8,359	1,415,000
6220	Operators System	0	0	0	0	0
6230	CO Transmission	23,400	0	12,105	1,421	189,000
6310	Origination/Termination	19,349	581	709	30	623,000
6410	Cable/Wire Facilities	38,935	42,161	69,655	26,413	2,044,000
TOTAL PLANT SPECIFIC OPERATIONS		307,959	109,017	288,349	42,072	5,718,000
6510	Other Property, Plant and Equipment	0	17	245	229	48,000
6530	Network Operations	6,730	8,738	86,017	3,279	1,596,000
6540	Access Expense	0	0	0	0	0
6560	Depreciation/Amortization	297,390	153,622	367,696	56,105	6,254,000
TOTAL PLANT NONSPECIFIC OPERATIONS		304,120	162,377	453,958	59,613	7,896,000
6610	Marketing	839	0	20,416	807	699,000
6620	Service	51,614	51,728	116,163	28,513	1,470,000
TOTAL CUSTOMER OPERATIONS		52,453	51,728	136,579	29,320	2,169,000
6710	Executive/Planning	855	83,147	286,099	12,862	188,000
6720	General/Administrative	197,977	86,017	250,324	21,287	2,487,000
6790	Provision for Uncollectible Notes	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CORPORATE OPERATIONS		198,832	169,164	536,423	34,149	2,675,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE		863,364	492,286	1,415,309	165,154	18,460,000
Operating Taxes:						
7210	Operating Investment Tax Credit	(18,766)	(9,978)	(22,157)	0	(96,000)
7220	Operating Federal Income Taxes	(5,931)	68,859	265,296	0	1,938,000
7230	Operating State and Local Income Taxes	(808)	13,064	34,817	0	395,000
7240	Operating Other Taxes	63,132	28,610	33,797	12,517	1,002,000
7250	Prov. for Defer. Operating Taxes-Net	2,492	0	26,470	35,354	442,000
TOTAL OPERATING TAXES		40,119	100,555	338,223	47,871	3,681,000
TOTAL OPER. EXP. & TAXES		903,483	592,841	1,753,532	213,025	22,141,000
NET OPERATING INCOME		474,825	71,391	224,262	34,164	4,740,000
RATE BASE		2,590,794	1,113,173	2,667,185	478,839	38,778,694
RATE OF RETURN		18.33%	6.41%	8.41%	7.13%	12.22%

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	GLENWOOD TEL. MEMB. CORP.	GREAT PLAINS INTRASTATE	HAMILTON TEL. CO	HARTINGTON TEL. CO	HARTMAN TEL. EXCH.
PLANT IN SERVICE	6,976,044	45,439,710	8,164,204	2,294,129	2,038,290
1220 Material & Supplies	10,657	390,198	0	16,362	13,936
2003 Short Term PUC	165,400	743,978	426,942	17,384	0
TOTAL	7,152,101	46,573,886	8,591,146	2,327,875	2,052,226
Less: Deprec. Reserve	3,709,296	20,346,574	3,671,290	971,352	1,079,628
Def. Income Taxes	0	3,782,980	1,050,300	25,041	0
RATE BASE	\$3,442,805	\$22,444,332	\$3,869,556	\$1,331,482	\$972,598
INCOME STATEMENT					
5000-5069 Local Network Service	275,061	3,891,960	512,666	162,966	57,257
5080-5084 Network Access	630,320	5,682,041	540,970	617,437	594,182
5100-5169 Long Distance Network Service	406,173	270,956	1,289,961	12,803	747
5200-5270 Miscellaneous	32,214	1,300,005	726,611	26,673	25,166
5280 Non Reg. Operating Revenue	0	0	0	0	11,471
5300-5302 Less Uncollectible - Net	1,898	3,411	1,626	482	26
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	1,341,870	11,141,551	3,068,582	819,402	688,797
6110 Network Support	0		16,048	0	7,053
6120 General Support	33,416		30,338	12,073	26,201
6210 CO Switching	92,007		115,242	16,368	18,615
6220 Operators System	0		0	0	0
6230 CO Transmission	4,274		5,399	3,724	8,301
6310 Origination/Termination	181		11,539	191	0
6410 Cable/Wire Facilities	81,239		113,874	44,327	37,539
TOTAL PLANT SPECIFIC OPERATIONS	211,117	1,701,908	292,440	76,683	97,709
6510 Other Property, Plant and Equipment	0		0	0	0
6530 Network Operations	103,045		94,105	25,132	5,719
6540 Access Expense	0		0	0	0
6560 Depreciation/Amortization	455,360		439,755	142,856	154,437
TOTAL PLANT NONSPECIFIC OPERATIONS	558,405	3,607,766	533,860	167,988	160,156
6610 Marketing	3,847		17,122	694	0
6620 Service	85,945		868,788	72,421	42,944
TOTAL CUSTOMER OPERATIONS	89,792	893,375	885,910	73,115	42,944
6710 Executive/Planning	48,509		142,342	20,636	152,978
6720 General/Administrative	151,076		255,836	93,370	68,464
6790 Provision for Uncollectible Notes	0		0	0	0
TOTAL CORPORATE OPERATIONS	199,585	1,667,971	398,178	114,006	221,442
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	1,058,899	7,870,920	2,110,388	431,792	522,251
Operating Taxes:					
7210 Operating Investment Tax Credit	0	0	(40,711)	(8,891)	(9,370)
7220 Operating Federal Income Taxes	0	581,710	188,572	132,085	51,981
7230 Operating State and Local Income Taxes	0	128,674	33,150	24,786	10,754
7240 Operating Other Taxes	64,133	497,093	131,104	32,210	20,628
7250 Prov. for Defer. Operating Taxes-Net	0	0	106,150	(1,370)	(30,104)
TOTAL OPERATING TAXES	64,133	1,207,477	418,265	178,820	43,890
TOTAL OPER. EXP. & TAXES	1,123,032	9,078,397	2,528,653	610,612	566,141
NET OPERATING INCOME	218,838	2,063,154	539,929	208,790	122,656
RATE BASE	3,442,805	22,444,332	3,869,556	1,331,482	972,598
RATE OF RETURN	6.36%	9.19%	13.95%	15.68%	12.61%

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	HOME TEL.CO. OF NEB.	HOOVER TEL.CO.	K & M TEL.CO.	KEYSTONE -ARTHUR TEL.CO.	LINCOLN TEL. & TEL.CO.
PLANT IN SERVICE	1,013,624	1,866,669	1,494,005	2,667,249	390,334,000
1220 Material & Supplies	8,200	6,795	3,865	28,320	3,558,000
2003 Short Term PUC	0	0	107	2,529	5,090,000
TOTAL	1,026,824	1,873,464	1,497,977	2,698,198	398,982,000
Less: Deprec. Reserve	578,033	630,888	1,145,405	995,836	151,165,000
Def. Income Taxes	58,255	121,527	11,033	109,643	30,813,000
RATE BASE	\$390,536	\$1,121,049	\$341,539	\$1,592,719	\$217,004,000
INCOME STATEMENT					
5000-5069 Local Network Service	55,311	115,569	101,225	86,590	44,626,000
5080-5084 Network Access	297,382	388,123	249,985	684,719	44,098,000
5100-5169 Long Distance Network Service	12,731	0	341	16,293	23,839,000
5200-5270 Miscellaneous	52,709	115,438	6,900	79,727	15,724,000
5280 Non Reg. Operating Revenue	0	0	0	2,321	15,503,000
5300-5302 Less Uncollectible - Net	68	(1,064)	2,945	4,649	247,000
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	418,065	620,194	355,506	865,011	143,553,000
6110 Network Support	4,582	1,790	0	3,328	407,000
6120 General Support	6,795	14,632	13,634	13,270	7,491,000
6210 CO Switching	10,675	35,963	12,611	13,449	8,739,000
6220 Operators System	0	0	0	0	75,000
6230 CO Transmission	4,242	4,304	6,838	6,115	2,004,000
6310 Origination/Termination	0	995	0	32,130	4,918,000
6410 Cable/Wire Facilities	35,662	28,371	18,159	27,747	6,256,000
TOTAL PLANT SPECIFIC OPERATIONS	61,956	86,055	51,242	96,099	29,890,000
6510 Other Property, Plant and Equipment	622	0	0	1,277	431,000
6530 Network Operations	5,829	10,831	6,346	24,799	5,913,000
6540 Access Expense	0	0	0	0	0
6560 Depreciation/Amortization	86,028	101,169	45,522	173,186	27,497,000
TOTAL PLANT NONSPECIFIC OPERATIONS	92,479	112,000	51,868	204,261	33,841,000
6610 Marketing	1,154	1,107	0	679	2,094,000
6620 Service	51,563	66,473	14,636	60,110	16,438,000
TOTAL CUSTOMER OPERATIONS	52,717	67,580	14,636	60,789	18,532,000
6710 Executive/Planning	33,737	32,694	68,348	111,316	3,109,000
6720 General/Administrative	39,681	73,533	36,800	184,607	12,766,000
6790 Provision for Uncollectible Notes	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CORPORATE OPERATIONS	73,418	106,227	105,148	295,923	15,877,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	280,570	371,862	222,894	657,072	96,140,000
Operating Taxes:					
7210 Operating Investment Tax Credit	0	(3,549)	(4,607)	(13,006)	(1,762,000)
7220 Operating Federal Income Taxes	32,744	56,985	37,718	19,216	10,614,000
7230 Operating State and Local Income Taxes	6,145	13,115	16,499	5,631	1,975,000
7240 Operating Other Taxes	13,957	32,959		23,507	5,746,000
7250 Prov. for Defer. Operating Taxes-Net	240	0	3,725	26,576	558,000
TOTAL OPERATING TAXES	53,086	99,510	53,335	61,924	17,131,000
TOTAL OPER. EXP. & TAXES	333,656	471,372	276,229	718,996	115,271,000
NET OPERATING INCOME	84,409	148,822	79,277	146,015	28,282,000
RATE BASE	390,536	1,121,049	341,539	1,592,719	217,004,000
RATE OF RETURN	21.61%	13.28%	23.21%	9.17%	13.03%

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	NEBRASKA CENTRAL TEL.CO.	NORTHEAST NEBRASKA TEL.CO.	PETERSBURG TEL.CO.	PIERCE TEL.CO.	PLAINVIEW TEL.CO.
PLANT IN SERVICE	15,453,626	10,044,445	1,496,378	2,549,124	1,095,186
1220 Material & Supplies	61,890	56,998	5,742	1,110	2,598
2003 Short Term PUC	113,714	12,497	3,021	1,759	1,325,500
TOTAL	15,629,230	10,113,940	1,505,141	2,551,993	2,423,284
Less: Deprec. Reserve	6,619,623	4,581,867	536,792	1,897,489	820,116
Def. Income Taxes	558,332	0	0	0	0
RATE BASE	\$8,451,275	\$5,532,073	\$968,349	\$654,504	\$1,603,168
INCOME STATEMENT					
5000-5069 Local Network Service	828,042	281,172	82,278	242,621	178,596
5080-5084 Network Access	3,239,447	1,482,783	584,840	531,956	382,181
5100-5169 Long Distance Network Service	(25,701)	174,427	1,548	17,407	12,508
5200-5270 Miscellaneous	404,206	280,335	39,354	89,124	103,037
5280 Non Reg. Operating Revenue	0	0	0	0	0
5300-5302 Less Uncollectible - Net	(865)	125	(1,549)	18	(935)
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	4,446,859	2,218,592	709,569	881,090	677,257
6110 Network Support	20,126	557	0	215	4,607
6120 General Support	114,785	19,178	11,919	24,633	15,778
6210 CO Switching	144,075	90,117	19,264	40,547	41,228
6220 Operators System	0	0	0	0	0
6230 CO Transmission	15,484	7,006	12,612	322	1,600
6310 Origination/Termination	104,243	36,662	2,084	483	436
6410 Cable/Wire Facilities	207,128	206,798	7,239	38,255	16,263
TOTAL PLANT SPECIFIC OPERATIONS	605,841	360,312	53,118	104,455	79,912
6510 Other Property, Plant and Equipment	0	3,705	0	0	0
6530 Network Operations	127,741	81,537	12,354	13,794	3,664
6540 Access Expense	4,001	0	0	0	0
6560 Depreciation/Amortization	1,249,579	533,065	95,661	190,275	91,682
TOTAL PLANT NONSPECIFIC OPERATIONS	1,381,321	618,308	108,015	114,669	85,346
6610 Marketing	0	3,096	362	845	0
6620 Service	204,631	142,866	16,634	36,145	91,797
TOTAL CUSTOMER OPERATIONS	204,631	145,962	16,996	36,990	91,797
6710 Executive/Planning	176,807	78,634	70,698	177,519	148,160
6720 General/Administrative	497,068	206,055	106,700	116,910	42,438
6790 Provision for Uncollectible Notes	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CORPORATE OPERATIONS	673,875	284,689	177,398	294,429	190,598
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	2,865,668	1,409,271	355,527	550,543	447,652
Operating Taxes:					
7210 Operating Investment Tax Credit	0	0	(241)	(13,015)	
7220 Operating Federal Income Taxes	163,252	0	108,172	0	
7230 Operating State and Local Income Taxes	66,048	143,818	18,674	0	
7240 Operating Other Taxes	213,263	0	21,613	24,474	
7250 Prov. for Deferr. Operating Taxes-Net	206,623	0	(10,418)	0	
TOTAL OPERATING TAXES	649,186	143,818	137,800	11,459	136,112
TOTAL OPER. EXP. & TAXES	3,514,854	1,553,089	493,327	562,002	583,765
NET OPERATING INCOME	932,005	665,503	216,242	319,088	93,492
RATE BASE	8,451,275	5,532,073	968,349	654,504	1,603,168
RATE OF RETURN	11.03%	12.03%	22.33%	48.75%	5.82%

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	ROCK COUNTY TEL.CO.	SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA TEL.CO.	STANTON TEL.CO.	THREE RIVER TELCO	UNITED TELCO OF THE WEST INTRASTATE
PLANT IN SERVICE	3,670,967	10,805,597	2,709,739	5,090,914	26,832,631
1220 Material & Supplies	5,277	5,749	42,197	14,302	134,235
2003 Short Term PUC	6,353	0	0	0	72,472
TOTAL	3,682,597	10,811,346	2,751,926	5,105,216	27,039,338
Less: Deprec. Reserve	1,677,870	3,190,684	1,010,143	2,479,608	12,627,982
Def. Income Taxes	0	735,510		0	2,250,489
RATE BASE	\$2,004,727	\$6,885,152	\$1,741,783	\$2,625,608	\$12,160,866
INCOME STATEMENT					
5000-5069 Local Network Service	157,586	698,466	178,698	166,525	5,102,825
5080-5084 Network Access	880,819	168,943	821,362	1,060,731	2,544,731
5100-5169 Long Distance Network Service	8,618	2,396,612	0	300	38,412
5200-5270 Miscellaneous	33,635	111,530	101,323	4,675	1,054,725
5280 Non Reg. Operating Revenue	34,381	0	0	0	0
5300-5302 Less Uncollectible - Net	3,215	(1,317)	7,238	(2,520)	4,639
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	1,111,824	3,376,868	1,094,145	1,235,251	8,736,055
6110 Network Support	11,264	2,491	0	969	11,635
6120 General Support	30,166	56,032	21,256	30,697	737,520
6210 CO Switching	51,225	261,969	45,804	74,341	308,400
6220 Operators System	0	0	0	0	0
6230 CO Transmission	18,761	24,332	2,079	21,508	144,199
6310 Origination/Termination	0	91,204	84	743	34,840
6410 Cable/Wire Facilities	17,116	191,245	43,735	32,268	589,637
TOTAL PLANT SPECIFIC OPERATIONS	128,532	627,273	112,958	160,526	1,826,231
6510 Other Property, Plant and Equipment	0	0	0	0	10,525
6530 Network Operations	47,562	66,071	102,206	46,723	704,004
6540 Access Expense	0	0	0	0	0
6560 Depreciation/Amortization	233,970	635,668	181,865	311,762	2,029,057
TOTAL PLANT NONSPECIFIC OPERATIONS	281,532	701,739	284,071	358,485	2,743,586
6610 Marketing	10,170	10,537	0	0	97,247
6620 Service	49,137	183,266	77,870	45,366	813,463
TOTAL CUSTOMER OPERATIONS	59,307	193,803	77,870	45,366	910,710
6710 Executive/Planning	130,712	384,037	49,438	30,119	106,615
6720 General/Administrative	146,338	391,208	173,280	129,733	1,341,203
6790 Provision for Uncollectible Notes	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CORPORATE OPERATIONS	277,050	775,245	222,719	159,902	1,447,818
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	746,421	2,298,060	697,617	724,279	6,928,345
Operating Taxes:					
7210 Operating Investment Tax Credit	(17,697)	(17,317)	56,986	0	(125,293)
7220 Operating Federal Income Taxes	171,297	60,000	24,960	0	457,601
7230 Operating State and Local Income Taxes	23,136	22,000	16,324	0	90,591
7240 Operating Other Taxes	17,953	122,330	34,046	38,263	303,532
7250 Prov. for Defer. Operating Taxes-Net	(2,904)	110,000	27,188	0	(241,515)
TOTAL OPERATING TAXES	196,795	297,013	159,504	38,263	484,916
TOTAL OPER. EXP. & TAXES	943,216	2,595,073	857,121	762,542	7,413,261
NET OPERATING INCOME	168,608	781,795	237,024	472,709	1,322,794
RATE BASE	2,004,727	6,885,152	1,741,793	2,625,608	12,160,866
RATE OF RETURN	8.41%	11.35%	13.61%	18.00%	10.88%

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	US WEST INTRASTATE	WAUNETA TEL.CO.
PLANT IN SERVICE	776,674,122	3,170,188
1220 Material & Supplies	4,543,677	0
2003 Short Term PUC	9,545,189	25,932
TOTAL	790,763,988	3,196,120
Less: Deprec. Reserve	299,199,198	1,066,586
Def. Income Taxes	94,945,966	439,480
RATE BASE	\$396,618,824	\$1,690,054
INCOME STATEMENT		
5000-5069 Local Network Service	135,887,375	72,906
5080-5084 Network Access	19,560,298	525,526
5100-5169 Long Distance Network Service	47,775,522	338,964
5200-5270 Miscellaneous	51,977,694	975
5280 Non Reg. Operating Revenue	1,665,266	0
5300-5302 Less Uncollectible - Net		(517)
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	256,866,155	938,883
6110 Network Support	1,488,301	2,962
6120 General Support	44,521,990	29,244
6210 CO Switching		22,337
6220 Operators System		0
6230 CO Transmission		8,429
6310 Origination/Termination		619
6410 Cable/Wire Facilities		11,938
TOTAL PLANT SPECIFIC OPERATIONS	46,010,291	75,529
6510 Other Property, Plant and Equipment	13,980,597	0
6530 Network Operations	3,055,956	45,123
6540 Access Expense	20,748,229	0
6560 Depreciation/Amortization	73,166,657	143,521
TOTAL PLANT NONSPECIFIC OPERATIONS	110,951,439	188,644
6610 Marketing		0
6620 Service		30,438
TOTAL CUSTOMER OPERATIONS	30,017,952	30,438
6710 Executive/Planning		44,943
6720 General/Administrative	30,880,249	60,693
6790 Provision for Uncollectible Notes	1,218,327	0
TOTAL CORPORATE OPERATIONS	32,098,576	105,636
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	219,078,258	400,247
Operating Taxes:		
7210 Operating Investment Tax Credit		(14,856)
7220 Operating Federal Income Taxes	6,363,433	206,508
7230 Operating State and Local Income Taxes	1,975,709	32,916
7240 Operating Other Taxes		45,092
7250 Prov. for Defer. Operating Taxes-Net		0
TOTAL OPERATING TAXES	8,339,142	269,660
TOTAL OPER. EXP. & TAXES	227,417,400	669,907
NET OPERATING INCOME	29,448,755	268,981
RATE BASE	396,618,824	1,690,054
RATE OF RETURN	7.42%	15.92%

NEBRASKA LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS
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COMPANY	EXCHANGE	B-1	B-2	R-1	R-2	R-4	RR-1	RR-1	S-S
Arapahoe Tel. Co.	Arapahoe	\$13.25		\$8.25					
	Hendley	13.25		8.25					
	Holbrook	13.25		8.25					
Arlington Tel. Co.	Arlington	12.80	11.75	8.60	7.50		*7.20	*8.60	
Benkelman Tel. Co.	Benkelman	10.50		7.50					
Blair Tel. Co.	Blair	20.80		10.15					
	Fort Calhoun	20.80		10.15					
	Kennard	20.80		10.15					
Cambridge Tel. Co.	Bartley	14.50		10.65					
	Cambridge	14.50		10.65					
Clarks Tel. Co.	Clarks	11.50		7.50					
	Staplehurst	12.50		9.00					
	Ulysses	11.50		7.50					
Consolidated Telco	Dickens	15.75		10.00					
	Madrid	9.75		7.50					
	Maywood	15.75		11.50					
	Paxton	9.75		7.50					
	Wallace	9.75		7.50					
	Wellfleet	15.75		11.50					
Consolidated Tel. Co.	Anselmo	6.50		4.00	3.50	2.75	12.00		
	Arthur	14.50		7.50			17.00		
	Brewster	6.50		4.00			12.00		
	Brownlee			17.00			17.00		
	Dunning	6.50		4.00	3.50		12.00		
	Halsey	6.50		4.00			12.00		
	Hyannis	6.25		5.25	4.25		17.00		1.25
	Merna	6.50		4.00			12.00		
	Mullen	6.50		4.00	3.50		17.00		1.25
	Purdum	6.50		4.00			7.00		
	Seneca	6.50		4.00	3.50	2.75	17.00		
	Thedford	6.50		4.00			17.00		1.25
Cozad Tel. Co.	Cozad	8.50		5.50	5.00				
Curtis Tel. Co.	Curtis	17.50		13.50					
Dalton Tel. Co.	Bushnell	11.50	10.50	10.00	9.00	8.00	**9.00		
	Dalton	7.00		5.00			**3.75	**5.75	
	Dix	11.50	10.50	10.00	9.00	8.00	**9.00		
	Gurley	7.00		5.00			**3.75	**5.75	
	Lodgepole	7.00		5.00			**3.75	**5.75	

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COMPANY	EXCHANGE	B-1	B-2	R-1	R-2	R-4	RR-1	RR-1	S-3
Diller Tel. Co.	Diller	9.50		7.50					
	Harbine	8.50		7.50					
	Odell	9.50		7.50					
	Virginia	8.50		7.50					
Eastern Neb. Tel. Co.	Belden	16.95		10.95					
	Carroll	16.95		10.95					
	Meadow Grove	16.95		10.95					
	Osmond	16.95		10.95					
	Rosalie	16.95		10.95					
	Walthill	16.95		10.95					
	Winnebago	16.95		10.95					
	Wacy	16.95		10.95					
Eustis Tel. Exchange	Eustis	8.00		5.00	4.25		7.00		2.50
GTE North Inc.	Group I	134.9		7.48			**7.56		
	Group II	16.22		8.99			**9.09		
Glenwood Tel. Memb. Corp.	Bladen	12.00		8.00					
	Blue Hill	12.00		9.00					
	Campbell	12.00		8.00					
	Funk	13.50		13.50		11.50			
	Holstein	12.00		8.00					
	Lawrence	12.00		8.00					
	Norman	12.00		8.00					
	Roseland	12.00		8.00					
	Upland	12.00		8.00					
Great Plains Comm.	All exchanges	18.55		10.75					
Hamilton Tel. Co.	Aurora	9.50		7.00					
	Coniphan	7.00		6.00					
	Giltner	7.00		6.00					
	Hampton	7.00		6.00					
	Hordville	7.00		6.00					
	Marquette	7.00		6.00					
	Phillips	7.00		6.00					
	Stockham	9.50		7.00					
	Trumbull	7.00		6.00					
Hartington Tel. Co.	Hartington	12.00		7.50					
Hartman Tel. Exchanges	Canbury	9.50		9.50					
	Haigler	9.50		9.50					
	Lebanon	9.50		9.50					
Home Tel. Co. of Neb.	Brady	7.25		4.50	4.00		*4.50	*6.25	
	Maxwell	7.25		4.50	4.00		*4.50	*6.25	1.50

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COMPANY	EXCHANGE	B-1	B-2	R-1	R-2	R-4	RR-1	RB-1	S-S
Hooper Tel. Co.	Hooper	8.35	7.85	6.35	5.85				
	Uehling	8.35	7.85	6.35	5.85				
K & M Tel. Co.	Chambers	15.50		12.25					
	Inman	15.50		12.25					
Keystone-Arthur Tel. Co.	Keystone	14.50	13.00	11.50	10.00	11.50			
	Lemoine	14.50	13.00	11.50	10.00	11.50			
Lincoln Tel. & Tel. Co.	Group A	19.30	15.30	7.50	6.65		10.85	22.25	
	Group B	23.80	18.95	8.45	7.50		11.45	27.45	
	Group C	25.80	20.60	8.80	7.85		11.55	29.70	
	Group D	28.25	22.55	9.25	8.35		11.85	32.25	
	Group E	29.85	24.10	9.70	8.80		12.05	34.10	
	Group F	34.75	29.20	10.10	9.20		12.45	39.70	
Web. Central Tel. Co.	Ansley	19.00		10.75					
	Arcadia	16.25		9.25					
	Comstock	19.00		10.75					
	Gibbon	19.00		10.75					
	Sargent	19.00		10.75					
	Shelton	19.00		10.75					
Northeast Web. Tel. Co.	Bartlett	7.75		5.25					
	Clearwater	7.75		5.25					
	Coleridge	7.75		5.25					
	Craig	8.00		6.25					
	Dixon	7.75		5.25					
	Jackson	7.75		5.25					
	Linwood/Morse Bluffs	9.25		6.25					
	Martinsburg	7.75		5.25					
	Newcastle	7.75		5.25					
	Obert	7.75		5.25					
	Prague	9.25		6.25					
	Weston	9.25		6.25					
Petersburg Tel. Co.	Petersburg	17.50		15.00					
Pierce Tel. Co., Inc.	Hoskins	16.10		11.10					
	Pierce	16.10		11.10					
Plainview Tel. Co.	Plainview	16.00		12.00			10.25	11.75	
Rock County Tel. Co.	Bassett	15.65		9.65	9.15		*8.65	*13.65	
	Newport	15.65		9.65	9.15		*8.65	*13.65	
Rodeo Tel., Inc.	Burwell	17.05		11.20					
	Erickson	17.05		11.20					

NEBRASKA LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS
Basic Local Exchange Rates (10/31/90)

COMPANY	EXCHANGE	B-1	B-2	R-1	R-2	R-4	RB-1	S-E
	North Loup	17.05		11.20				
	Scotia	17.05		11.20				
	Taylor	17.05		11.20				
	W. Burwell	17.05		11.20				
SENECA TEL. CO.	Falls City	27.50		10.50	9.75		**9.50	
	Tri-City	27.50		10.50	9.75		**9.50	
STANTON TEL. CO., INC.	Stanton	17.50		14.50				
THREE RIVER TELCO	Johnstown	13.25		9.00				
	Lynch	13.25		9.00				
	Naper	13.25		9.00				
	Springview	13.25		9.00				
	Verdel	13.25		9.00				
UNITED TEL. CO. OF THE WEST	Group 1	18.15		9.07			**11.74	
	Group 2	18.92		9.46			**12.25	
	Group 3	21.93		10.96			**14.20	
US WEST	Group A	37.55		14.90	12.90		20.65	43.30
	Group B	36.40		14.10	12.10		19.85	42.15
WAUNETA TEL. CO.	Wauneta	10.50		7.50				

Great Plains Communications:

Archer, Arnold, Bancroft, Beemer, Bloomfield, Byron, Callaway, Center, Chapman, Chester/Hubbell/Reynolds, Cotesfield, Creighton, Crofton, Dasher, Dodge, Elgin, Ewing, Grant, Hay Springs, Hayes Center, Herman, Huntley/Ragan, Imperial, Indianola, Kilgore, Merriman, Mirage Flats, Niobrara, North Bend, Oakdale, Oconto, Page, Palisade, Ponca, Red Cloud/Riverton, St. Edward, Scribner, Snyder, Stapleton, Sutherland, Tryon, Venango, Verdigris, Walnut, Wausa, Wilcox, Winnetoon, Wisner, Wolbach, Wood Lake, Wynot

GTE North:

Group I

Albion, Alma, Amherst, Battle Creek, Beaver City, Bertrand, Bloomington, Brunswick, Duncan, Edison, Franklin, Genoa, Greeley, Heartwell, Hildreth, Leigh, Lindsay, Madison, Miller, Monroe, Naponee, Neligh, Newman Grove, Orchard, Ord, Orleans, Palmer, Platte Center, Pleasanton, Republican City, Riverdale, Stamford, Sumner, Tilden, Wilsonville

Group II

Columbus, Kearney

The Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Company:

Group A

Adams, Burr, Davenport, Exeter, Guide Rock, Milligan, Nehawka, Tobias

Group B

Bellwood, Brainard, Brock, Brownville, Bruning, Bruno, Burchard, Carleton, Cedar Bluffs, Ceresco, Clatonia, Clay Center, Colon, Cook, Cordova, Crab Orchard, Dawson, Dewese, Edgar, Elk Creek, Elmwood, Fairfield, Fairmont, Freind, Grafton, Humboldt, Ithaca, Johnson, Louisville, Mead, Murdock, Nelson, Nemaha, Octavia

NEBRASKA LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS
Basic Local Exchange Rates (10/31/90)

COMPANY	EXCHANGE	B-1	B-2	R-1	R-2	R-4	RE-1	RE-1	S-9
Group C	Ohiowa, Ong, Osceola, Peru, Polk, Rising City, Ruskin, Shickley, Steinauer Sterling, Stromsburg, Surprise, Swanton, Table Rock, Western, Wilber Alexandria, Ashland, Auburn, Avoca, Beaver Crossing, Benedict, Bradshaw David City, Daykin, DeWitt, Dorchester, DuBois, Dunbar, Dwight, Filley, Garland Geneva, Gresham, Hardy, Harvard, Hebron, Jansen, Julian, McCool, Otoe, Pawnee City Plymouth, Shelby, Steele City, Superior, Syracuse, Talmage, Tamora, Tecumseh Unadilla, Union, Waco, Wahoo, Weeping Water, Wymore, Yutan								
Group D	Crete, Fairbury, Milford, Murray, Nebraska City, Plattsmouth, Seward, Sutton, Utica, York								
Group E	Barneston, Beatrice, Glenvil, Hansen, Hastings, Juniata, Kenesaw, Liberty								
Group F	Alvo-Eagle, Bennet, Cortland, Davey, Denton, Douglas, Firth, Greenwood, Hallam Hickman, Lincoln, Malcolm, Martell, Palmyra, Panama, Pleasant Dale, Raymond Valparaiso, Waverly								
US West:									
Group A	Allen, Atkinson, Bennington, Cairo, Chadron, Creston, Dakota City, Decatur, Elkhorn, Fremont, Grand Island, Gretna, Humphrey, Laurel, Lexington, Norfolk, North Platte, Oakland, Ogallala, Omaha, O'Neill, Pender, Pilger, St. Libory, Schuyler, Sidney, South Sioux City, Springfield, Valley, Wakefield, Waterbury, Waterloo, Wayne, West Point, Winside, Wood River								
Group B	Ainsworth, Alliance, Ashton, Atlanta, Axtell, Belgrade, Big Springs, Boelus, Bridgeport, Bristow, Broken Bow, Brule, Butte, Cedar Rapids, Central City Clarkson, Cody, Crawford, Crookston, Culbertson, Dannebrog, Elba, Elm Creek, Elwood, Emerson, Farnam, Farwell, Fullerton, Gordon, Gothenburg, Harrison, Holdrege, Homer, Howells, Litchfield, Long Pine, Loomis, Loup City, Lyons, McCook, Mason City, Minden, Oakland, Overton, Oxford, Primrose, Randolph, Ravenna, Rockville, Rushville, St. Paul, Silver Creek, Spalding, Spencer, Stratton, Stuart, Takamah, Trenton, Valentine, Whitney								
United Telephone Company of the West:									
Group 1	Bayard, Broadwater, Chappell, Lewellen, Lyman, Minatare, Mitchell, Morrill, Oshkosh, Potter								
Group 2	Kimball								
Group 3	Gering, Scottsbluff								
* Multi-party									
** 4-party									

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TOLL COMPARISON (as of 10-30-90)

Originating city: COLUMBUS, NE

	Destination						
	Lincoln	Beatrice	Hastings	Grand Island	Kearney	North Platte	Scottsbluff

Rate period: DAY							
Length of call: 3 MINUTES							

Allnet	0.54	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.73	0.76
AT&T, CSI, ITI, UTLD ¹	1.00	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.21	1.30	1.36
Dial-Net	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
Lintel (LTLD)	0.80	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.97	1.04	1.09
MCI	0.98	1.07	1.07	1.07	1.19	1.28	1.34
MidAmerican ²	0.63	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.71	0.73
TelaMarketing (TMC)	0.62	0.74	0.69	0.67	0.77	0.86	0.94
Teleconnect	0.93	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.13	1.21	1.25
Telenational	0.66	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.84	0.90
US Sprint	0.99	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.20	1.29	1.35
Vicom	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63
Payline	1.00	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.21	1.30	1.36
Comtel	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.70
Network Services	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76

Rate period: EVENING							
Length of call: 3 MINUTES							

Allnet	0.39	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.47	0.49
AT&T, CSI, ITI, UTLD ¹	0.70	0.77	0.77	0.77	0.85	0.91	0.96
Dial-Net	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54
Lintel (LTLD)	0.58	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.70	0.75	0.78
MCI	0.69	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.83	0.90	0.94
MidAmerican ²	0.41	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.46	0.47
TelaMarketing (TMC)	0.41	0.49	0.45	0.44	0.50	0.56	0.61
Teleconnect	0.65	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.79	0.85	0.89
Telenational	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51
US Sprint	0.69	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.84	0.90	0.94
Vicom	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52
Payline	1.00	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.21	1.30	1.36
Comtel	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.56
Network Services	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51

Rate period: NIGHT/WEEKEND							
Length of call: 3 MINUTES							

Allnet	0.30	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.37	0.38
AT&T, CSI, ITI, UTLD ¹	0.50	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.61	0.65	0.68
Dial-Net	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42
Lintel (LTLD)	0.38	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.47	0.50	0.52
MCI	0.49	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.59	0.64	0.67
MidAmerican ²	0.32	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.36	0.37
TelaMarketing (TMC)	0.34	0.41	0.38	0.37	0.42	0.48	0.52
Teleconnect	0.47	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.57	0.61	0.64
Telenational	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42
US Sprint	0.49	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.60	0.64	0.67
Vicom	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42
Payline	1.00	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.21	1.30	1.36
Comtel	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.56
Network Services	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30

TOLL COMPARISON (as of 10-30-90)

Originating city: LINCOLN, NE

	Destination						
	Omaha	Columbus	Norfolk	Grand Island	Kearney	North Platte	Scottsbluff

Rate period: DAY							
Length of call: 3 MINUTES							

Allnet	0.54	0.54	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.73	0.76
AT&T, CSI, ITI, UTLD ¹	1.00	1.00	1.09	1.09	1.21	1.30	1.36
Dial-Met	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
Lintel (LTLD)	0.80	0.80	0.88	0.88	0.97	1.04	1.09
MCI	0.98	0.98	1.07	1.07	1.19	1.28	1.34
MidAmerican ²	0.63	0.63	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.71	0.73
TelaMarketing (TMC)	0.62	0.62	0.74	0.74	0.77	0.89	0.94
Teleconnect	0.93	0.93	1.02	1.02	1.13	1.21	1.25
Telenational	0.66	0.66	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.84	0.90
US Sprint	0.99	0.99	1.08	1.08	1.20	1.29	1.35
Vicom	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63
Payline	1.00	1.00	1.09	1.09	1.21	1.30	1.36
Contel	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.70
Network Services	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76

Rate period: EVENING							
Length of call: 3 MINUTES							

Allnet	0.39	0.39	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.47	0.49
AT&T, CSI, ITI, UTLD ¹	0.70	0.70	0.77	0.77	0.85	0.91	0.96
Dial-Met	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54
Lintel (LTLD)	0.58	0.58	0.63	0.63	0.70	0.75	0.78
MCI	0.69	0.69	0.75	0.75	0.83	0.90	0.94
MidAmerican ²	0.41	0.41	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.46	0.47
TelaMarketing (TMC)	0.41	0.41	0.49	0.49	0.50	0.58	0.61
Teleconnect	0.65	0.65	0.71	0.71	0.79	0.85	0.89
Telenational	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51
US Sprint	0.69	0.69	0.75	0.75	0.84	0.90	0.94
Vicom	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52
Payline	1.00	1.00	1.09	1.09	1.21	1.30	1.36
Contel	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.56
Network Services	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51

Rate period: NIGHT/WEEKEND							
Length of call: 3 MINUTES							

Allnet	0.30	0.30	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.37	0.38
AT&T, CSI, ITI, UTLD ¹	0.50	0.50	0.55	0.55	0.61	0.65	0.68
Dial-Met	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42
Lintel (LTLD)	0.38	0.38	0.42	0.42	0.47	0.50	0.52
MCI	0.49	0.49	0.53	0.53	0.59	0.64	0.67
MidAmerican ²	0.32	0.32	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.36	0.37
TelaMarketing (TMC)	0.34	0.34	0.41	0.41	0.42	0.49	0.52
Teleconnect	0.47	0.47	0.51	0.51	0.57	0.61	0.64
Telenational	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42
US Sprint	0.49	0.49	0.54	0.54	0.60	0.64	0.67
Vicom	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42
Payline	1.00	1.00	1.09	1.09	1.21	1.30	1.36
Contel	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.56
Network Services	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30

TOLL COMPARISON (as of 10-30-90)

Originating city: OMAHA, NE

	Destination						
	Lincoln	Beatrice	Hastings	Grand Island	Kearney	North Platte	Scottsbluff
Rate period: DAY							
Length of call: 3 MINUTES							
Allnet	0.54	0.57	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.76
AT&T, CSI, ITI, UTLD ¹	1.00	1.09	1.21	1.21	1.30	1.30	1.36
Dial-Net	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
Lintel (LTLD)	0.80	0.88	0.97	0.97	1.04	1.04	1.09
MCI	0.98	1.07	1.19	1.19	1.28	1.28	1.34
MidAmerican ²	0.63	0.67	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.73
TelaMarketing (TMC)	0.62	0.69	0.79	0.79	0.84	0.91	0.94
Teleconnect	0.93	1.02	1.13	1.13	1.21	1.21	1.25
Telenational	0.66	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.84	0.84	0.90
US Sprint	0.99	1.08	1.20	1.20	1.29	1.29	1.35
Vicom	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63
Payline	1.00	1.09	1.21	1.21	1.30	1.30	1.36
Comtel	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.70
Network Services	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76
Rate period: EVENING							
Length of call: 3 MINUTES							
Allnet	0.39	0.43	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.49
AT&T, CSI, ITI, UTLD ¹	0.70	0.77	0.85	0.85	0.91	0.91	0.96
Dial-Net	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.54
Lintel (LTLD)	0.58	0.63	0.70	0.70	0.75	0.75	0.78
MCI	0.69	0.75	0.83	0.83	0.90	0.90	0.94
MidAmerican ²	0.41	0.43	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.47
TelaMarketing (TMC)	0.41	0.45	0.52	0.52	0.54	0.59	0.61
Teleconnect	0.65	0.71	0.79	0.79	0.85	0.85	0.89
Telenational	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51
US Sprint	0.69	0.75	0.84	0.84	0.90	0.90	0.94
Vicom	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52
Payline	1.00	1.09	1.21	1.21	1.30	1.30	1.36
Comtel	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.56
Network Services	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51
Rate period: NIGHT/WEEKEND							
Length of call: 3 MINUTES							
Allnet	0.30	0.33	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.38
AT&T, CSI, ITI, UTLD ¹	0.50	0.55	0.61	0.61	0.65	0.65	0.68
Dial-Net	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42
Lintel (LTLD)	0.38	0.42	0.47	0.47	0.50	0.50	0.52
MCI	0.49	0.53	0.59	0.59	0.64	0.64	0.67
MidAmerican ²	0.32	0.34	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.37
TelaMarketing (TMC)	0.34	0.38	0.44	0.44	0.46	0.50	0.52
Teleconnect	0.47	0.51	0.57	0.57	0.61	0.61	0.64
Telenational	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42
US Sprint	0.49	0.54	0.60	0.60	0.64	0.64	0.67
Vicom	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42
Payline	1.00	1.09	1.21	1.21	1.30	1.30	1.36
Comtel	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.56
Network Services	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30

TOLL COMPARISON (as of 10-30-90)

¹ AT&T - American Telephone & Telegraph; CSI - Communication Services Inc.;
ITI - International Telecharge Inc.; UTLD - United Telephone Long Distance.

² On September 18, 1989, MidAmerican Long Distance Company was granted permission
to discontinue residential service. These rates apply only to business customers.

REDUCTIONS IN TELEPHONE RATES
ORDERED BY STATE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONS

In our last edition we reported that rate reductions by states since 1987 when LB 835 became effective totaled \$2,091,900,000 for 1987, 1988 and the first quarter of 1989. By the end of 1989, the total of net reductions had reached \$2,724,000,000. In 1990, states have issued 17 rate reduction orders and seven orders approving increases, for a net reduction of \$429,700,000 for the first six months. The total of net reductions through the first six months of 1990 is, therefore, \$3,153,700,000. The second quarter of 1990 was the 14th consecutive quarter in which state rate reductions exceeded increases.

In the last report, 34 states and the District of Columbia had ordered reductions. In 1990, Kansas and Michigan were added to the list. These states are:

Alabama	Kansas	New York
Arizona	Kentucky	North Carolina
Arkansas	Louisiana	North Dakota
California	Maine	Oregon
Colorado	Maryland	Pennsylvania
Delaware	Michigan	South Dakota
District of Columbia	Minnesota	Tennessee
Florida	Mississippi	Texas
Georgia	Missouri	Utah
Idaho	Montana	Virginia
Illinois	New Jersey	Washington
Indiana	New Mexico	Wisconsin
Iowa		

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Recommendations

LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Highest Priority

Repeal the sunset clause on the consumer's right to petition.

Repeal the sunset clause on de-averaging of toll rates.

Not Prioritized

Study whether Extended Area Service should be considered basic local service.

Allow subscribers 120 days (rather than 60) to petition the Commission and allow the telephone company to implement the proposed rate increase after 60 days of notice. This allows the public adequate time to petition while avoiding regulatory lag. Consumers would be granted refunds if the proposed rate increase is ultimately determined to be too high.

Reduce the percentage of increase that a company can implement from ten percent to five percent annually.

Reduce by one half the required percentage of petitioners for US West and Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company subscribers. US West would then need one percent and LT&T one and one half percent of affected subscribers to petition before a hearing could be held.

Allow the Commission to review a company's rate of return if the company experiences a tax windfall.

Clear up the discrepancy on the dates when a company can reapply for a rate increase.

Change the standard from actual cost to fair, just and reasonable.

Recommendations in Areas Other Than LB 835

Mandate that failure to disclose the cost of a 900 call in a 900 advertisement is an unfair trade practice.

Allow the Commission to coordinate the 911 surcharge to assist Nebraska communities in utilizing 911 services.

Provide for a civil fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000 for offering telecommunications services or operating an automatic dialing-announcing device without proper authority.

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Appendix 1

APPLICATIONS FILED SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 1989

<u>DATE</u>	<u>APP. NO.</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>
11-01-89	C-788	Telephone Committee & Citizens for EAS, et al., Ashland, NE requesting extended area service for the community of Ashland, NE to the Omaha calling area.
11-01-89	C-789	Telephone Committee & Citizens for EAS, et al., Ashland, NE requesting extended area service for the community of Ashland, NE to the Lincoln Common Service area.
11-09-89	C-790	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company request consideration and approval for a boundary change to place a new residence being built by Doug McLaughlin in the Jackson-Hubbard Exchange area.
11-20-89	C-791	Hartington Telephone Company, Hartington for approval of revision of a previously approved \$746,000 loan from Rural Electrification Administration and further revision of a previously approved \$1,279,950 loan from the Rural Telephone Bank.
11-20-89	C-792	Payline Systems, Inc., Portland, OR for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a reseller of telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska.
11-30-89	C-793	Gordon & Janet Rammage, Enders for authority to continue to receive telephone service from the Wauneta Telephone Company.
12-08-89	C-794	Great Plains Communications, Inc. to equalize local service rates.
01-05-90	C-795	Network Services, Inc., Houston, TX for authority to operate as a reseller of telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska.
01-08-90	C-796	MidAmerican Long Distance Company for transfer of its Certificate to MidAmerican Long Distance Co., a Delaware Corporation.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>APP. NO.</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>
01-17-90	C-797	Link-Up America Modification.
02-09-90	C-798	American Public Communications, Inc., Garland, TX for authority to operate as a reseller of interexchange telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska.
02-20-90	C-799	Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company for authority to issue and sell securities.
02-28-90	C-800	National Communications Network, Inc., Gilbert, AZ for authority to operate as a reseller of telecommunication services.
03-06-90	C-801	Nebraska Public Service Commission, Relator vs. LT&T, a common carrier, Respondent.
03-19-90	C-802	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp. a Nebraska nonprofit corp. of Blue Hill, NE for use of unadvanced loan funds.
05-08-90	C-803	Teleconnect Long Distance Service & Systems, Company for approval of consolidation and change of control.
06-25-90	C-804	Rock County Telephone Co., Blair, NE and Emory C. Hunt, Jr., Edna L. Hunt, High W. Hunt, Richard Alan Hunt, Jane A. Hunt, Janyce B. Hunt, Karen B. Hunt, Bryce W. Hunt, David L. Hunt, Daniel E. Hunt, and Nathan A. Hunt, Stockholders, for approval of the purchase of the common stock of Emory C. Hunt, Jr., and Edna L. Hunt.
07-03-90	C-805	Cozad Telephone Co., Cozad for authority to borrow funds from the Rural Electrification Administration.
07-11-90	C-806	ComTel Computer Corp. for authority to operate as a reseller of telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>APP. NO.</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>
07-16-90	C-807	Curtis Telephone Co., a Nebraska corporation, Curtis, NE to borrow from the United States of America, through the Rural Electrification Administration.
07-19-90	C-808	AT&T for authority to revise depreciation rates.
08-02-90	C-809	Coast International, Inc., Overland Park, KS for authority to operate as a reseller of long distance telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska.
08-07-90	C-810	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between Kenesaw exchanges of the Lincoln Telephone Company and the Holstein exchange of the Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.
08-07-90	C-811	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between Kenesaw exchanges of the Lincoln Telephone Company and the Shelton exchange of the Nebraska Central Telephone Co.
08-07-90	C-812	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between Hansen exchange of the Lincoln Telephone Company and the Trumbull exchange of the Hamilton Telephone Co.
08-07-90	C-813	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between Albion exchange of GTE North, Inc. and the Petersburg exchange of the Petersburg Telephone Co.
08-07-90	C-814	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Hemingford exchange of the Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company and the Alliance exchange of US West.
08-07-90	C-815	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Craig exchange of the Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company and the Lyons exchange of US West.

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08-07-90	C-816	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Belden exchange of the Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company and the Randolph exchange of US West.
08-07-90	C-817	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Belden exchange of the Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company and the Laurel exchange of US West.
08-07-90	C-818	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Hartington exchange of the Hartington Telephone Company and the Wynot exchange of Great Plains Communications.
08-07-90	C-819	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Hartington exchange of the Hartington Telephone Company and the Wynot exchange of Great Plains Communications.
08-07-90	C-820	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Hartington exchange of the Hartington Telephone Company and the Laurel exchange of US West.
08-07-90	C-821	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Brownlee exchange of the Consolidated Telephone Company and the Valentine exchange of US West.
08-07-90	C-822	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Brownlee exchange of the Consolidated Telephone Company and the Valentine exchange of US West.
08-07-90	C-823	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Gurley exchange of the Dalton Telephone Company and the Lodgepole exchange of Dalton Telephone Company.

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08-07-90	C-824	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Cozad exchange of the Cozad Telephone Company and the Lexington exchange of US West.
08-07-90	C-825	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Cozad exchange of the Cozad Telephone Company and the Gothenburg exchange of US West.
08-07-90	C-826	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Cozad exchange of the Cozad Telephone Company and the Gothenburg exchange of US West.
08-07-90	C-827	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Cozad exchange of the Cozad Telephone Company and the Gothenburg exchange of US West.
08-07-90	C-828	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Hooper exchange of the Hooper Telephone Company and the Fremont exchange of US West.
08-07-90	C-829	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Hooper exchange of the Hooper Telephone Company and the Fremont exchange of US West.
08-07-90	C-830	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Hooper exchange of the Hooper Telephone Company and the Scribner exchange of Great Plains Communications.
08-07-90	C-831	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Hooper exchange of the Hooper Telephone Company and the Fremont exchange of US West.

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08-07-90	C-832	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Hooper exchange of the Hooper Telephone Company and the Scribner exchange of Great Plains Communications.
08-07-90	C-833	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Fort Calhoun exchange of the Blair Telephone Company and the Omaha exchange of US West.
08-07-90	C-834	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Beaver City exchange of GTE North, Inc. the Stamford exchange of GTE North, Inc.
08-07-90	C-835	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Harbine exchange of the Diller Telephone Company and the Beatrice exchange of Lincoln Telephone Company.
08-07-90	C-836	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Harbine exchange of the Diller Telephone Company and the Beatrice exchange of Lincoln Telephone Company.
08-07-90	C-837	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Kenesaw exchange of Lincoln Telephone Company and the Shelton exchange of Nebraska Central Telephone Company.
08-07-90	C-838	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Polk exchange of Lincoln Telephone Company and the Hordville exchange of Hamilton Telephone Company.
08-07-90	C-839	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Orleans exchange of GTE North, Inc. and the Oxford exchange of US West.
08-07-90	C-840	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Hildreth exchange of GTE North, Inc. and the Axtell exchange of US West.

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08-07-90	C-841	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Kearney exchange of GTE North, Inc. and the Axtell exchange of US West.
08-07-90	C-842	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Auburn exchange of Lincoln Telephone Company and the Tri City exchange of the Southeast Nebraska Telephone Company.
08-07-90	C-843	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Wallace exchange of Consolidated Telco, Inc. and the Elsie exchange of the Elsie Mutual Telephone Company.
08-07-90	C-844	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Pierce exchange of the Pierce Telephone Company and the Plainview exchange of the Plainview Telephone Company.
08-07-90	C-845	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Newman Grove exchange of GTE North, Inc. and the St. Edward exchange of the Great Plains Communications.
08-07-90	C-846	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Omaha exchange of the Springfield exchange of US West.
08-07-90	C-847	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Stanton exchange of the Stanton Telephone Company and the Clarkson exchange of US West.
08-07-90	C-848	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Arlington exchange of the Arlington Telephone Company and the Herman exchange of Great Plains Communications.
08-07-90	C-849	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Kennard exchange of the Blair Telephone Company and the Bennington exchange of US West.

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08-07-90	C-850	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Blair exchange of the Blair Telephone Company and the Herman exchange of Great Plains Communications.
08-07-90	C-851	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Blair exchange of the Blair Telephone Company and the Herman exchange of Great Plains Communications.
08-07-90	C-852	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Fort Calhoun exchange of the Blair Telephone Company and the Omaha exchange of US West.
08-07-90	C-853	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Haskins exchange of the Pierce Telephone Company and the Norfolk exchange of US West.
08-07-90	C-854	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Wisner exchange of Great Plains Communications and the Wayne exchange of US West.
08-07-90	C-855	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Bradshaw exchange of the Lincoln Telephone Company and the Henderson exchange of Henderson Cooperative Telephone Company.
08-07-90	C-856	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the McCool exchange of the Lincoln Telephone Company and the Henderson exchange of Henderson Cooperative Telephone Company.
08-08-90	C-857	Statewide Dual Party Relay System.
08-08-90	C-858	GTE North, Inc., Westfield, IN for authority to adjust depreciation rates assigned to the Nebraska Interstate Portion of its property.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>APP. NO.</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>
08-08-90	C-859	GTE North, Inc. for authority to issue and sell securities and related matters.
09-04-90	C-860	The Commission on its own motion to determine the boundary between the Fremont exchange of US West and the Yutan exchange of the Lincoln Telephone Co.
09-18-90	C-861	Arapahoe Telephone Company, Arapahoe for authority to revise its Arapahoe, Nebraska exchange service boundary.
09-20-90	C-862	Kantel Communications, Inc., Lawrence, KS for authority to offer pay telephone telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska.
09-27-90	C-863	Convergent Communications, Inc., Bixby, OK for a Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity to operate as a reseller of "calling card" telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska.
10-02-90	C-864	American Public Communications, Inc., Garland, TX for authority to operate as a reseller of interexchange telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska.
10-30-90	C-865	Matrix Telecom, Fort Worth, TX for authority to operate as a reseller of telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska.

FORMAL COMPLAINTS FILED SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 1989

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FC NO.</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>
03-08-90	FC-1227	Executone Business Telephone Inc., Scottsbluff, NE, vs. United Telephone Company of the West, Scottsbluff, NE, charged that United Telephone Company of the West, Scottsbluff, Nebraska had failed to offer flat rate service for COCOT lines.
03-20-90	FC-1228	Telenational Communications Long Distance vs. Southeast Nebraska Telephone Company failure to provide Feature Group B access.

RATE LISTS FILED SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 1989

During the last year, 139 rate lists were filed with the Commission. Under LB 835, these rate lists automatically become effective ten days after filing. Before LB 835, these rate lists would have been tariff applications which would have required an application fee and a protest period and possibly a hearing before the carrier could make the change. The rate lists changing the rates for services would have only occurred in conjunction with a rate case.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
11-01-89	Consolidated	Local Exchange Rate for Ashby, Bingham, Whitman, Hyannis, Local Exchange Rate for 2-party - 4-party and Switch Line Rates
11-03-89	US West	Revised Premises Wiring Catalog
11-07-89	Telecom	Add Dialed Number Identification Service (DNIS)
11-07-89	US West	Videotex Information Service Catalog
11-08-89	LT&T	Change in Charging for Directory Assistance Service
11-09-89	GTE	Local Exchange Service
11-09-89	US West	Electronic Messaging Service and Electronic Messaging Interconnect Service
11-13-89	US West	Custom Services Catalog & Special Promotion Catalog
11-20-89	US West	Revised DID/AIOD Service Catalog, General Rules and Regulations Applying to Telephone Service, Business Telechoice Service Catalog, New Premises Wiring Catalog
12-01-89	Allnet	Introduce Marketline 800
12-01-89	AT&T	Deletion of Series 1000 Channel, Rate List
12-01-89	LT&T	Updates the Index Section
12-01-89	LT&T	Adds Service Connection Charges

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12-01-89	LT&T	Revise Custom Calling Service for Rotary and Nonrotary Customers
12-04-89	US West	Revised General Exchange Rate List, Local Exchange Rate List, Premises Wiring Catalog, Access Service Rate List
12-04-89	Great Plains	Independent Telephone Companies Bill End User for Their Portion of Private Line Facilities
12-18-89	US West	Billing and Collection Catalog, Service Catalog for Private Line Transport
12-19-89	US West	CENTRON I Service, Caroline Service, Revised Custom Calling Service Catalog and Access Service
12-19-89	GTE	General Exchange Service, Private Line Service
12-21-89	Great Plains	Revise Intrastate Traffic Sensitive Switched Access Rates
12-22-89	AT&T	Reductions for Wide Area Telecommunications Service, Custom Network Services, Introduction of Time of Day, PRO WATS, Restructuring of Operator Handled Services
12-22-89	United	General Exchange Tariff, Intrastate Access Service Tariff
12-26-89	US West	Local Exchange Rate List to Offer Local Measured Service (LMS) to Decatur, Oakland, Pender & Wayne
01-05-90	Allnet	Revise Rates for Maxess I Intrastate Service
01-16-90	GTE	To Reduce Originating Carrier Common Line Charge
01-16-90	US West	To Offer Three Ringing Codes on One Party Lines
01-22-90	US West	Revised Local Exchange Service - Offer Local Measured Service (LMS) to Lexington

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
01-22-90	US West	Offer Automatic Number Identification with Basic 911 Service
01-25-90	US West	To Establish Rates for New Number Intercept Service
01-25-90	US West	To Offer Discounts for Custom Number Service
01-29-90	Cambridge	Increase Intrastate Access Charge Residual Rates
01-26-90	Cambridge	Discontinue the Transitional Access Rates for All Terminating Traffic
01-30-90	AT&T	To Change Language Referring to Interstate Services
02-01-90	AT&T	To Increase and Decrease Rates for Digital Interoffice Channels
02-02-90	AT&T	To Offer Valentine's Day Discount on Intrastate Long Distance Service
02-06-90	US West	To offer New Features of Business Voice Messaging Service
02-13-90	Teleconnect	To Increase Rates for Travel Service & Directory Assistance
02-16-90	United	To Revise Access Tariff to Provide for Presubscription of Public Payphones for Long Distance Service
02-20-90	LinTel	To Reduce Rates for Digital Access and 800 Service
02-20-90	MCI	To Offer Discounted Services, Primetime and Daytime Savings
03-07-90	Telecom USA	To Offer Hello Nebraska, a Discounted Calling Plan
03-13-90	US West	To offer a Rate Stability Plan for the DSI Digital Switching Service

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03-19-90	Curtis	To Discontinue the Transitional Intrastate Access Rate for Terminating Feature Group A & B Traffic
03-20-90	US West	To Offer Additional Residence Lines and Custom Calling Features
03-23-90	Great Plains	To Offer Custom Calling Features in Kilgore, NE
03-25-90	Metromedia ITT	To Offer Dial-Up WATS Service
03-26-90	Great Plains	To Modify Link-Up Program
03-26-90	GTE North	To Offer 900/976 Blocking
03-27-90	HunTel	To Modify Link-Up Program
03-28-90	US West	To Offer New Custom Calling Features
03-28-90	Hartington	To Modify Link-Up Program
03-30-90	K & M	To Modify Link-Up Program
04-02-90	United	To Modify Link-Up Program
04-03-90	US West	To Revise Language in Intercept Tariff
04-04-90	Hooper	To Modify Link-Up Program
04-06-90	LT&T	To Modify Link-Up Program
04-12-90	GTE North	To Revise Link-Up Program
04-13-90	Nebraska Central	To Modify Link-Up Program
04-16-90	Great Plains	To Revise Rate Equalization Plan
04-16-90	MidAmerican	To Offer LATA Link
04-17-90	Great Plains	To Add Custom Calling to Merriman
04-18-90	AT&T	To Offer One Line WATS Service
04-20-90	LinTel	To Decrease Rates for 800 Service
04-30-90	US West	To Cancel Trial Offering of Messaging Service

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05-02-90	MCI	To Extend Hours for Primetime Service
05-04-90	MCI	To Reduce 800 Rate and Increase Common Business Line Termination Rate
05-04-90	Telecom	To Offer Route Advance and Billing Enhancement Services
05-07-90	Great Plains	To Revise Table of Contents
05-08-90	US West	To Offer a Special Credit for Additional Business Lines
05-08-90	MCI	Correction of Typo's
05-08-90	US West	To Revise Premise Wiring Catalog
05-09-90	US West	To Offer Credit for New Business Trunks
05-11-90	US West	To Offer Uniform Call Distribution and DID Trunk Queuing
05-16-90	LT&T	To Implement Directory Assistance Charges at Remaining Six Exchanges
05-16-90	US West	To Delete Special Promotion or Business Lines and Trunks
05-17-90	US Sprint	To Reflect Name Change
05-23-90	US Sprint	To Revise VPN Service
05-24-90	US West	To Increase Rates for Local Operator Assistance and Reduce Evening and Night Discounts for Message Toll Service
05-31-90	US West	To Reduce Minimum Time for 800 Call to 30 Seconds
06-04-90	Hartman	To Increase Rates for Service Connection
06-05-90	Stanton	To Reflect Changes for Local Credit Card Calls
06-04-90	Pierce	To Establish Rates for Local Operator Service

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06-11-90	US Sprint	To Delete Reference to Name Change
06-14-90	US West	To Revise Rate for Nebraska Subscribers of Hamburg and Missouri Valley, IA
06-14-90	US West	To Convert Caroline I Residence to Centron I and Offer Centron I to Residence Customers
06-14-90	US West	To Revise Language on Application of Rates for Business and Residence Service
06-14-90	GTE North	To Clarify Language Relating to Additional Station Service
06-15-90	LT&T	To Offer Standard and Enhanced 911
06-18-90	Great Plains	To Offer Custom Calling at Indianola
06-18-90	Plainview	To Increase Operator Service Charges
06-20-90	US Sprint	To Reduce Rates for 800 Service
06-20-90	US West	To Update LATA Definitions
06-20-90	AT&T	To Offer a Discount to Certain 800 Readyline Customers
06-21-90	LT&T	To Revise Access Tariff Billing Provisions
06-26-90	US West	To Offer Data Reporting Service
06-27-90	MCI	To Extend PrimeTime and Daytime Promotions to December 31, 1990
06-27-90	MCI	To Increase UNet Rates
07-09-90	Dalton	To Update Complete Tariff
07-17-90	US West	To Revise Link-Up Tariff
07-17-90	US West	To Offer Billing Options for Access Service
07-19-90	US West	To Offer Rebate Coupons for Residence Custom Calling Services

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07-25-90	US Sprint	To Decrease Rates for Dial 1 WATS and Saw Plus
07-30-90	US West	To Revise Index
07-24-90	Teleconnect	To Offer TRAC2000 & 800 TRAC2000, a High Volume Service Using a T-1 Dedicated Digital Access Line
07-31-90	K & M	To Offer Custom Calling and Increase Service Charges and Payphone Rate
07-31-90	US West	To Change the Promotion Dates for the Coupon Rebate
08-08-90	ITI	To Offer Directory Assistance
08-10-90	US West	To Offer Custom Ringing to Business
08-14-90	US West	To Offer CLASS (Caller ID) Service and Telecommunications Service Priority
08-15-90	Allnet Comm.	To Reduce Rates for Premier Service
08-16-90	Allnet Comm.	To Reduce Off-hour Rates and Increase Business Hour Rates for Vantage Service
08-20-90	MidAmerican Long Distance	To Offer Voice Mail, Calling Card and Other New Services
08-20-90	GTE North	To Delete Charge for 900/976 Blocking
08-20-90	GTE North	To Delete Charges for On Premise Station Mileage
08-21-90	Hooper	To Offer New Custom Calling Features
08-24-90	US Sprint	To Offer Certain Discounts
08-24-90	MCI	To Correct Text of UNet Service
08-28-90	US West	To Offer Electronic White Pages
08-31-90	GTE North	To Offer Remote Call Forwarding

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08-31-90	GTE North	To Revise Access Tariff to Make Language Conform to Interstate Tariff for Nonrecurring Charges
09-05-90	Benkelman	To Establish Charge for Returned Checks
09-05-90	Wauneta	To Establish Charge for Returned Checks
09-07-90	US West	To Revise Language Relating to Caller Number Display Blocking
09-13-90	Hartington	To Increase Payphone Rate to 25¢
09-17-90	United	To Block 900/976
09-20-90	LinTel	To Reduce Rates for 800 Service
09-20-90	LT&T	To Block 900
09-21-90	Teleconnect	To Remove Monthly, Nonrecurring Charges and High Volume Discounts for Fixed MTS Service
09-24-90	MidAmerican	To Introduce Conference Calling and Volume Discounts for Directory Assistance Calls
09-27-90	US West	To Withdraw Tariff for Call Management Reports
10-01-90	GTE North	To Increase Rates for Certain Custom Calling Features
10-05-90	LT&T	To Provide New Custom Calling Services
10-05-90	LT&T	To Provide for Telecommunications Service Priority Service
10-16-90	Great Plains	To Offer Custom Calling at Stapleton and Tryon
10-18-90	US West	To Offer a Product Satisfaction Guarantee and Special Promotions
10-24-90	LT&T	To Offer 19.2kbps Digital Data Service
10-26-90	US West	To Offer Call Management Reports

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SUBJECT

10-26-90

Nebraska
Telephone Assn.

To Revise Access Rates

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS AND TERMS
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Access line: A basic subscriber line connecting the user and the telephone company central office.

AOS: Alternative Operator Services, operator services provided by companies other than AT&T Communications.

BOC: Bell Operating Company, Regional BOCs, are the seven companies such as US West formed with divestiture.

Digital: Signals using discrete values or conditions, as opposed to analog systems.

Equal Access: The process that allows subscribers to use other long distance carriers on the same basis as AT&T Communication. A subscriber to any long distance company can access one's chosen long distance carrier by dialing 1+ the number to be called, not a series of access numbers.

Fiber optic: New cables using glass fibers to transmit carrying signals. It can carry video and audio signals and has superior reliability when compared to pairs of twisted copper wire.

IXC: Interexchange carrier, a provider of long-distance service.

LEC: Local exchange carrier, a provider of basic local service.

900 Numbers: An audiotex service where a computer provides simulated voice prompts for activities such as telephone banking, retrieving recorded messages, sports scores, weather information, children and adult services.

PSC: Nebraska Public Service Commission.

Rate of Return Regulation: A method of regulation that allows a regulated firm to earn revenues equal to its cost of service, including a fair return to stockholders.