

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company's Proposed Tariff to Discontinue Operator Services to Local Exchange Carriers

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In the Matter of Northwestern Bell Discontinuing to Offer Local and IntraLATA Operator Handled Conference Service

ORDER CLARIFYING ORDER ACCEPTING OFFER OF SETTLEMENT

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On July 8, 1988 the Commission issued its ORDER ACCEPTING OFFER OF SETTLEMENT in the above-captioned dockets. That Order accepted, adopted, and incorporated by reference the parties' Offer of Settlement.

On July 18, 1988 Northwestern Bell Telephone Company (the Company or Northwestern Bell) filed its Request for Clarification and Notice of Voidance. In that document the Company voided the Offer of Settlement, stating it would withdraw its notice of voidance nunc pro tunc upon receiving clarification that "the Order Accepting Offer of Settlement . . . contains no requirement, as a precondition of approval of the settlement, of Northwestern Bell petitioning the Commission for prior approval of its contract with U.S. West Service Link, Inc."

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission hereby clarifies its earlier Order. The Commission's acceptance of the Offer of Settlement contains no requirement, as a precondition of approval of the settlement, of Northwestern Bell petitioning the Commission for prior approval of its contract with U.S. West Service Link, Inc. Like the parties, the Commission anticipates that its consideration of that contract will occur in the regular course of its examination of the Company's tariff change filing.

ORDER

1. The Commission's ORDER ACCEPTING OFFER OF SETTLEMENT in this proceeding, entered July 8, 1988, is hereby clarified as follows: the Order contains no requirement, as a precondition of approval of the settlement, of Northwestern Bell petitioning the Commission for prior approval of its contract with U.S. West Service Link, Inc.
2. The Company shall file its withdrawal of its notice of voidance forthwith.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Mary Ellen Hennen
Executive Secretary

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