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Picket Darol Donaldson of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers . . . at front gate of Western Electric.

About 6,300 Workers in Omaha Idled as W.E. Joins Bell on Strike

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With Western Electric Co. workers joining Bell System employees on strike nationwide, about 6,300 workers at two of the Omaha area's largest private employers were idled Monday.

The list of workers on strike:

— About 3,000 production employees at Western Electric's Omaha Works, 120th and I Streets, which makes telephone cable, cable connectors, protection devices for electrical gear and other products.

— About 280 office workers at Western Electric's Omaha Works.

— About 2,900 Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. operators and technicians at the company's Omaha headquarters and elsewhere in Douglas and Sarpy Counties.

— One hundred thirty-six employees at Western Electric's Omaha service center, 4334 S. 67th St., who struck along with the Bell employees on Aug. 7.

The strike by the Communications Workers of America against American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and the Bell operating companies has entered its second week, with no indication of when bargaining might resume at the national level.

CWA Takes Names

Monday morning, 200 to 300 CWA members gathered at the entrances to the Northwestern Bell headquarters building, 14th and Douglas Streets, to take the names of non-management employees reporting for work, a union official said.

The CWA members used printed forms that read: "I observed (blank) cross the picket line at (blank) at (blank) a.m. p.m. on August (blank) 1983."

Ange Perrotto, chief steward for CWA Local 7400, said he received 10 to 12 names of non-management persons reporting for work.

CWA members crossing picket lines violate the union's rules and can be