

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska)	Application No. NUSF-100/
Public Service Commission, on its)	PI-193
own Motion, to Consider Revisions)	
to the Universal Service Fund)	PROCEDURAL ORDER; ORDER
Contribution Methodology.)	CONTINUING HEARING
)	
)	Entered: June 23, 2017

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (the "Commission") opened the above-captioned proceeding to consider revisions to the contribution mechanism of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund ("NUSF") on November 13, 2014. Notice of this proceeding appeared in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska on November 17, 2014.

On June 13, 2017, after due notice, the Hearing Officer held a planning conference. As indicated by the May 24, 2017, Hearing Officer Order, the purpose of the planning conference was to discuss the scheduling of a workshop prior to the hearing, and the hearing format.

The following participants appeared in person or via the conference bridge: Rob Logsdon and Deonne Bruning for Cox Nebraska Telcom, LLC; Katherine Vogel, Ben Aron and Don Price for CTIA-The Wireless Association; Scott Bohler and Kevin Saville for Citizens Telecommunications, Co. of NE d/b/a Frontier Communications of NE; Andy Pollock for the Rural Telecommunications Coalition of Nebraska; Jill Gettman for CenturyLink; Cyndi Gallagher for AT&T; Russ Westerhold, Ben Byrd and Ken Woods for Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC and Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska)(LLC); Tom Moorman for the Rural Independent Companies; William Haas for T-Mobile; Jon Bruning, Katie Spohn, Sandra Skogen and Steve Meradith for Windstream Communications; Deb Kuhn for Verizon, and Matt Ottemann for Association of Teleservices International, Inc.

At the planning conference held on June 13, 2017, there appeared to be general consensus that a workshop prior to the hearing would be beneficial and may reduce or eliminate some of the questions posed by the commenters in their pre-filed testimony. Counsel for Windstream suggested holding the workshop on July 11th in the place of the hearing and moving the hearing to an alternative date. A number of participants agreed with that proposal. After further discussion, the general consensus was to consider August 30, 2017, and possibly use August 31,

2017, as needed for the replacement hearing date subject to the approval of and availability of the Commissioners and witnesses.

In addition, there was a discussion about the possibility of using a panel style format for the hearing. There was general agreement that a panel style hearing may provide the Commission with a robust discussion of the issues where there is still disagreement.

Based upon the recommendation from the interested participants at the planning conference, the Hearing Officer hereby changes the July 11th hearing to a workshop. The workshop will be held on **July 11, 2017**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508. The workshop would commence immediately following the Commission's weekly meeting on that day. A telephone bridge will be made available for the convenience of the participants. The bridge number is as follows: (888)820-1398; Attendee Code: 5582059#. As discussed in the planning conference, an agenda will be made available by the Commission staff in advance of the workshop. The agenda will be based in part on feedback from the comments received from the interested participants.

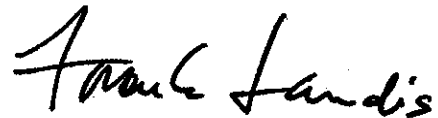
In addition, the Hearing Officer continues the Hearing in this matter to **August 30, 2017**, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508. The Hearing Officer agrees that a panel style hearing may present a more robust interaction among the witnesses; however, the difficulty posed for the court reporter and the Commission to record and administer the hearing outweighs the perceived benefits of having the witnesses testify in panels. The Hearing Officer appreciates the suggestions made by the interested participants but finds that the traditional legislative format process should be used for the hearing on August 30, 2017.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the hearing previously scheduled for July 11, 2017, be, and it is hereby, continued to **August 30, 2017**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a workshop be scheduled on **July 11, 2017**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 with a telephone bridge being made available as described above.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 23rd day of June, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Frank E. Landis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'F'.

BY:

Frank E. Landis
Hearing Officer