

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska)	Application No. NUSF-100
Public Service Commission, on)	PI-193
its own motion, to consider)	
revisions to the universal)	ORDER SOLICITING REPLY BRIEFS
service fund contribution)	
methodology.)	Entered: August 3, 2016

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. The Commission sought comments on various contribution reform options. On June 6, 2016, the Commission received further comments in response to its Order. In its June 6th filing, the Nebraska Rural Independent Companies (RIC) recommended the Commission solicit briefs on certain legal issues. By Order entered on July 12, 2016, the Commission granted the request of RIC and solicited legal briefs responsive to its questions.

Subsequently, the Rural Telecommunications Coalition of Nebraska (RTCN), supported by RIC, made a request for interested parties to be allowed to submit Reply Briefs responsive to the briefs invited by the July 12 Order. In the request RTCN states that the reply briefs should be allowed in order to address potential arguments raised in the first set of briefs that might call into question the jurisdiction or basis for the Commission moving forward with contribution reform.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

As Hearing Officer in this matter, I find the RTCN request should be granted. Accordingly, briefs responsive to the earlier briefs shall be due on or before **August 26, 2016**. Parties filing briefs should file five (5) paper copies and one (1) electronic copy with the Commission. Parties filing briefs must also electronically serve other commenting parties in this proceeding.

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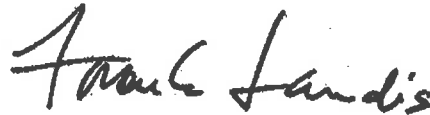
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that interested parties may file legal briefs responsive to the earlier briefs on or before **August 26. 2016.**

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 3rd day of August, 2016.

By:



Frank E. Landis
Hearing Officer