

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. NUSF-12
of Nebraska Central Telephone)
Company of Gibbon, Nebraska,)
seeking a waiver of the require-)
ment in the Opinion and Findings) WAIVER GRANTED
in Docket No. C-1628 to implement)
the Local Transport Restructure)
provisions on September 1, 1999.) Entered: September 21, 1999

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BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed July 14, 1999, Nebraska Central Telephone Company (Applicant or Nebraska Central) requested a waiver of the requirement in the Opinion and Findings in Docket No. C-1628 to implement the Local Transport Restructure provisions on September 1, 1999. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on July 15, 1999. A public hearing was held on August 31, 1999, in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln, Nebraska, with appearances as shown above.

E V I D E N C E

In support of its application, the applicant produced one witness, Andrew D. Jader, who testified as follows:

Mr. Jader explained that the waiver requested by Nebraska Central was simply for the deferral of the implementation of the local transport restructure portion of Docket No. C-1628 until June 2000. The basis for the request is in conjunction with Year 2000 updates and modernization updates.

Mr. Jader stated that Nebraska Central's carrier billing system is in the process of being rewritten and is not anticipated to be completed until approximately January 1, 2000. Upon completion, the applicant will implement local transport restructure.

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Mr. Jader further testified that there would be no impact on the Nebraska Universal Service Fund if this waiver was to be granted.

Mr. Pursley, director of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department, testified as follows:

Mr. Pursley agreed that the waiver request would be revenue neutral to the fund. In consideration of the software changes being implemented, he recommended the waiver be approved.

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

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that the request for a waiver to implement the Local Transport Restructure provisions of Docket No. C-1628 until June 2000 is reasonable based upon the rationale set forth above.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the waiver to extend the time for implementation of the Local Transport Restructure provisions of Docket No. C-1628 until June 2000 be, and it is hereby, approved.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 21st day of September, 1999.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Lowell C. Johnson

Lowell C. Johnson
Chairman

Frank E. Landis

ATTEST:

Robert R. Logsdon
Executive Director

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