

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,     ) Application No. NUSF-19  
on its own motion, seeking to         )  
evaluate toll reductions and            ) ORDER CLOSING DOCKET  
access flow-through.                    )  
  ) Entered: December 1, 2004

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission, on its own motion, opened this docket on October 14, 1999, to evaluate toll reductions and access flow-through as a result of the implementation of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) for incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs). In light of the Commission's duty to review actions taken by any telephone carrier to ensure that all access reductions are flowed through to consumers, this Commission made several findings and conclusions.

The Commission found that all telecommunications carriers were required to lower their respective toll rates by at an amount that is equal to or exceeds the access reductions made in accordance with Commission orders in Application No. C-1628/NUSF. With respect to access charges ILECs pay to other access providers, the Commission found that these payments should be treated in the same manner as access charge payments from interexchange carriers to access providers. Therefore, all ILECs paying access charges to other access providers were asked to file tariff revisions and an access pass-through plan with the Commission on or before November 12, 1999, to pass-through reductions in access charges paid to other access providers.

In light of US West, ALLTEL and GTE's requested additional payments from the NUSF for the replacement of revenues lost due to additional proposed toll reductions, the Commission sought further comment on a number of issues related to revenue replacement for toll reductions.

At this time, the Commission finds that the majority of issues contained in this proceeding have become moot through the Commission's findings and opinions in NUSF-26 issued on November 3, 2004. Accordingly, the Commission finds that the above-captioned investigation should be closed.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the docket to evaluate toll reductions and access flow-through as a result of the implementation of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund be, and it is hereby closed.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 1st day of December, 2004.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING: NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director