BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. NUSF-33/PI-68
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, to investigate) Progression Order No. 3
the audit requirements related) ORDER SETTING HEARING
to the Nebraska Universal)
Service Fund.) Entered: November 13, 2003

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) initiated this docket November 26, 2002, on its own motion, seeking to investigate the audit requirements related to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on November 29, 2002. Comments were filed by Erickson & Brooks, CPA; the rural independent companies; AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc.; Cox Communications, Inc.; ALLTEL Nebraska Inc.; Qwest Corporation; AT&T Wireless, PCS, LLC; Verizon Wireless; and MCI Worldcom Communications.

On August 12, 2003, the Commission entered Progression Order No. 2 seeking comments on proposed changes to the agreed-upon procedures process and template. Comments responsive to the Commission's Order were filed on September 12, 2003, by Cox Nebraska Telcom LLC, Sprint, MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc., ALLTEL, AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and TCG Omaha.

Due to the concerns of various commenters on the proposed changes, the Commission finds it appropriate to set this matter for hearing. A hearing will therefore be set on December 10, 2003 at 11:00 a.m., in the Commission Hearing Room; 300 The Atrium; 1200 N Street; Lincoln, NE 68508. The hearing will be held in legislative format. Testimony should be limited to comments on the proposed changes and issues relating to the remittance verification procedures.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that a hearing be scheduled in the above-captioned matter on December 10, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room; 300 The Atrium; 1200 N Street; Lincoln, NE 68508.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 13th day of November, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Director