

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska)	Application No. NUSF-35/PI-69
Public Service Commission,)	
seeking to determine Nebraska)	Application No. C-2868/PI-69
Eligible Telecommunications)	
Carrier status for the purposes)	
of receiving state universal)	
service support for providing)	
Lifeline/Link-up services and)	
Telehealth services to rural)	ORDER
hospitals.)	
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In the Matter of the Nebraska)	
Public Service Commission,)	
seeking to require all local)	
exchange carriers to provide)	
Lifeline and Link-up services.)	Entered: May 31, 2006

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

1. On January 28, 2003, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened this docket on its own motion seeking to determine Nebraska Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (NETC) status for telecommunications carriers to receive state universal service support for the Lifeline/Link-up and rural Telehealth programs and to determine whether all local exchange carriers should be required to provide Lifeline and Link-up services upon Commission certification.

2. On April 29, 2003, the Commission released various findings and conclusions in response to comments received. The Commission declined to require all certificated local exchange carriers to offer Lifeline/Link-Up services and to adhere to the Federal Communications Commission standard of requiring only eligible telecommunications carriers to offer Lifeline/Link-Up.

3. The Commission recently sought comment in the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) portion of this investigation on a proposal for eligible telecommunications carriers offering only Lifeline/Link-Up services to receive Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP) support.

4. However, no activity has occurred on the Communications piece of this investigation. The Commission finds that the Communications portion of this investigation should be closed.

The NUSF-35/PI-69 investigation remains open as an ongoing proceeding.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Docket No. C-2868, the Communications portion of this investigation be and it is hereby closed. NUSF-35/PI-69 will remain as an active investigation.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 31st day of May, 2006.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director