BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission, on) Application No. NUSF-4 its own motion, seeking to determine) the level of the fund necessary to) carry out the Nebraska Telecommuni-) Progression Order No. 2 cations Universal Service Fund Act) to be effective fiscal year begin-) ning July 1, 1999.) Entered: September 29, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

This docket was opened on April 15, 1999, on the Commission's own motion, to determine the level of the fund necessary to carry out the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act. On June 2, 1999, this Commission, upon review of the testimony and exhibits filed in this matter, set the Universal Service Fund surcharge at 6.95 percent for the first year of fund operations, beginning July 1, 1999. Furthermore, on September 8, 1999, the Commission set a hearing for November 17, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to address the administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

In an effort to gather all information necessary to appropriately address concerns of the public and the industry as we proceed with the administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF), this Commission believes that a comment cycle should be established to provide for constructive input. Therefore, those parties wishing to file comments shall do so on or before October 27, 1999.

Furthermore, those parties wishing to testify at the hearing in this matter shall file pre-filed testimony on or before November $\hat{10}$, 1999.

Comments and/or pre-filed testimony should address the topics that parties wish to see the Commission consider as the administration of the NUSF continues. Should parties desire to seek changes in the administration of the NUSF, said parties will be required to bring forth information to quantify the impact of such proposed changes on the Nebraska Universal Service Fund.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that interested parties file comments in this matter on or before October 27, 1999. Parties filing comments should file three paper copies and one electronic copy in WordPerfect 6.0 (or newer) format.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties wishing to testify at the hearing in this matter shall file pre-filed testimony on or before November 10, 1999. Parties filing pre-filed testimony shall file three paper copies and one electronic copy in WordPerfect 6.0 (or newer) format.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 29th day of September, 1999.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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ATTEST:

Deputy Director

//s//Lowell C. Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis
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