

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. NUSF-40/PI-86
Public Service Commission, on its)
own motion, to determine the extent)
to which Voice Over Internet) HEARING OFFICER ORDER
Protocol services should be subject)
to Nebraska Universal Service Fund)
requirements.) Entered: January 28, 2005

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

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

On August 24, 2004, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) initiated this investigation to determine the extent to which Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services should be subject to Nebraska Universal Service Fund contribution requirements. The Commission asked a series of questions regarding the nature of VoIP services and whether a whole or part of the service should be subject to state universal service fund requirements. Comments were requested and received from interested parties. On December 8, 2004 a public hearing was held by legislative format in the Commission Hearing Room, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Despite the initiation of the investigation of NUSF-41, the Commission is interested in moving forward in the instant proceeding. The Commission hereby affords interested parties who wish to, the opportunity to submit proposed orders or post-hearing briefs. Proposed orders or post-hearing briefs must be received by the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m. on February 11, 2005. Parties filing proposed orders or post-hearing briefs should file five paper copies and one electronic copy with the Commission.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that proposed orders or post-hearing briefs may be filed by interested persons on or before February 11, 2005.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 28th day of
January, 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

By: _____
Frank E. Landis
Hearing Officer