

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application    ) Application No. NUSF-68  
of the Distance Education            )  
Council of Nebraska, seeking         )  
support from the Nebraska            ) ORDER TO CONTINUE HEARING  
Universal Service Fund of the        )  
Nebraska Public Service              )  
Commission for use in distance       )  
education.                            ) Entered: September 10, 2007

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

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On August 6, 2007, a Hearing Officer's order was entered setting the hearing date in the above-captioned matter on September 18, 2007. Pre-filed testimony and exhibits were due on September 7, 2007. After entering the order, additional information was presented to the Commission which warranted a continuance of these proceedings in order to gather further information related to the application.

A conference call was held on August 30, 2007 involving Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), Gene Hand representing the Collaborative Aggregation Partnership (CAP), the Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety (NTIPS) Department, and the Nebraska Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO). Based on the conference call, the CIO's office is obtaining additional information regarding the amount of and allocation for federal universal service support which can be used for distance education purposes. Based on this conference call, the NTIPS Department requested additional time to prepare testimony and a continuance of the hearing.

As Hearing Officer, I find a further continuance of time is warranted so that information regarding the availability and allocation for federal support can be obtained. Accordingly, the hearing date will be moved to a date later to be determined. The applicant and the NTIPS Department will have an opportunity to file further testimony and exhibits after the federal universal service support information is received. Once further information can be reasonably obtained, the Commission will move forward with this matter and set a hearing date.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the hearing in the above-captioned matter shall be continued to a date later to be determined.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 10th day of September, 2007.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gerald L. Vap  
Hearing Officer