

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska	)	Application No. NUSF-71
Public Service Commission, on	)	
its own motion, seeking to	)	
investigate remittance variances	)	ORDER OPENING INVESTIGATION
and compliance with universal	)	
service fund requirements and to	)	
make necessary adjustments to	)	
the high-cost program.	)	Entered: October 10, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

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The Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opens this investigation to conduct a review of remittance filings of telecommunications companies operating in the State of Nebraska; to ensure compliance with rules, regulations and orders; to enable accurate forecasting; and to make any necessary adjustments to the high-cost program.

The remittance amounts received from carriers has varied from forecasted remittances in recent months. Through this proceeding the Commission will determine whether remittance variances have been caused by policies and rules enacted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), a drop in subscribers, or for other reasons. The Commission will closely review remittance worksheets filed by carriers and may request further information from carriers, as needed, to ensure compliance with Nebraska universal service fund rules, regulations and orders. Accordingly, data requests will be issued to certain carriers whose remittance information may differ from that which was previously forecasted by the Commission staff.

A protective order will be entered in this proceeding to secure the confidentiality of any detailed information sought and received by the Commission.

Through this investigation, the Commission may further refine its remittance forecast information and make other adjustments to the high-cost program which it finds necessary to ensure the sustainability of the program. Adjustments to high-cost program disbursements may become necessary and may be considered in this docket.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the above-captioned investigation be and it is hereby open.

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Director