BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of)	Application No. NUSF-77
the Nebraska Telecommunications)	
Association for Investigation and)	ORDER EXTENDING TIME TO FILE
Review of Processes and)	COMMENTS
Procedures Regarding the NUSF.)	
	Entered: December 14, 2010

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On January 14, 2010, a Petition was filed by the Nebraska Telecommunications Association (NTA) for an investigation and review of the processes and procedures regarding the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF). Notice of this investigation was published in the <u>Daily Record</u>, Omaha, on January 19, 2010, and again on March 12, 2010. On March 8, 2010, the Commission held a planning conference in Lincoln, Nebraska. An initial list of issues or comments were filed on April 19, 2010, and replies on May 24, 2010.

A workshop was held on June 24, 2010, in Lincoln and by teleconference so that threshold issues could be identified. The Commission sought briefs on legal issues pertaining to the Commission's jurisdiction and statutory authority. On November 3, 2010, the Commission found it had the jurisdiction and statutory authority to move forward in its investigation regarding support for broadband services. In that Order, the Commission sought further comment on a number of detailed questions.

Due to an administrative oversight, one of the parties did not receive notice of the comment cycle. As a result, the Commission received a request for an extension of time to file written comments. As Hearing Officer, I hereby extend the time all parties may file written comments from December 17, 2010, to January 17, 2011. Reply comments will now be due on or before January 31, 2011. Interested parties should file one (1) paper copy and one (1) electronic copy of their comments. Electronic copies of comments should be sent to Brandy.Zierott@nebraska.gov and Shana.Knutson@nebraska.gov. Comments will be posted on the Commission's website after the deadline for filing comments has passed. Courtesy copies of the comments and reply comments should be sent through the electronic service list to all parties which previously filed comments in this proceeding.

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ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that an extension for filing comments shall be and it is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that comments responsive to the questions and issues outlined herein may be filed on or before January 17, 2011. Reply comments may be filed on or before January 31, 2011. Comments shall be filed in the manner prescribed above.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 14th day of December, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Frank E. Landis

Hearing Officer