

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission on) Application No. C-1628/NUSF
its own motion, seeking to conduct)
an investigation into intrastate) PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 35
access charge reform and)
intrastate universal service fund.) Entered: May 7, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

This Matter comes before the Commission upon the request filed by Consolidated Telephone Company, Consolidated Telco, Inc., Curtis Telephone Company and Consolidated Telecom ("Consolidated") on April 18, 2019, for approval of a modification in the calculation of its earnings.

Consolidated requests permission to change the election selected in the required reporting of earnings from a one-year state jurisdictional to a one-year total company basis effective with the 2019 NUSF-EARN Form.

Consolidated requests this change become effective July 1, 2019 as a result the company's election to be a rate-of-return Business Data Service ("BDS") Company. After making this election, Consolidated is no longer required to perform jurisdictional separations; therefore, Consolidated's cost companies are no longer required to perform cost studies for the intrastate jurisdiction as of January 1, 2018.

In the C-1628 Order, the Commission permitted incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) to utilize a state jurisdictional or total company basis for the determination of the ILEC's earnings relative to the calculation of NUSF payments. Although the Commission will not consider requests such as this lightly, upon review of these particular facts which led to Consolidated's request and being fully advised on the premises, the Commission finds the request for a change in election filed by Consolidated should be approved effective for the 2018 reporting period as requested.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the request filed by Consolidated Telephone Company, Consolidated Telco, Inc., Curtis Telephone Company, and

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Consolidated Telecom, should be and it is hereby granted as set forth herein.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 7th day of May, 2019.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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