

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) Application No. C-1128
the Nebraska Public Service Commission)
on its own motion to conduct an) ORDER INSTITUTING
investigation into the effects of) INVESTIGATION
local competition on the telecommu-)
nications industry in Nebraska.) Entered: March 28, 1995

BY THE COMMISSION

Eleven years have passed since issuance of the Modification of Final Judgement (the "MFJ") and more than eight years since the Nebraska Legislature enacted LB 835, the most unique telecommunication incentive legislation in the nation. Several changes have taken place since this law was passed and numerous opportunities currently exist in the telecommunications industry for growth and expansion. The level of competition in the industry is intensifying and to prepare for the changes that are forthcoming, the Commission on its own motion hereby institutes this investigation.

Comments and recommendations to this investigation are sought from all interested persons on the issues set forth below. The enumeration of these issues in no way restricts parties from raising and commenting on other related issues.

All comments shall be submitted on or before Friday, July 7, 1995. A public hearing on the investigation will be scheduled at a later date.

ISSUES FOR COMMENT

1. What areas and services should the Commission consider opening to competition?
2. Should competition be limited to certain geographic areas?
3. Should the Commission's determinations regarding competition be influenced by the nature of the service (e.g., private line, centrex, basic service)?
4. What should be the proper regulatory treatment of local competitors?
5. What requirements, if any, should be imposed by this Commission?
6. Is any relaxation of the present regulatory design appropriate?

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7. To what extent will tariff revisions need to be made to accommodate interconnection and unbundling to allow for local competition?

8. Will the current access charge structure accommodate local competition? If not, what mechanisms will provide the necessary revenue for local interconnection?

9. How should the terms Universal Service and Carrier of Last Resort be defined in a locally competitive environment?

10. Who should fund and participate in any universal service funding mechanism?

11. Please discuss what the Commission can expect in terms of benefits to Nebraska consumers from allowing competition to enter the marketplace.

12. What, if any, role should an intrastate subscriber line charge play if local competition is allowed?

13. How pervasive is competition now, and how pervasive is it likely to be in the near future? Please distinguish between services (such as private line, centrex and basic local service) if necessary.

14. To what extent does your position to the above questions require or seem to require new legislation or changes in the Commission's Rules and Regulations?

15. Are there plans or proposals which are approved or under consideration in other jurisdictions which should be considered for adoption in Nebraska?

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that comments and recommendations on the issues set forth herein may be submitted by all interested parties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties are not restricted from raising and commenting on other related issues.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all comments be submitted on or before July 7, 1995.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 28th day of March, 1995.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s//Rod Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//James F. Munnelly
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman

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