

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-1128
of the Nebraska Public Service)
Commission on its own motion)
to conduct an investigation into) PROGRESSION ORDER #2
the effects of local competition)
on the telecommunications)
industry in Nebraska.) Entered: July 16, 1996

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

On March 28, 1995, the Commission opened an investigation of the effects of local competition on the telecommunications industry in Nebraska. Comments were submitted to the Commission by interested parties through August 1, 1995. On December 19, 1995, the Commission issued a progression order proposing several consumer issues to be addressed prior to implementing local competition. On July 2, 1996, by Commission order, such consumer issues were formally adopted.

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

We now begin the task of formally adopting Commission Rules regarding local competition. Given the overriding importance of this undertaking, we encourage all interested parties to submit proposed rules in those areas hereafter set out.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will release interconnection rules on or before August 8, 1996. To allow interested parties time to properly review the FCC rules before commenting herein, we request proposed rules be submitted on or before September 30, 1996.

We ask that proposed rules address the following areas:

- A.) Interconnection / Collocation
- B.) Compensation for the transport and termination of traffic
- C.) Pricing standards
- D.) Unbundling
- E.) Resale
- F.) Dialing Parity / 1+ Presubscription
- G.) Nondiscrimination between competitors
- H.) Access to Rights-of-Way
- I.) Number Portability
- J.) Directory Listings
- K.) Consumer Safeguards
- L.) Miscellaneous

Numerous other issues are involved in developing local competition; therefore, parties are not precluded from offering additional proposed rules regarding other topics that

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are interrelated. Other suggestions must be offered under the miscellaneous category described herein and must be labeled with specificity.

This order does not contemplate parties filing rules regarding universal service. A state universal service task force has been formed and action will be taken at a later date pursuant to the task force's recommendations.

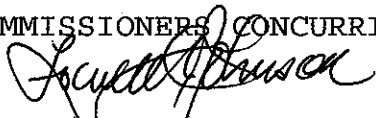
O R D E R


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that all interested parties who wish to provide proposed local competition rules do so on or before September 30, 1996.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 16th day of July, 1996.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


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

Chairman 

ATTEST:


Executive Director