

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) APPLICATION NO. C-1416
on its own motion, to investigate)
GTE Midwest Incorporated's cost to)
establish rates for interconnec-) PREHEARING CONFERENCE
tion, unbundled network elements,) ORDER
transport and termination and)
resale services) ENTERED: November 3, 1998

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BY THE COMMISSION:

On September 24, 1996, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission), on its own motion, opened this docket as a generic proceeding to investigate GTE Midwest Incorporated's (GTE) costs in order to establish rates for interconnection, unbundled network elements, transport and termination and resale services. On May 5, 1998, the Commission entered a procedural order making GTE, all entities certificated by the Commission as competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) and those awaiting certification as a CLEC parties to this application and notifying the same of a prehearing conference to be held on or before October 30, 1998. In addition, the procedural order established deadlines for parties to file cost models, cost studies, comments and/or testimony. On October 22, 1998, the Commission notified all the parties that the prehearing conference would be held Monday, October 26, 1998, at 3:00 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room.

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On October 26, 1998, a prehearing conference was held at 3:00 p.m., in the Commission Hearing Room to establish a hearing date and to set out the procedural schedule leading up to the hearing date. Parties were represented as indicated above.

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

Based upon the cost models, cost studies, comments, testimony, reply comments and rebuttal testimony filed in this Application and the information provided at the prehearing conference, we adopt the following hearing date and accompanying procedural schedule:

1. The Commission's May 5, 1998, procedural order is revised to delete Paragraph 7 which indicated a hearing would be conducted on or before December 14, 1998. The hearing shall be conducted on February 9, 1999, at 1:30 p.m., and continue on February 10 & 11, 1999, as necessary.
2. All parties shall notify the Commission by November 30, 1998, whether such party will participate in the hearing. The notice shall include whether the party plans to cross-examine any GTE witnesses, and if so, shall name each such witness the party plans to cross-examine. The Commission reserves the right to reasonably limit any cross-examination of witnesses at the hearing.
3. The Commission staff shall file its comments and/or testimony on January 20, 1999.
4. GTE's reply comments and/or rebuttal testimony to the Commission's January 20, 1999, filing, shall be due February 1, 1999.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the hearing in this Application shall be conducted on February 9, 1999, at 1:30 p.m., in the Commission Hearing Room, and continue on February 10 & 11, 1999, as necessary.

IT IS THEREFORE FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that all parties shall notify the Commission by November

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IT IS THEREFORE FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Commission staff shall file its comments and/or testimony on January 20, 1999.

IT IS THEREFORE FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that GTE's reply comments and/or rebuttal testimony to the Commission's January 20, 1999, filing, shall be due February 1, 1999.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 3rd day of November, 1998.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

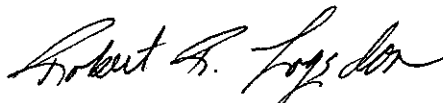
NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

//s//Lowell C. Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller


Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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