

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,     ) Application No. C-1628/NUSF  
on its own motion, seeking to         )  
conduct an investigation into           )  
intrastate access charge reform       ) PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 27  
and intrastate universal service       )  
fund.                                     ) Entered: February 9, 2010

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 Qwest Corporation (Qwest) on February 2, 2010, for approval of a modification in the calculation of its earnings.

Qwest requests permission to change the election selected in the required reporting of earnings from a three-year to a one-year period, effective for the 2008 reporting period.

In the C-1628 Order, the Commission permitted incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) to utilize a one-year or three-year averaged period 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 the particular facts which led to Qwest's request and being fully advised on the premises, the Commission finds that the request filed by Qwest should be approved effective for the 2008 reporting period. Qwest shall file its 2008 NUSF-EARN Form no later than two weeks following the date this Order is entered.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the request filed by Qwest Corporation should be and it is hereby granted as set forth herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Qwest file its 2008 NUSF-EARN Form no later than two weeks from the date this Order is entered.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 9th day of  
February, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Director