

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. 25  
and intrastate universal service     )  
fund.                                     )  
  ) Entered: April 22, 2008

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 requests filed by Arapahoe Telephone Company (ATC) and Cozad Telephone Company (Cozad) on March 20, 2008 and March 24, 2008 respectively, for approval of a modification in the calculation of its earnings.

ATC and Cozad request permission to change the elections selected in the required reporting of earnings from a one-year to a three-year period (intrastate only), effective for the 2007 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 ATC's and Cozad's requests and being fully advised on the premises, the Commission finds that the request filed by ATC and Cozad should be approved effective for the 2007 reporting period, which includes 2005, 2006 and 2007(intrastate only).

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the requests filed by ATC and Cozad should be and they are hereby granted as set forth herein.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 22nd day of  
April, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director