

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission, on) Application No. C-1628/NUSF
its own motion, seeking to conduct an)
investigation into intrastate access) PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 22
charge reform and intrastate)
universal service fund.) Entered: May 7, 2003

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

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

1. This matter comes before the Commission upon the request filed by Keystone-Arthur Telephone Company, on April 29, 2003, for an extension of time to file its 2002 NUSF-EARN Form.

2. In its request, Keystone is seeking to change the elections selected in the filing of its initial NUSF Transition Plan in 1999. At that time, Keystone chose to calculate its earnings on a total company basis using a one-year average. Keystone's request for modification has been published and will be decided by the Commission on a later date.

3. As Hearing Officer in this matter, I have reviewed Keystone's request for an extension of time in filing its 2002 NUSF-EARN form pending the outcome of its request for modification.

4. Upon consideration of the pending request and being fully advised in the premises, I have decided to grant Keystone's request for an extension of time.

5. Keystone should file its final 2002 NUSF-EARN form no later than two weeks after the Commission disposes of its request to modify its calculation basis.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE SO ORDERED by the Hearing Officer.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 7th day of May, 2003.

By: _____
Frank E. Landis
Hearing Officer