

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. 33  
and intrastate universal service     )  
fund.                                     )  
  ) Entered: August 14, 2012

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 Pierce Telephone Company (Pierce) on June 29, 2012 for approval of a modification in the calculation of its earnings.

Pierce requests permission to change the election selected in the required reporting of earnings from a three-year average total company to a one-year total company basis effective with the 2011 NUSF-EARN Form.

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 Pierce's request and being fully advised on the premises, the Commission finds that the request for a change in election filed by Pierce should be approved effective for the 2011 reporting period.

O R D E R

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

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Executive Director

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