

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application, ) Application No. C-1645  
of the Nebraska Public Service ) Progression Order No. 1  
Commission, on its own Motion, )  
seeking to establish a Lifeline ) REQUEST FOR COMMENTS  
and Link-Up Plan for the state of )  
Nebraska. ) Entered: February 9, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 15, 1997, the Commission, on its own motion, opened this docket to establish and to make, when necessary, revisions to the Lifeline and Link-Up programs in Nebraska in accordance with FCC orders. Notice of this docket was published in the Daily Record on October 6, 1997.

On December 2, 1997, this Commission entered an order in this docket which required Eligible Telecommunications Companies (ETCs) to file plans with the Commission regarding the implementation of toll-limitation services, and specifically, toll control, for the Lifeline program on or before March 1, 1999.

That same order granted a request for a two-year waiver, sought by the Nebraska Telephone Association, for the toll control requirement for the Lifeline program. The waiver was granted in that order because of a finding that "toll control is not (currently) technically available." Under the terms of 47 C.F.R. 54.101, a two-year waiver may be granted if carriers are not technically capable of providing toll limitation services. Such waivers are to be reviewed every two years and may be renewed on a continued finding that carriers remain technically incapable of providing toll control.

The Commission finds it is necessary to determine whether toll limitation services such as toll control are currently technically feasible. The Commission solicits comments on this issue and any other information that would allow the Commission to make a finding on whether the March 1, 1999, deadline for ETCs to submit plans implementing toll control for the Lifeline program should be enforced, held in abeyance, or delayed. The Commission will accept comments from interested parties on or before Friday, February 19, 1999.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that comments on the technical feasibility of implementing toll control services for Lifeline subscribers be submitted by interested parties no later than 5:00 p.m. C.S.T. on Friday, February 19, 1999. Parties submitting comments should file three paper copies and one electronic copy in WordPerfect 5.0 format.

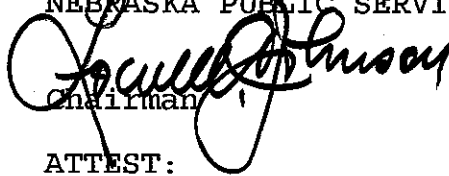
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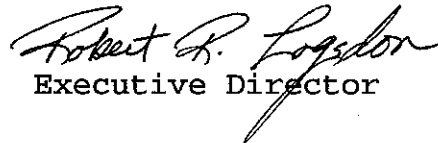
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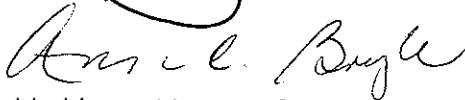
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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