BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. C-1746/PI-19
Public Service Commission, on its)
own motion, to conduct an inves-) Docket Opened
tigation to determine when the) Briefs Requested
Commission has jurisdiction to)
authorize acquisitions, mergers,)
or other transfers of control.) Entered: February 3, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION

The Commission hereby opens this investigative docket, on its own motion, to determine when the Commission has jurisdiction to approve or deny proposed acquisitions, mergers, or other transfers of ownership or control of regulated common carriers.

In order for the Commission to be fully apprised of all concerns and interests, parties may submit comments for the Commission's consideration on this issue. Legal briefs may be submitted by all interested parties on or before February 20, 1998. One written copy, as well as an electronic copy in WordPerfect, should be submitted.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Docket C-1746/PI-19 be, and it is hereby, opened to investigate the Commission's jurisdiction regarding mergers, acquisitions and transfers of control of common carriers; specifically, under what circumstances do mergers, acquisitions or transfers of control of common carriers certified in Nebraska not require Commission approval.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all interested parties shall submit legal briefs on the issue described herein on or before February 20, 1998.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 3rd day of February, 1998.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//Rod Johnson

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ce Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Director