BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its motion, to conduct an investigation of the interstate or local characteristics Internet service providers traffic.) Application No. C-1960/PI-25

) ORDER ASSIGNING PARTY STATUS

) Entered: August 3, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On December 15, 1998, the Commission entered an order in this docket instituting an investigation into the characterization and treatment of Internet service provider (ISP) traffic for purposes of payment of reciprocal compensation. The Commission encouraged interested parties to submit comments regarding this issue. To solicit further remarks, a public hearing, held concurrently with the substantively related issues within Docket No. C-1628, was set for a date later to be determined in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln, Nebraska.

A hearing in the matter of <u>US West Communications</u>, <u>Inc. v. ICG Communications</u>, <u>Inc. (ICG)</u>, Formal Complaint No. 1266, was set for a date later to be determined in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln, Nebraska. At issue in FC-1266 are questions similar to those presented in C-1960 and C-1628. Therefore, the Commission seeks to designate ICG as a party to Docket No. C-1960. Status as a party will allow ICG to further comment, in a more general sense, on issues within their interest and will provide the Commission additional views into a complex regulatory issue.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that ICG Communications, Inc., be, and they are hereby, made a party to Docket No. C-1960/PI-25.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 3rd day of August, 1999.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Sam C. Boyle

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//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

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