BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to conduct an inquiry into the impact of the pending Aliant/	<pre>) Application No. C-2016/PI-26) ORDER INITIATING) INQUIRY)</pre>
Alltel merger.) Entered: March 23, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission, on its own motion, institutes this formal inquiry to investigate the impact of the pending Aliant/Alltel merger. As a merger of this size impacts a large number of Nebraska consumers, the Commission seeks comments on the impact that such a merger will have on telecommunications in the state of Nebraska.

The Commission requests that comments regarding the Aliant/Alltel merger be filed with this Commission on or before April 9, 1999. No reply comment cycle will be permitted.

Furthermore, the Commission believes that it would be in the public's best interest to conduct a hearing to provide a forum for public comment regarding the proposed merger. Therefore, the Commission will hold a legislative hearing regarding the pending Aliant/Alltel merger on April 20, 1999, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln, Nebraska.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that interested parties shall submit comments on the pending Aliant/Alltel merger on or before April 9, 1999.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an original and five copies, as well as one electronic copy on a diskette (in WordPerfect format), be submitted with each filing.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that a public hearing be held on April 20, 1999, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 23rd day of March, 1999.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

ATTEST:

Executive Directo

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION:

//s//Lowell C. Johnson

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller