BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Com-)	Docket No. C-2057
mission, on its own motion, to)	
conduct an investigation into)	ORDER OPENING DOCKET
the potential exhaust of as-)	
signable telephone numbers)	
within the 402 area code.)	Entered: June 8, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 26, 1999, this Commission received information from a representative of Lockheed Martin which operates the North American Number Plan Administration (NANPA) that the number of assignable prefixes available for area code 402 was in danger of being depleted within the next two years.

This Commission finds that it is appropriate at this time to begin the process of assessing the need for prefixes, determining all possible solutions, and proceeding with the optimum plan to address such need.

Therefore, the Commission opens this docket to:

- 1. Determine the degree of depletion of prefixes and the approximate time frame within which the Commission must act;
- 2. Develop a plan for determining a procedure which would allow an appropriate level of public input;
- 3. Make recommendations from among all proposals based on cost efficiencies, ease of implementation and concerns received from the public; and
- 4. Implement necessary solutions.

To this end, the Commission solicits public opinion and input as to how to proceed. Interested parties may file testimony or comments with the Commission by June 25, 1999. After reviewing the comments received, this Commission will issue an order establishing Docket C-2057

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the procedure the Commission will use to conduct this investigation.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that this docket be open to receive public comment and input related to the procedure that should be employed by the Commission to investigate the potential prefix shortage in the 402 area code. Interested parties may file comments by June 25, 1999.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, on this 8th day of June, 1999.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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