BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Lincoln)	Application No. C-2910			10
Electric System, Lincoln,)				
seeking contract carrier permit)	PROCEDURA	L ORDER	NO.	1
authority.)				
)	Entered:	August	26.	2003

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 27, 2003, Lincoln Electric System (LES) filed with the Commission an application for Contract Carrier Permit Authority.

Notice of the application was published on April 4, 2003, in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska. Interventions were subsequently filed by Paul M. Schudel, on behalf of ALLTEL Nebraska, Inc. (ALLTEL); Jack L. Shultz, on behalf of the Nebraska Telecommunications Association (NTA) and the Nebraska Cable Communications Association (NCCA); and Deonne L. Bruning, on behalf of Cox Nebraska Telcom, L.L.C.

In light of such interventions and in an effort to efficiently coordinate the timely processing of the pending application, the Commission conducted a pre-hearing conference pursuant to Section 020 of the Neb. Admin. R. & Regs., tit. 291, ch. 1 on July 14, 2003.

As a result of the pre-hearing conference, and in consideration of the Commission's decision to proceed expeditiously with a comprehensive review of the LES application, the Commission hereby adopts the following procedural schedule:

- September 23 Deadline for Discovery Requests and
 Commission request for comments. Discovery
 requests may be made by any party or the
 Commission staff.
- October 22 Deadline for Discovery Responses and Answers to Commission's request for comments.
- November 21 Deadline for completion of Depositions.
- December 22 Deadline for pre-filed testimony to be filed/exchanged.

January 7 - Public Hearing. 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 1200 The Atrium, Suite 300, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Any deadline for proposed orders, if requested by the Commission, will be determined at the conclusion of the hearing.

Should the Commission decide that it is necessary to alter the schedule set forth above, it reserves the right to do so with the appropriate notice to all parties.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the procedural schedule outlined above is hereby, adopted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 26th day of August, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director