

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Commission, on its) Application No. C-3012
own motion, seeking to conduct a)
critical cost analysis for Aliant)
Communications Co., d/b/a ALLTEL as)
a result of the Nebraska Technology) ORDER SCHEDULING ORAL
& Telecommunications, Inc. and) ARGUMENT
ALLTEL arbitration conducted in)
Application No. C-2648.)
) Entered: March 30, 2004

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

On September 23, 2003, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened the above-captioned proceeding to commence a critical cost analysis for ALLTEL.

In its Order opening the proceeding, the Commission indicated that it intended to address the following issues:

1. Determine the appropriate rates associated with the provisioning of telephone directories.
2. Determine the appropriate rates at which ALLTEL must provide unbundled network elements (UNEs), including unbundled network elements-platform (UNE-P).
3. Determine appropriate nonrecurring rates for ALLTEL.

Upon completion of staff's review, Dr. David Rosenbaum, on behalf of Commission staff, submitted to the Commission a summary entitled "A Preliminary Analysis of ALLTEL'S Proposed UNE Loop Rates in Nebraska." In light of Dr. Rosenbaum's analysis, the Commission requested comment on the following questions:

1. Should the Commission further scrutinize the ALLTEL cost model or apply its previously adopted averaging methodology (from C-2516) to develop UNE loop rates for ALLTEL in Nebraska?
2. If the Commission would elect to apply a different methodology, can it legally do so and would the results ultimately be enforceable?
3. In either case, what procedural steps should be taken next?

Comments to the above questions were filed by ALLTEL, Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications, and Dr. Rosenbaum on March 24, 2004. Upon review of the comments received, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that an oral argument should be scheduled in this matter. Therefore, the Commission hereby schedules an oral argument for April

14, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln, Nebraska.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that an oral argument is hereby scheduled for April 14, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 30th day of March, 2004.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director