

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-3324
of N.E. Colorado Cellular, Inc.)
d/b/a Viaero Wireless, Fort)
Morgan, Colorado, seeking a) PLANNING CONFERENCE ORDER
designation as an eligible)
telecommunications carrier under)
47 U.S.C. Section 214(e)(2).) Entered: March 1, 2005

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On December 23, 2004, an application was filed by N. E. Colorado Cellular, Inc., d/b/a Viaero Wireless of Fort Morgan, Colorado (Viaero) seeking a designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier under 47 U.S.C. Section 214(e)(2). Protests were timely filed by NICE-BCS¹ and the Rural Independent Companies (RIC)².

In order to process the application, the Commission held a planning conference in this matter on February 23, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. at the Commission Library, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chairman Vap presided as Hearing Officer in the planning conference. Loel Brooks was present on behalf of the applicant. Paul Schudel and James Overcash were present on behalf of RIC. Tim Clare and Dan Klaus were present on behalf of NICE-BCS. Shana Knutson was present for the Commission.

As a result of the planning conference, several issues were decided. This order serves to memorialize those decisions and to provide a timeline for proceeding in this docket.

¹ NICE-BCS is comprised of the following companies: Arapahoe Telephone Company d/b/a ATC Communications, Benkelman Telephone Company, Inc., Cozad Telephone Company, Curtis Telephone Company, Diller Telephone Company, Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation, Hartman Telephone Exchanges Inc., Keystone-Arthur Telephone Company, Mainstay Communications, Plainview Telephone Company, Wauneta Telephone Company, and Westel Systems f/k/a Hooper Telephone Company.

² RIC is comprised of the following companies: Arlington Telephone Company, Blair Telephone Company, Cambridge Telephone Co, Clarks Telecommunications Co., Consolidated Telco, Inc. Consolidated Telcom, Inc. Consolidated Telephone Company, Dalton Telephone Company, Inc. Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company, Elsie Telecommunications, Inc., Great Plains Communications, Inc., Hamilton Telephone Company, Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc. Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Co., Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company, K & M Telephone Company, Nebraska Central Telephone Company, Northeast Nebraska Central Telephone Company, Roc, County Telephone Company, Stanton Telephone Co., Inc. and Three River Telco.

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Deadline	Event
March 11, 2005	All written discovery served.
March 30, 2005	Discovery objections due.
April 4, 2005	Oral Argument on Discovery Objections will be held in the Commission Hearing Room at 1:00 p.m., CDT.
April 11, 2005	Discovery responses due.
April 27, 2005	Direct testimony and exhibits due from all parties. There is an exclusion from this filing deadline for certain public testimony as discussed in the planning conference.
May 16, 2005	Rebuttal testimony and exhibits due from all parties. There is an exclusion from this filing deadline for certain public testimony as discussed in the planning conference.

Finally, the hearing in Application No. C-3324 will commence on **May 24, 2005**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The hearing will continue on **May 25, 2005** at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room. All company and expert witness testimony will be heard on May 24 through May 25. On **May 26, 2005**, the Commission will continue the hearing in the city of McCook, Nebraska at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 302 West 5th Street at 9:00 a.m., CDT. The hearing on May 26, 2005 will be reserved for public interest witnesses.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission will determine the post-hearing brief schedule.

Any remaining procedural issues that the parties would like the Commission to address should be brought before the Commission prior to hearing.

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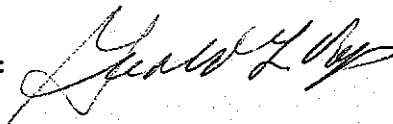
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer in the above-captioned matter that the foregoing schedule for submission and service of the items discussed above is hereby adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing in Application No. C-3324 will be held on May 24, 25 and 26, 2005 as described herein.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 1st day of March, 2005.

BY:



HEARING OFFICER

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