

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,)	Application No. C-3338/PI-
on its own motion, to conduct an)	91
investigation into the possible)	
impacts of implementing a)	
nationwide overlay of a single)	Hearing Officer Order
area code dedicated to the)	
Department of the Navy with)	
local dialing from all existing)	
exchanges to all exchanges)	
within the new area code.)	Entered: February 17, 2005

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 25, 2005, The Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission), on its own motion, opened the present docket to investigate the impacts on carriers with facilities or numbering resources within Nebraska resulting from the implementation of a request by the Department of Navy (DON) for a nationwide numbering resources overlay.

Since the introduction of the DON request to the Industry Numbering Committee (INC) on October 11, 2004 for consideration and the instructions of the North American Numbering Council (NANC) to INC on November 4, 2004 to review the request for technical feasibility and report back to the NANC, a broad range of issues and questions have been identified which require further review and evaluation. In addition the NANC Future of Numbering Working Group has recently been tasked with reviewing possible policy issues associated with the DON request for dedicated numbering resources.

Furthermore, on February 16, 2005, the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) approved a resolution urging the Federal Communications Commission to carefully consider the significant impact this decision could have throughout the nation, consult with the States and NANC, and extend the timeline proposed by DON for consideration of its application. NARUC further resolved to submit comments on the DON application.

A significant amount of information will be made available through the direct efforts of NARUC, the NANC, the INC, the Future of Numbering Working Group, and the proposed implementation details to be provided by the DON in the near future. This additional information may enable carriers to more fully and accurately respond to the issues presented by the Commission's January 25, 2005 order.

As hearing officer, I find that carriers who have not already commented, are not be required to submit information by the February 25, 2005 deadline set forth in the January 25, 2005 order. Carriers who have already commented will have the opportunity to supplement their comments at a later date. Based on information gathered during the initial comment period and as a result of the efforts of NARUC, NANC and INC, an additional comment period regarding the implications of the DON request will be available at a later date.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the hearing officer that the carriers who have not yet commented regarding impacts of the Department of Navy's request in response to the Commission's January 25, 2005 order, need not respond by the February 25, 2005 deadline.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all carriers will have an opportunity to further comment at a later date once further information is received.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 17th day of February, 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

By: _____
Anne Boyle
Hearing Officer