

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. C-3345/NUSF-
Public Service Commission, on) 42/PI-93
its own motion, seeking to)
investigate Qwest's Switched) ORDER OPENING DOCKET
Access Charge Rates.)

Entered: February 23, 2005

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

1. On December 20, 2004, a tariff was filed with the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) proposing to raise its switched access charge rates. The tariff amendments modifying Qwest's access charge structure went into effect after ten days notice, on January 1, 2005.

2. Jurisdiction over this subject matter is proper pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-140 and 86-323 (Supp. 2004).

3. Section 86-140 provides in pertinent part that, "Access charges imposed by telecommunications companies for access to a local exchange network for interexchange service shall be negotiated by the telecommunications companies. Any affected telecommunications company may apply for review of such charges by the commission, *or the commission may make a motion to review such charges*" (Emphasis Added).

4. The Commission hereby opens this investigation to review such charges filed by Qwest on December 20, 2004.

5. Persons interested in participating in this investigation should make a statement of such interest in conformance with Neb. Admin. Code Title 291, Chapter 1, §§ 014 to 015.

6. The Commission initially seeks information from Qwest so that it can determine whether the rates filed by Qwest on December 20, 2004 are fair and reasonable consistent with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-140 and to determine whether implicit subsidies have been removed from Qwest's intrastate access rates. See § 86-323(7) and NUSF-1628.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the above-captioned investigation be and it is hereby open for public comment.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 23rd day of February, 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Director