

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,     ) Application No. C-3447/PI-101  
on its own motion, to review the     )  
Qwest Corporation rate center         ) ORDER OPENING DOCKET AND  
consolidation plan.                    ) SEEKING COMMENTS  
  )  
  ) Entered: July 19, 2005

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

The Commission seeks to review the rate center consolidation plan proposed by Qwest Corporation in correspondence received July 12, 2005. According to Qwest, three rate centers can be consolidated into one without any changes to existing local calling for Omaha subscribers while expanding the Extended Area Service (EAS) provided to Gretna and Elkhorn subscribers.

Customers may be affected, in that long distance rates could be impacted by changes made to the rate center Vertical & Horizontal (V&H) coordinates associated with the rate center where the calls originate and terminate. Because the distance between two rate centers is the airline mileage calculated using V&H coordinates, and this distance may be used in determining toll charges, some change in toll charges may result if the plan is approved.

Qwest proposes to consolidate rate centers as follows: rate centers at Gretna, Elkhorn, and Omaha would be consolidated into one rate center at Omaha.

Based upon the length of time required for implementation of rate center consolidation, Qwest recommends that the Commission consider an effective date that is no less than four to six months after the issuance of the final order approving the consolidation plan.

The Commission seeks written comments from interested parties on Qwest's proposed rate center consolidation plan. Written comments should be filed on or before 5:00 p.m. on August 22, 2005. The Commission may set a hearing date at a later time.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that parties seeking to file written comments on Qwest's proposed rate center consolidation plan do so on or before 5:00 p.m. on August 22, 2005. Parties are required to file five (5) paper copies and one (1) electronic copy of their comments in Word format.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 19th day of July 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director