

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-3469
of Budget Phone, Inc.,)
Shreveport, Louisiana, seeking)
Designation as an Eligible)
Telecommunications Carrier (ETC)) ORDER SETTING PLANNING
in the state of Nebraska.) CONFERENCE AND POSTPONING
) HEARING
)
) Entered: December 20, 2005

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On August 16, 2005, an application was filed with the Public Service Commission (Commission) by Budget Phone, Inc., Shreveport, Louisiana (Budget), seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the state of Nebraska. A Petition of Formal Intervention was timely filed by the Rural Independent Companies (RIC)¹.

At present, the service list is as follows:

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¹ RIC is composed of the following companies: Arlington Telephone Company, Blair Telephone Company, Cambridge Telephone Co., Clarks Telephone Co., Consolidated Telephone Company, Consolidated Telco Inc., Consolidated Telcom, Inc., Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company, Great Plains Communications, Inc., Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc., Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc., K & M Telephone Company, Inc., Nebraska Central Telephone Company, Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company, Rock County Telephone Company, Stanton Telephone Co., Inc., and Three River Telco.

1200 N Street
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Any changes to the service list must be filed in writing with the Nebraska Public Service Commission at 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508.

In order to process the application, the Commission will hold a planning conference in this matter on January 12, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission Library, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The hearing previously scheduled for January 3, 2006 is hereby postponed to a date to be determined at the planning conference.

Any motions or preliminary filings must be served on all parties.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that a planning conference is hereby scheduled for January 12, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. as provided above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hearing previously scheduled on January 3, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. be and is hereby postponed to a date to be determined at the planning conference.

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska on this 20th day of December, 2005.

BY:

Gerald L. Vap
HEARING OFFICER