

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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 GRANTING REQUEST FOR  
in the state of Nebraska. ) EXTENTION  
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)  
) Entered: January 23, 2006

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On August 16, 2005, an application was filed with the Public Service Commission (Commission) by Budget Phone, Inc., (Budget), Shreveport, Louisiana, 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)<sup>1</sup>.

In order to process the application, a planning conference was held in this matter on January 12, 2006. A planning conference order was issued on January 13, 2006 setting a deadline for the parties to file documents of January, 24, 2006. Subsequently, Deonne Bruning, local counsel for Budget, requested an extension of the filing deadline up to and including January 26, 2006. RIC was advised of the request and made no objection to extending the filing deadline.

As hearing officer, I find that Budget's request for an extension of time to file documents should be granted. The parties have until 5 p.m. on January 26, 2006, to file all documents agreed upon at the planning conference.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer in this matter that the request by Budget Phone, Inc. for an extension of the filing deadline for documents be granted and the deadline for filing documents be and is hereby extended to 5 p.m. on January 26, 2006.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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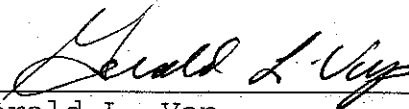
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MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
January, 2006.

BY:



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HEARING OFFICER