

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska                    ) Application No. NUSF-50  
Public Service Commission, on                    ) Progression Order No. 2  
its own motion to make                            )  
adjustments to the universal                    ) PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER  
service fund mechanism                           )  
established in NUSF-26.                           )

In the Matter of the Commission,                ) Application No. C-3554/PI-  
on its own motion, seeking to                    ) 112  
investigate whether the zones                    )  
established in Docket No. C-2516                )  
are appropriate in light of                      )  
NUSF-26 findings and                             )  
conclusions.                                        ) Entered: February 5, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On January 22, 2007, the Commission held a prehearing conference in the above-captioned matters to establish a schedule for the determination of the porting issue raised by the Commission in its Order entered February 28, 2006. Tim Goodwin entered an appearance on behalf of Qwest Corporation; Mark Fahleson entered an appearance on behalf of Nebraska Telecommunications & Technology; Steve Seglin entered an appearance on behalf of Embarq; and Paul Schudel entered an appearance on behalf of the rural independent companies (RIC). Loel Brooks entered an appearance telephonically for Allo, Mobius, Pinpoint and Viaero. Tre Hendricks entered an appearance telephonically for Embarq.

At the prehearing conference it was decided by all parties represented that the Commission staff would release a porting methodology to the interested parties on February 13, 2007. The Commission staff may release a couple of alternatives for the interested parties to consider.

Interested parties will have until March 30, 2007 to file written comments or testimony on the staff proposal(s). By filing testimony, parties indicate that they will have a witness at the hearing to present sworn testimony. Persons filing comments will not be allowed to testify at the hearing or present a witness. Comments will be made part of the record and given the appropriate weight given that they will not be accompanied by sworn testimony at the hearing.

Parties must file 5 paper copies and 1 electronic copy of their comments/testimony with the Commission. Interested parties must also serve their comments/testimony on all other interested parties via electronic mail on or before March 30, 2007. Any exhibits which may be offered with the testimony at the hearing must be filed on or before March 30, 2007.

A hearing on the issues presented will be held on April 10, 2007 at 1:30 p.m., in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. If necessary, the Commission has reserved April 11, 2007 to continue the hearing. If needed, the hearing will commence on April 11, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission Hearing Room. An outside court reporter will be used. All parties providing testimony at the hearing will be required to share pro capita in the costs of using an outside court reporter.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer in the above-captioned dockets that the procedural schedule set forth herein be and it is hereby adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing will be held on **April 10, 2007** at 1:30 p.m., in the Commission Hearing Room and, if necessary, on **April 11, 2007** at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission Hearing Room as provided above.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 5th day of February, 2007.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hearing Officer