

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-3725
of United States Cellular)
Corporation, Chicago, Illinois,)
seeking designation as an) PLANNING CONFERENCE ORDER
eligible telecommunications) AND NOTICE OF HEARING
carrier pursuant to section)
214(e)(2) of the Communications)
Act of 1934.)
) Entered: January 8, 2007

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On November 21, 2006, United States Cellular Corporation (US Cellular) filed an application seeking designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) pursuant to section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934. A Petition for Formal Intervention was timely filed by the Rural Independent Companies (RIC).

In order to process this filing, a planning conference was held in this matter on January 5, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. CST in the Commission Library, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The following persons were present at the conference: for US Cellular, Steven G. Seglin of Crosby Guenzel LLP and participating via telephone, Brooks E. Harlow; for the RIC, James A. Overcash of Woods & Aitken LLP; Deonne Bruning of Deonne Bruning PC, and for the Commission, Nichole Underhill, staff attorney, and M. Gene Hand, Director of Communications.

As a result of the planning conference, several issues were decided. Therefore, this order serves to memorialize those decisions and to provide a timeline for the proceeding in this docket. Deadlines for various events were established and are set forth in Appendix A.

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Parties are encouraged to engage in negotiations; however, the conduct of negotiations does not relieve the parties of their obligation to meet filing deadlines.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the deadlines and requirements established in this order and attached hereto are hereby adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Commission in the above-captioned matter that a Hearing will be held on **March 26, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. CST** in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 8th day of January, 2007.

BY:

Frank E. Landis
HEARING OFFICER

APPENDIX A

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Monday	January 22	Testimony of Applicant Filed
Monday	January 29	Intervenor Discovery Requests Filed
Monday	February 12	Applicant's Discovery Responses Filed
Wednesday	February 21	Testimony (if any) of Intervenors/Staff Filed
Monday	February 26	Applicant Discovery Requests (if any) Filed
Monday	March 12	Intervenor Discovery Responses Filed
Friday	March 16	Reply Testimony (if any) of Applicant Filed
Thursday	March 22	All Exhibits for Hearing Filed
Monday	March 26	Hearing
Monday	April 16	Post Hearing Briefs Filed
Monday	April 23	Post Hearing Reply Briefs Filed