

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Application No. C-4165/PI-150
on its own motion, seeking to)
investigate whether it is)
appropriate for)
telecommunications companies to) ORDER SETTING PLANNING CONFERENCE
assess intrastate transit)
charges on Extended Area Service)
Traffic.) ENTERED: June 16, 2009

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

By Order entered on April 28, 2009, the Commission opened this investigation to address the issues raised by a Petition for Declaratory Ruling filed by several rural independent local exchange carriers. The Commission, in the Order opening the investigation, found the issues raised by the rural independent companies raised issues of statewide commercial concern. Notice of this proceeding appeared in the Daily Record, Omaha, on April 29, 2009.

A Petition for Formal Intervention was filed by the following rural independent companies: Arapahoe Telephone Company, Arlington Telephone Company, Blair Telephone Company, Eastern Nebraska Telephone Co., and Rock County Telephone Company (all of such companies d/b/a American Broadband); Hamilton Telephone Company; Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.; Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company; Nebraska Central Telephone Company; and Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company (the "Rural Companies"). A Petition for Formal Intervention was also filed by Qwest Corporation on June 12, 2008. The request was filed after the 30 day protest and intervention deadline. Qwest requested the Commission grant its Petition as it did not realize interventions were required for participation in the proceeding until after the deadline had past. Upon consideration of this request, I find the Petition for Intervention should be granted and Qwest shall be added to the service list in this proceeding.

At the present time, the service list is as follows:

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Changes or additions to the service list may be filed in writing to the Nebraska Public Service Commission at 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.

A planning conference for administration of this proceeding is hereby scheduled to occur on **June 23, 2009** at 1:30 p.m., CDT, in the Commission Hearing Room, 1200 N Street, 300 The Atrium Building, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508. A call-in number will be (402)472-6296.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that a planning conference will be held on **June 23, 2009** at 1:30 p.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room, The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 16th day of June, 2009.

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By: _____
Hearing Officer

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