

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Wauneta Telephone Company, Benkelman, seeking a basic local rate increase.

) Application No. C-4451
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) ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL
) SCHEDULE AND NOTICE OF
) HEARING
)
) Entered: March 20, 2012

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 2, 2012, Wauneta Telephone Company ("Wauneta") Benkelman, Nebraska, gave written notice to the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") and its customers of its intent to increase its rates for basic local telephone service pursuant to the Nebraska Telecommunications Regulation Act¹ ("The Act"). The Commission received petitions from more than five percent (5%) of Wauneta customers affected by the rate increase seeking a review by the Commission of Wauneta's proposed rates. Therefore, pursuant to the Act, the Commission notified the company that the Commission would hold a hearing to gather evidence to conduct a review of whether the proposed rates are fair, just, and reasonable. The review was docketed by the Commission as Docket No. C-4451.

Planning Conference

A planning conference was held in the above-captioned docket on March 14, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Niobrara Conference Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln; Nebraska, and via telephone conference with representatives of Wauneta. The following persons were present at the conference: for Wauneta, Troy Kirk of Rembolt Ludtke, LLP and Dwight Wininger; for the Commission, Commissioner Jerry Vap, Nichole Mulcahy, Legal Counsel, Gene Hand, Director of the Communications Department, John Burvainis, Deputy Director, and Steven Stovall, staff accountant. Participating via telephone for Wauneta, Randall Raile, General Manager, Kacey Harper, Vice President, Jim Slattery, C.P.A., and other staff of the company.

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 proceeding in this docket.

¹ See Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-101 et seq.

Deadlines

Deadlines for various events were established and are set forth in Appendix A.

Hearing

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Hearing Accommodations

If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at the meeting, please call the Commission at (402) 471-3101. For people with hearing/speech impairments, please call the Commission at (402) 471-0213 (TDD) or the Nebraska Relay System at (800) 833-7352 (TDD) or (800) 833-0920 (Voice). Advance notice of at least seven days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the deadlines and requirements established in this order and attached hereto are hereby adopted.

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MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, on this 20th day of March, 2012.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

APPENDIX A

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Monday	April 16	Wauneta financial records filed
Monday	May 21	Direct Testimony of Wauneta and Commission Staff filed
Thursday	May 24	Hearing in McCook

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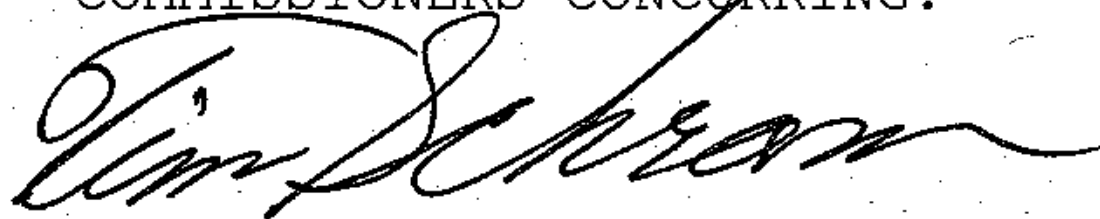
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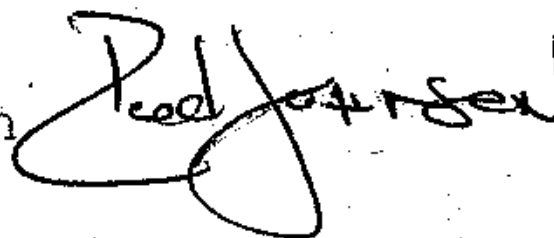
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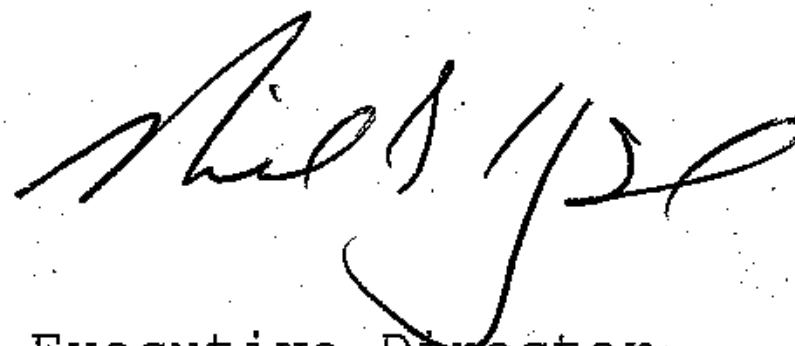


//s// Rod Johnson
//s// Frank Landis

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