

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. C-4543/PI-186  
Public Service Commission, on ) Progression Order No. 2  
its own motion, to investigate )  
and explore federally mandated )  
filing of electronic maps ) ORDER  
certifying the study area of )  
Incumbent Local Exchange )  
Carriers in Nebraska. ) Entered: March 1, 2013

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

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On November 6, 2012, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released a Report and Order<sup>1</sup> (Report) mandating incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) submit certified study area boundary data in ESRI shapefile format to the FCC.

On December 11, 2012, the Commission opened the above-captioned investigation to assist with determining and implementing the most efficient method of complying with the mandates contained in the Report.

The Commission conducted a workshop regarding the issues in the Report on January 16, 2013. Numerous parties participated in the workshop. Based on the discussion and comments made at the workshop, the Commission released Progression Order #1 on February 20, 2013, seeking comment on both the proposed mechanics of collection, compilation, and submission of electronic boundary maps to the FCC, and on any additional concerns raised by the Report or discussed in the workshop. Comments are due to the Commission on or before **March 22, 2013**.

Subsequent to the issuance of Progression Order #1 by the Commission, the FCC on February 26, 2013, issued an Order on Reconsideration (Recon Order) making substantive modifications to the Report.<sup>2</sup>

As the findings and modifications in the Recon Order may affect and impact the comments submitted by any parties in the

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<sup>1</sup> See *In the Matter of Connect America Fund High-Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 05-337, Report and Order, DA 12-1777 (rel. Nov. 6, 2012)(Report).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*, Order on Reconsideration, DA 13-282 (rel. Feb. 26, 2013)(Recon Order).

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2013.

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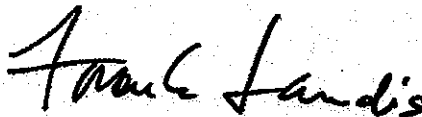
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