

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. 3
its own motion, to investigate)
and explore federally mandated)
filing of electronic maps) ORDER SETTING DEADLINE FOR
certifying the study area of) NOTICE TO THE COMMISSION
Incumbent Local Exchange)
Carriers in Nebraska.) Entered: March 20, 2013

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

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

On November 6, 2012, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released a Report and Order¹ (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. The Commission released Progression Order No. 1 on February 20, 2013, seeking comment from interested parties on certain issues. Comments are due to the Commission on or before **March 22, 2013**.

On February 26, 2013, the WCB issued an Order on Reconsideration (Recon Order) making substantive modifications to the Report.² In Progression Order No. 2 issued by the Hearing Officer on March 1, 2013, commenting parties were urged to adjust their comments due on March 22, 2013, in light of the Recon Order.

On March 18, 2013, the WCB announced procedures and deadlines for submission of study area boundaries (Deadlines

¹ 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).

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

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Due to the brief time allowed in the Deadlines Order for filing of the Commission's notice of intent to submit data to the FCC, I find that any ILEC in Nebraska desiring for the Commission to submit study area boundary data on its behalf to the FCC shall notify the Commission in writing by **April 5, 2013**. Such written notice shall include: 1) the ILEC Name and associated Operating Company Number (OCN); 2) a list of the exchanges served by the ILEC; 3) the Common Language Location Identifier (CCLI) codes for the exchange; and 4) the Study Area Codes (SAC).

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that any Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier in Nebraska opting for the Commission to submit study area boundary data on its behalf to the FCC pursuant to the March 18, 2013 Order, shall notify the Commission in writing by **April 5, 2013**.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 20th day of March, 2013.

By: _____
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Hearing Officer

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