

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. NUSF-1
Public Service Commission, on) Progression Order No. 5
its own motion seeking to)
establish guidelines for) ORDER ON PETITION
administration of the Nebraska)
Universal Service Fund.) Entered: January 30, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

By Petition filed July 7, 2006, the Nebraska Telecommunications Association (NTA) sought an order of the Commission to eliminate the requirement imposed on carriers in the above captioned docket to file monthly/quarterly access line count reports. Notice of this Petition appeared in the Daily Record, Omaha, on July 21, 2006. No protests or petitions seeking formal intervention were filed; therefore, the Commission processes this application pursuant to its Rule of Modified Procedure.

In support of the Petition, the NTA states, prior to the Commission's Findings and Conclusions Order in NUSF-26 entered on November 3, 2004 ("NUSF-26"), the monthly/quarterly line count filing was used for purposes of calculating NUSF distributions. The mechanism established in NUSF-26 does not rely on monthly/quarterly access line count information. Currently, incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) receiving NUSF support are subject to fines for not submitting the monthly/quarterly reports as required by the Commission's Order in this docket dated March 21, 2000. The line count information required to be filed by the ILECs for NUSF support no longer serves a regulatory purpose.

Upon consideration of this Petition, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that it should be granted. NETCs are relieved from filing monthly/quarterly access line count information as required by the Commission's March 21, 2000 Order in this docket. The obligation to file such monthly/quarter reports should be eliminated. Should the Commission need this information for a regulatory purpose, the Commission will order such reports to be filed on a case by case basis.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Petition filed by the NTA to eliminate the monthly/quarterly line count report requirement be and it is hereby granted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 30th day of January, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director