

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Application No. NUSF-1
on its own motion, seeking)
to establish guidelines for) PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 9
administration of the Nebraska)
Universal Service Fund.) Entered: April 5, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

1. On March 21, 2000, the Commission entered Progression Order No. 5 in this docket. The purpose of said order was to further refine the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (hereinafter, "NUSF") funding methodology to ensure specific, predictable, sufficient and competitively neutral universal service support.

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2. On its own motion the Commission reconsiders and clarifies certain findings contained in its March 21, 2000, order in this matter. First, the Commission would like to clarify that only companies that receive high-cost universal service support from the NUSF must comply with the access line reporting requirements set forth in Progression Order No. 5. Companies that receive no support or only lifeline support do not need to report access line information.

3. The Commission also reconsiders its finding that rural companies, not electing to have their high-cost support allocated to an exchange level, must file residential and single-line business lines separately. The Commission finds that these rural companies shall file total access lines with the Commission according to the time-line set forth in Progression Order No. 5.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that only those companies that receive high cost universal service support from the NUSF shall report access line information pursuant to Progression Order No. 5 in this matter.

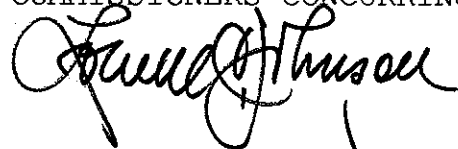
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that rural companies, not electing an exchange-level allocation of their high-cost NUSF support, shall report total access lines in accordance with the time-line set forth in Progression Order No. 5 in this matter.

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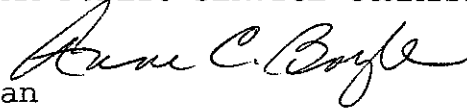
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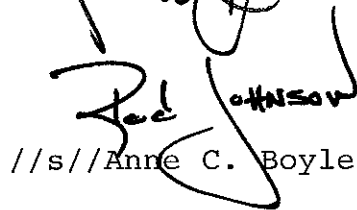
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5th day of April,
2000.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING: NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION:

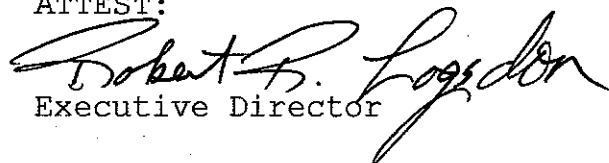


Vice Chairman




//s//Anne C. Boyle

ATTEST:


Executive Director