

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission on) Application No. NUSF-17
its own motion, seeking to)
determine access costs for U S) PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 1
West.)
) Entered: June 12, 2002

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On June 7, 2002, Qwest Corporation filed its direct testimony in the above-captioned application pursuant to the prehearing conference order issued on May 17, 2002. From the testimony presented, it appears that Qwest filed a "Revised Transition Plan" along with its testimony. The revised plan amends the transition plan filed by Qwest on April 30, 2002. In the revised transition plan, Qwest proposes to restructure its rates by introducing an intrastate subscriber line charge (ISLC) in Nebraska. Upon review of the prefiled testimony filed herein, the Hearing Officer finds that a portion of Qwest's filing, specifically the amended portion of Qwest's transition plan, goes beyond the scope of the stated issues of the hearing and as set forth in the prehearing conference.

The Hearing Officer finds that testimony and evidence regarding the implementation of an ISLC and any other similar rate restructuring proposals are not properly before the Commission in this proceeding. The scope of this proceeding should be limited to the reduction or elimination of implicit subsidies in switched access charges as required by the Commission's order in C-1628 and recovery for those switched access reductions through the NUSF fund. Therefore, I am ordering Qwest and all other parties in this proceeding to so limit the testimony.

If Qwest would like to pursue rate restructuring or the addition of an ISLC, the Commission may, at its discretion, take up an investigation of those issues in a subsequent proceeding.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer in the above-captioned case, that the issues in this proceeding should be limited as provided herein.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 12th day of June, 2002.

BY: _____
Hearing Officer