

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. NUSF-24
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, to establish) PROGRESSION ORDER #1
filing guidelines for the purpose)
of dis-aggregating federal)
universal service support.) Entered: October 16, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

1. On July 24, 2001, in the order initiating this docket, the Commission ordered that all rural incumbent local exchange carriers file selection of a dis-aggregation path and any applicable plans in accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.315, on or before March 15, 2002. The Commission sought comment on whether there should be a period during which interested parties could file comments on the universal service dis-aggregation path selections and plans submitted by rural carriers. The deadline for filing comments was September 24, 2001.

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2. Two parties filed comments: Nebraska Telecommunications Association and a group of rural independent companies. Both parties stated that the Commission should not allow third parties to comment on the dis-aggregation path selections of rural carriers. Rather, a path selection filed by a carrier is subject to challenge, by petition from an interested party, or by the Commission on its own motion.

3. The Commission agrees that parties wishing to challenge dis-aggregation plans are afforded ample opportunity to do so by petitioning the Commission for a review of the plan selection.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission that no comment period will be established for dis-aggregation path plans filed by rural incumbent local exchange carriers.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 16th day of October, 2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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//s// Frank E. Landis