

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 No. 3  
filing guidelines for the purpose                )  
of disaggregating federal                        )  
universal service support.                        ) Entered: May 22, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

1. On July 24, 2001, in the order initiating this docket, the Commission ordered that all rural incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) file selection of a disaggregation path and any applicable plans in accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.315, on or before March 15, 2002. As a result of a change to 47 C.F.R. § 54.315, the Commission revised the deadline to May 15, 2002 in Progression Order No. 2 in this docket.

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2. There are three paths available to rural ILECs for disaggregation of federal high-cost universal service support. Selection of Paths One and Three become effective upon certification by the rural ILEC to the Commission, while selection of Path Two requires filing of a disaggregation plan and becomes effective upon approval by the Commission. Furthermore, the Commission may require, on its own motion, upon petition by an interested party, or upon petition by the rural ILEC, modification of the disaggregation plan filed by a rural ILEC as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.315.

3. **Path One.** The following carriers filed selection of Path One, which becomes effective upon filing, on or before May 15, 2002:

Arapahoe Telephone Company  
Benkelman Telephone Company  
Cozad Telephone Company  
Curtis Telephone Company, Inc.  
Dalton Telephone Company  
Diller Telephone Company  
Elsie Communications, Inc.  
Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation  
Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.  
Great Plains Communications, Inc.  
Hartman Telephone Company  
Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company  
Henderson Cooperative Telephone Company  
K&M Telephone Company  
Keystone-Arthur Telephone Company  
Plainview Telephone Company  
Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

RT Communications, Inc.  
Southeast Nebraska Telephone Company  
Sodtown Telephone Company  
Vivian Telephone Company  
Wauneta Telephone Company

4. **Path Two.** On or before May 15, 2002, the following carriers filed selection of Path Two and corresponding disaggregation plans, which become effective upon Commission approval:

Cambridge Telephone Company  
Clarks Telecommunications Co.  
Consolidated Telco, Inc.  
Consolidated Telecom, Inc.  
Consolidated Telephone Company  
Hamilton Telephone Company  
Hartington Telecommunications Co.  
Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company  
Nebraska Central Telephone Company

4. **Path Three.** The following carriers filed selection of Path Three, which becomes effective upon filing, on or before May 15, 2002:

Arlington Telephone Company  
Blair Telephone Company  
Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company  
Frontier  
Hooper Telephone Company  
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company and NebCom, Inc.  
Pierce Telephone Company  
Rock County Telephone Company  
Stanton Telecom, Inc.  
Three River Telco  
United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a Sprint

5. The Commission finds that all disaggregation plans filed by carriers that selected Path Two should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the disaggregation plans of carriers selecting Path Two are hereby approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a true and correct copy of this order be mailed to the Universal Service Administration Company.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 22nd day of May,  
2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director