

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) APPLICATION NO. NUSF-25
Public Service Commission, on its)
own motion, seeking to establish)
guidelines for the purpose of) Progression Order #7
certifying the use of federal)
universal service support.)
) Entered: December 16, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

Progression Order #5 in this docket required each rural incumbent local exchange carrier and/or eligible telecommunications carrier to file a notarized copy of an affidavit certifying whether federal high-cost support is being used consistent with section 254(e). Progression g Order #5 also set forth a schedule for accepting and processing such affidavits. Upon receipt of a properly completed affidavit, the Commission files a certification with the FCC. Carriers for which certifications are filed with the FCC on or before January 1 will receive support for the second, third and fourth quarters of that year. See 47 C.F.R ' 54.314(d).

OPINION AND FINDINGS

2. The Commission finds that the following carriers filed properly completed affidavits for which the Commission may file certification by January 1, 2003:

Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications, Inc.

3. Accordingly, the Commission will provide certification to the Administrator of the federal high-cost universal service support mechanisms and the Federal Communications Commission that the above-listed carriers will use federal high-cost support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and/or service for which the support is intended in accordance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the affidavits filed by the above-referenced carrier is accepted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 16th day of December, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director