

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-25  
Public Service Commission, on )  
its own motion, to establish ) ORDER INITIATING DOCKET  
guidelines for the purpose )  
of certifying the use of federal )  
universal service support. ) Entered: July 24, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

1. On May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released an order relative to federal universal service support mechanisms<sup>1</sup>. Inter alia, this order codified, at 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, a requirement for States that desire rural incumbent local exchange carriers and/or eligible telecommunications carriers within their jurisdiction to receive support pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.301, 54.305, and/or 54.307 to certify that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. This certification must be filed on an annual basis with the Universal Service Administrative Company and the FCC.

2. Certification must be filed on or before October 1 for such carriers to receive support for all four quarters of the succeeding year.

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3. The Commission seeks comment on how it should verify that all federal high-cost support will be used for its intended purpose in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314. Parties wishing to provide comments may do so on or before August 10, 2001.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that interested parties file comments on or before August 10, 2001. Parties filing comments should file three paper copies and one electronic copy in WordPerfect 6.0 format.

<sup>1</sup> CC Docket No. 96-45, CC Docket No. 00-256, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rule-making in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, FCC 01-157, Released May 23, 2001.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of July, 2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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ATTEST:

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