

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska                    ) Application No. NUSF-26  
Public Service Commission, on                    )  
its own motion seeking to                        )  
establish a long-term universal                   ) PREHEARING CONFERENCE  
service funding mechanism.                      ) ORDER NO. 2  
  )  
  ) Entered: February 8, 2002

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

In the Prehearing Conference Order entered herein on January 28, 2002, the Hearing Officer stated: "Limitations on cross-examination will be made known to the parties after February 4, 2002." The Commission has now received legal briefs on service quality Issue No. 1 and pre-filed testimony of service quality Issues No. 2 and 3 from interested parties. After review of such briefs and the pre-filed testimony, the Hearing Officer hereby clarifies and revises the "Procedural Schedule: A. Service Quality Component" as appears on pages 3 and 4 of the Prehearing Conference Order dated January 28, 2002 in the following respects:

1. No cross-examination will be permitted with regard to Issue No. 1. The briefs submitted reveal that this Issue solely relates to legal matters that are not appropriate subjects for cross-examination. In lieu of cross-examination, the parties that submitted filings on February 4, ALLTEL Nebraska, Inc., Qwest Corporation, the Rural Independent Companies and Western Wireless shall be given to and including March 11, 2002, to file answer briefs relating to Issue No. 1 with the Commission.

2. Upon receipt and review of the answer briefs submitted by the parties relating to Issue No. 1, the Commission will make a determination whether it wishes to receive oral arguments from the parties relating to Issue No. 1.

3. Public hearing on the Service Quality Component of this Docket is set for February 14, 2002 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Due to the fact that the Commission has a hearing set in another matter at 1:30 p.m. on February 14, it will be necessary to limit cross-examination to one (1) hour on each of Issue No. 2 and 3. Counsel for the parties will be expected to cooperate with the Hearing Officer to equitably allocate this available cross-examination time at the hearing.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the foregoing revisions and clarifications to the Prehearing Order entered herein on January 28, 2002 are hereby adopted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 8th day of February, 2002.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
HEARING OFFICER