

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)	Order Extending Comment
establish a long-term)	Deadline and Continuing
universal service funding)	Pre-Hearing Conference
mechanism.	

BY THE COMMISSION:

1. By an order entered August 21, 2001 (Order), the Commission opened this docket to receive comments on several issues delineated in that order. The Order sets October 26, 2001 as the deadline for initial comments, sets November 30, 2001 as the deadline for reply comments, and sets a pre-hearing conference for November 6, 2001 at 2:30.

2. The Commission received a verbal request on behalf of the rural independent companies, to extend the initial comment deadline to November 9, 2001. Consequently, the pre-hearing conference set in the Order for November 6, 2001 at 2:30pm would also need to be continued and rescheduled. The reply comment deadline, however, would remain unaffected.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

3. The Commission finds that extending the initial comment deadline by two weeks and rescheduling the pre-hearing conference are reasonable and would not unduly delay progress on this docket.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the deadline for interested parties to file comments is extended to November 9, 2001.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the deadline for interested parties to file reply comments remain November 30, 2001.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the pre-hearing conference shall be continued and rescheduled for November 14, 2001 at 1:30pm in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska to determine the date, time and format for a public hearing on the matters described herein.

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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ATTEST:

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