

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) PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 5
establish a long-term universal) Procedural Order
service funding mechanism.) Entered: August 3, 2004

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

By Order entered June 29, 2004 in the above-captioned matter, the Commission set a public hearing, commencing at 9:00 a.m., on August 25, 2004, for a number of proposals surrounding the implementation of a long-term universal service funding mechanism. At this time, I do not believe that a prehearing conference is necessary. However, as Hearing Officer, I enter this Procedural Order to establish further guidelines to ensure that the hearing operates efficiently and so that the Commission can release it's Order surrounding the proposals in a timely manner. I find the following should be made applicable to the August 25, 2004 hearing:

1. Each party should be limited to a total of ninety minutes of cross-examination; however, the Commission may exercise its discretion to allow more time where necessary.
2. The Commission will determine the order of witnesses taking into consideration travel arrangements and other commitments.
3. The Commission will arrange for an outside court reporter. Costs should be split amongst the parties entering appearances at the hearing.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the above referenced guidelines for the August 25, 2004 hearing be and they are hereby adopted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 3rd day of August, 2004.

By: _____
Hearing Officer

