

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. NUSF-40/PI-86
Public Service Commission, on its)
own motion, to determine the extent)
to which Voice Over Internet) ORDER SETTING HEARING
Protocol services should be subject)
to Nebraska Universal Service Fund)
requirements.)
) Entered: November 10, 2004

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

On August 24, 2004, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) initiated this investigation to determine the extent to which Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services should be subject to Nebraska Universal Service Fund contribution requirements. The Commission asked a series of questions regarding the nature of VoIP services and whether a whole or part of the service should be subject to state universal service fund requirements. Comments were requested and received from interested parties. At this time, the Hearing Officer finds it appropriate to set the issues raised by this investigation for hearing. A hearing is hereby scheduled on December 8, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The hearing will be conducted in legislative format. An outside court reporting service will be used by the Commission. Parties entering appearances at the hearing will be required to split the costs of the court reporting services equally among them. After the hearing has concluded, the hearing officer will determine whether post-hearing briefs will be accepted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the issues raised by the above-captioned investigation be and they are hereby set for public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED a public hearing be scheduled on December 8, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 10th day of November, 2004.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

By: _____
Frank E. Landis
Hearing Officer