

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. NUSF-50
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, to make)
adjustments to the universal) ORDER EXTENDING COMMENT
service fund mechanism) DEADLINE
established in NUSF-26.)
) Entered: January 18, 2007

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

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

On January 12, 2007, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) requested the Commission clarify paragraphs 29 and 30 in its December 19, 2006 Order regarding the porting of support to competitive local exchange carriers. In that portion of the Order, the Commission requested further comment on a proposal raised by staff to eliminate the support in zones 1 and 2 ported to competitive local exchange carriers. As Hearing Officer, I find that a short extension of time should be granted to interested persons intending to file comments in response to the staff proposal. The comment deadline should be extended from January 23, 2007 to February 2, 2007.

As the proposal released for comment is a staff proposal, the Commission is not going to clarify its December 19, 2006 Order. The staff may choose to respond to questions from the parties to clarify its proposal. However, as Hearing Officer, I will not direct the staff to respond to or to clarify the exact questions posed by Qwest in its request.

For the convenience of those persons interested, the Commission Library and a conference bridge will be made available at 3:00 p.m. on January 22, 2007, or immediately following the prehearing conference in NUSF-50/C-3554, for the staff to discuss these issues with the parties. The call-in number will be the same as the number utilized for the prehearing conference which is (402) 471-6000.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the comment deadline established in the Commission's Order entered on December 19, 2006 relative to the porting of support to competitive local exchange carriers shall be and it is hereby extended from January 23, 2007 to February 2, 2007.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 18th day of
January, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

By: _____
Hearing Officer