

In the Matter of the) Application No. NUSF-50
Commission, on its own)
motion, to make adjustments)
to the universal service fund) ORDER OPENING DOCKET AND
mechanism established in) SEEKING COMMENT
NUSF-26.)
) Entered: December 6, 2005

1. The Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opens this proceeding on its own motion pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-324(2)(b)(2004 Supp.) to make certain adjustments to the permanent universal service fund mechanism established in NUSF-26.

3. In this order, the Commission seeks comment on some limited adjustments to the permanent mechanism. First, the Commission seeks comment on whether to give the carriers an option of filing, on a quarterly basis, NUSF EARN forms so the Commission can shorten the lag between the reported earnings period and NUSF distributions. The Commission seeks comment on whether such quarterly filings should be required to be filed within a two month period following each quarter. The Commission would then make adjustments to the SAM distribution mechanism four times per year. Further, should the Commission decide to make this change, should the quarterly EARN FORM filing be an optional or mandatory requirement for the carriers. The Commission also seeks comment on whether the SAM distribution mechanism would remain predictable pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-323(5)(2004 Cum. Supp.). The distribution mechanism would still be based on either a one year or three year rolling average.

4. In the alternative, the Commission seeks comment on whether it should move the model adjustment and distribution period from a calendar year to a fiscal year.

As a result of this modification the Commission would make its model adjustments in July rather than January of each year.

5. Comments responsive to this Order should be filed on or before January 10, 2006. Reply comments should be filed on or before January 30, 2006. Commenters should file five (5) paper copies along with one (1) electronic copy of the comments. In order to be kept on the service list for this docket, comments or letters of interest must be filed by the deadline established herein.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that this docket be, and it is hereby, opened for public comment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that comments responsive to this order shall be filed by interested parties on or before January 10, 2006 and that reply comments be filed on or before January 30, 2006.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 6th day of December, 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

Attest:

Executive Director