

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Maurice Gene Hand, Director of)	Application No. DC-71/
the Communications Department of)	NUSF-53
the Nebraska Public Service)	
Commission and Jeffrey L.)	
Pursley, Director of the)	
Nebraska Universal Service Fund)	
Department of the Nebraska)	
Public Service Commission,)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR
)	LEAVE TO SUBMIT SECOND
Complainants,)	SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY,
)	DENYING MOTION FOR ORAL
v.)	ARGUMENT
)	
Qwest Corporation,)	
)	
Respondent.)	Entered: August 30, 2006

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On August 24, 2006, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed a motion for leave to submit second supplemental testimony of Mary Pat Cheshier and a motion for oral argument.

With respect to the motion to submit second supplemental testimony, Qwest originally filed the testimony of Ms. Cheshier on June 30, 2006 consistent with the planning conference order entered on May 5, 2006 and was granted leave to submit supplemental testimony in a hearing officer order entered July 19, 2006. Qwest seeks to submit additional testimony regarding its testing and monitoring efforts as well as trouble reports received since the hearing in this matter.

The Hearing Officer finds that the motion for leave to submit second supplemental testimony of Mary Pat Cheshier should be granted. Should Commission staff wish to submit a response to the testimony, it may do so by **5:00 p.m., September 8, 2006**.

Qwest further requested oral argument in order to respond to Staff arguments set forth in the post-hearing briefs. The Hearing Officer finds that rather than scheduling oral argument, the parties should be permitted to submit reply briefs. Reply briefs must be filed by **5:00 p.m., September 8, 2006**.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that Qwest's Motion for Leave to Submit Second Supplemental Testimony is granted and Commission staff is permitted to submit any response to the testimony by **5:00 p.m., September 8, 2006.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Motion for Oral Argument is denied.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that parties are permitted to file Reply Briefs by **5:00 p.m., September 8, 2006.**

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska on this 30th day of August, 2006.

BY:

Gerald L. Vap
HEARING OFFICER