

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska)	Application No. NUSF-64
Public Service Commission, on)	
its own motion, seeking to)	
investigate the use of)	ERRATUM AND ORDER
expense caps in the earnings)	EXTENDING COMMENT
calculation for Nebraska)	DEADLINE
universal service fund)	
support.)	Entered: November 2, 2007

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On October 10, 2007, the Commission entered an order seeking comment on a staff proposal in the above-captioned. On October 16, 2007, I entered an order extending the deadline for interested persons to file written comments and reply comments and setting a pre-hearing conference. Since that time, the Commission discovered that the Appendix to its October 10, 2007 Order contained an error which would affect the ability for interested parties to accurately comment on the proposed methodology. The Commission also became aware of errors in the data used in the proposed model which require correction. Because of this discovery, I find this Erratum Order should be issued with a corrected Appendix "A". Interested persons should use the attached Appendix as a basis for their comments and disregard the Appendix attached to the Commission's October 10, 2007 Order.

In addition to the corrected Appendix "A", a revised data set will be made available to persons who executed the nondisclosure agreement to the Commission's protective order. As done previously, the company names will not be included in the revised data. However, companies or company representatives may request to have their own or their clients' identification information included in the data set to allow them to verify the results of the proposed methodology.

In response to the data set released under the protective order certain companies requested the Commission clarify whether more information would be sought to add to the data set. Rather than make a specific decision now, the Commission prefers to receive comments on those questions. Specifically, comment is sought on the following:

1. Whether the Commission should use the same number of data points (or years) for each company. For example, the Commission did not have specific information from cooperatives because they are not required to file Form M data. Should the Commission send out a data request to acquire this information and include it in the model?

2. Should the Commission update the underlying information periodically? If so, how should the information be updated?

3. Qwest questioned whether the Commission included the access lines sold to competitors leasing unbundled network elements. The Commission did not include those access lines in the data set. Should these lines be included given the goal of this proceeding is to include expenses appropriately associated with universal service.

Interested persons are free to comment on any other questions or concerns related to the data used to calculate the results of proposed methodology or any other issue germane to this proceeding.

I further find the comment deadline should be extended so that interested persons have an opportunity to comment on the revised data which will be made available to persons executing the nondisclosure agreement of the Protective Order. Comments may now be filed on or before **November 14, 2007** and reply comments may be filed on or before **November 30, 2007**.

The pre-hearing conference will be held **December 4, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the Commission's October 10, 2007 Order be corrected as provided herein and Appendix A attached to this Order is hereby released for comment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the comment deadline in this matter is extended to **November 14, 2007** and reply comments must be filed on or before **November 30, 2007**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pre-hearing conference will be held on **December 4, 2007** as provided above.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 2nd day of November, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

By: _____
Hearing Officer