

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	Application No. NUSF-7.07
of Qwest Corporation for)	
Issuance by the Commission of an)	
Order Waiving Certain)	PLANNING CONFERENCE ORDER
Requirements in the Opinion and)	
Findings in Application No. C-)	
1628 Associated with the NUSF)	
Support Calculation in the)	
Transition Period)	Entered: April 26, 2006

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

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

On January 13, 2006, Qwest Corporation filed an application seeking to accelerate NUSF support granted by the Commission in its October 6, 2004 Order. Notice of the application was published in the Daily Record on January 25, 2006. On February 21, 2006, the Rural Independent Companies¹ filed a Petition for Formal Intervention. A Response to the Petition was filed by Qwest on March 7, 2006. A Reply to the Response was filed by the Rural Independent Companies on March 13, 2006.

On April 25, 2006, a planning conference was held in the above-captioned application. At the planning conference, the Hearing Officer granted the RIC Petition for Intervention. The Hearing Officer also ruled that the confidential information Qwest filed in the previous NUSF-7.07 application would not be released to the RIC as the information is part of a proceeding that has been ruled upon with a final order.

At the planning conference the parties also discussed the procedural schedule for disposition of this application. The following schedule was agreed to by the parties:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Discovery Requests served on Qwest by the RIC	May 8, 2006

¹ Arlington Telephone Company, The Blair Telephone Company, Cambridge Telephone Company, Clarks Telecommunications Co., Consolidated Telco, Inc., Consolidated Telcom, Inc., Consolidated Telephone Company, Easter Nebraska Telephone Company, Great Plains Communications, Inc., Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc., Hershey Cooperative Telephone Co., K&M Telephone Company, Inc., The Nebraska Central Telephone Company, Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company, Rock Telephone Company, Stanton Telecom Inc., and Three River Telco.

Qwest objections filed and served	May 15, 2006
Qwest Discovery Responses due	May 22, 2006
Discovery Request served on the RIC by Qwest	May 25, 2006
RIC objections filed and served	May 30, 2006
Direct Testimony filed and served	June 13, 2006
Reply Testimony filed and served	June 23, 2006

Service of the items described above must be transmitted electronically to all parties of record and the Commission and followed by a paper copy.

The hearing on this application will be held on **June 27, 2006** 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 in the above-captioned application that the procedural schedule set forth herein be and it is hereby adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hearing on this application will be held on June 27, 2006 at 1:30 p.m., in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 26th day of April, 2006.

By: _____
Frank E. Landis
Hearing Officer