

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition) Application No. NUSF-77.20
of the Nebraska Telecommunica-)
tions Association for)
investigation and review of)
processes and procedures) PETITIONS FOR FORMAL
regarding the Nebraska Universal) INTERVENTION GRANTED
Service Fund: Application to)
the Nebraska Broadband Pilot)
Program (NEBP) received from)
N.E. Colorado Cellular d/b/a)
Viaero.) Entered: May 6, 2013

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

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

By Petitions filed on April 5, 2013, and pursuant to Neb. Admin. R. Regs. tit. 291, ch. 1, sec. 015, Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company ("Eastern"), Hartelco, Inc. d/b/a Hartington Telecommunications Co. Inc. ("Hartelco"), Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co. ("Northeast"), Stanton Telecom, Inc. ("Stanton") Great Plains Communications, Inc. ("Great Plains"), United States Cellular Corporation ("US Cellular"), seek formal intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. Also, on April 5, 2013, pursuant to Neb. Admin. R. Regs. tit. 291, ch.1, sec. 014, a Protest was filed by Hooper Telephone Company d/b/a Westel System ("Westel").

Based on the statements made by the above-named companies in their respective Petitions, I am of the opinion and find that the Petitions for Formal Intervention should be granted. Westel having filed a Protest in this matter shall also be considered a party consistent with the Commission's Rules of Procedure.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the Petitions for Formal Intervention filed by Eastern, HartelCo, Northeast, Stanton, Great Plains, and US Cellular in the above-captioned matter be, and they are hereby, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Westel having filed a formal Protest shall also be considered a party of record in the above-captioned proceeding.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 6th day of May,
2013.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

By: _____
Frank E. Landis
Hearing Officer

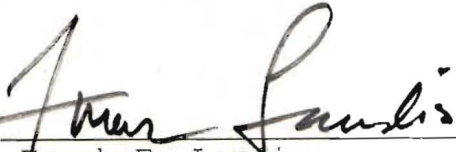
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