

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska)	Application No. NUSF-99
Public Service Commission, on)	
its Own Motion, to Administer)	
the Universal Service Fund)	
High-Cost Program.)	
)	
In the Matter of the Nebraska)	Application No. NUSF-50
Public Service Commission, on)	
its own motion, seeking to make)	ORDER VACATING PROCEDURAL
adjustments to the universal)	SCHEDULE
service fund mechanism)	
established in NUSF-26.)	Entered: December 15, 2015

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On November 17, 2015, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") entered an Order to reconsider its October 20, 2015, Order Authorizing Payments in NUSF-99 and NUSF-50. In those Orders, the Commission budgeted and released Nebraska universal service fund support amounts for price cap and rate-of-return carriers for calendar year 2016. The Commission's November 17, 2015 Order established a procedural schedule and detailed a list of issues for reconsideration.

On December 2, 2015, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink") filed data requests on the Commission. CenturyLink also filed a Motion for Protective Order.

On December 8, 2015, Windstream Nebraska Inc. ("Windstream") and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska d/b/a Frontier Communications of Nebraska ("Frontier") filed an Expedited Joint Motion to (1) Sever CenturyLink's Disbursement Dispute, (2) Hold other Issues from the November 17 Order in Abeyance, and (3) Lift the "Interim" Designation from 2016 Disbursements.

On December 9, 2015, CenturyLink filed a Motion in Limine to Exclude Extraneous Issue, requesting the Commission exclude a question posed by the Commission in its November 17, 2015 Order.

On December 10, 2015, CenturyLink filed a Response to the Expedited Motion of Windstream and Frontier requesting, among other things, the Commission vacate the current comment,

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testimony, and hearing schedule as the Commission may deem appropriate and advisable.

CenturyLink's Request to Vacate Procedural Schedule

As Hearing Officer, I find the current comment, testimony and hearing schedule should be vacated. The Commission plans to release a revised high-cost support amount for comment which will include a more detailed description of the proposed NUSF-99 calculated support. As provided in the Commission's November 17, 2015 Order, high-cost support amounts will remain interim and subject to true-up for 2016.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer in the above-captioned matter that the current comment, testimony and hearing schedule be and it is hereby vacated.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 15th day of December, 2015.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BY:



Frank E. Landis
Hearing Officer