

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) Application No. C-1128  
of the Nebraska Public Service )  
Commission on its own motion )  
to conduct an investigation into ) PROGRESSION ORDER #3  
the effects of local competition )  
on the telecommunications )  
industry in Nebraska. ) Entered: July 16, 1996

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act"), Section 252, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("the Commission") is authorized to mediate and arbitrate disputes between companies concerning interconnection agreements, services, or network elements.

The Act provides for the resolution of issues through compulsory arbitration. Between the 135th and 160th day after negotiations begin between the parties, either party may petition the Commission to arbitrate the remaining unresolved issues.

Since the Commission's responsibilities under Section 252 begin immediately and the time necessary to promulgate formal rules takes at least six months, the Commission proposes to adopt some form of the attached policy so that companies will know how to request mediation and arbitration and how it will be handled by the Commission. All interested parties are encouraged to provide their comments to the proposed policy on or before July 30, 1996.

O R D E R

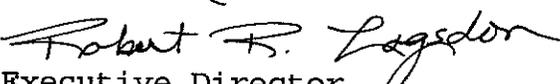
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that all interested parties who wish to comment on the proposed policy do so on or before July 30, 1996.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 16th day of July, 1996.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

  
//s//Rod Johnson  
//s//Frank E. Landis  
//s//James F. Munnelly  
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

Chairman   
ATTEST:  
  
Executive Director