

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2811/PI-
of Nebraska Technology &) 64
Telecommunications, Inc.)
requesting an investigation and) ORDER OPENING DOCKET AND
remedy of Qwest Corporation's) SETTING HEARING
rezoning of certain Nebraska)
exchanges from Zone 2 to Zone 3.)
) Entered: September 24, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

By petition filed September 16, 2002, Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications, Inc. (NT&T) requested that the Commission open an investigation on Qwest Corporation's (Qwest) rezoning of certain Nebraska exchanges from Zone 2 to Zone 3. NT&T requests that the Commission remedy the rate differential now charged by Qwest pursuant to Application No. C-2516/PI-49.

Specifically, NT&T seeks rezoning of five Nebraska exchanges from Zone 3 to Zone 2. The five exchanges include Broken Bow, Gothenburg, Lyons, Oakland and Wood River. These exchanges were in Zone 2 or 1 under the Commission's interim zoning structure in Application No. C-2256. In Application No. C-2516, several exchanges including the five exchanges mentioned by NT&T in their petition were redrawn. The Commission hereby grants NT&T's request for an investigation to determine the effect the Commission's order in Application No. C-2516 had on NT&T's ability to compete in the five named exchanges. Therefore, the Commission opens this investigation to determine whether the Broken Bow, Gothenburg, Lyons, Oakland and Wood River exchanges should be moved from Zone 3 to Zone 2.

Since this investigation is so narrow and because NT&T claims it will no longer be able to compete in the aforementioned exchanges without immediate Commission intervention, the Commission will expedite this investigation. The Commission finds that a public hearing should be set for October 7, 2002 at 10:00 a.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 Nebraska Public Service Commission that the above-captioned investigation be and it is hereby opened.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a public hearing on this matter be set for October 7, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of September, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director