

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission, ) Application No. C-2830/PI-66  
on its own motion, to review the )  
Qwest Corporation rate center ) ORDER OPENING DOCKET AND  
consolidation plan. ) SEEKING COMMENTS  
)  
) Entered: November 5, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission seeks to review the rate center consolidation plan proposed by Qwest Corporation in correspondence received October 25, 2002. According to Qwest, nine rate centers can be consolidated into four without any changes to existing local calling for Qwest customers.

Customers may be affected, in that long distance rates could be impacted by changes made to the rate center Vertical & Horizontal (V&H) coordinates associated with the rate centers being established. Because the distance between two rate centers is the airline mileage calculated using V&H coordinates, and this distance may be used in determining toll charges, some change in toll charges may result if the plan is approved.

Qwest proposes to consolidate rate centers as follows: rate centers at South Sioux City and Dakota City could be consolidated into one rate center at South Sioux City; rate centers at Tekamah and Lyons would be consolidated into one rate center at Tekamah; rate centers at Elkhorn, Bennington and Valley would be consolidated into one rate center at Elkhorn; and rate centers in Gretna and Springfield would be consolidated into one rate center at Gretna.

Based upon the length of time required for implementation of rate center consolidation, Qwest recommends that the Commission consider an effective date for the proposed consolidations between August 1 and November 30, 2002.

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

The Commission seeks written comment from interested parties on Qwest's proposed rate center consolidation plan. Written comments should be filed on or before 5:00 p.m. on December 13, 2002. The Commission anticipates setting a hearing date at a later time.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that parties seeking to file written comments on Qwest's proposed rate center consolidation plan do so on or before 5:00 p.m. on December 13, 2002. Parties should file five paper copies and one electronic copy in Word or Word Perfect format.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5th day of November, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director