

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission, ) Application No. C-3049  
on its own motion, to conduct an )  
investigation into possible )  
solutions for extending the life ) PROGRESSION ORDER #1  
of area codes 308 and 402. )  
)  
) Entered: May 10, 2006

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On November 13, 2003, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened Docket No. C-3049 to conduct an investigation into possible solutions for extending the life of area codes 308 and 402. On November 23, 2004, the Commission petitioned the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for authority to implement additional number conservation measures. On February 24, 2006, the FCC granted the Commission the requested authority. In an order released on March 14, 2006, the Commission found that a hearing should be held to, "establish the procedure and timeline for the implementation of mandatory thousands-block pooling in the remaining rate centers in the 402 area code."<sup>1</sup> The hearing was scheduled for **June 1, 2006**, and interested parties were asked to file testimony by **May 22, 2006**.

As Hearing Officer in the above-captioned docket, I hereby request that any testimony filed by interested parties include comments on the following matters:

- a. Whether mandatory thousands-block number pooling should be implemented for all the remaining rate centers in the 402 area code.
- b. If the Commission determines that number pooling should be mandatory in the 402 area code, please comment on the feasibility of the following schedule of implementation:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
August 15, 2006	Deadline to request a waiver of mandatory implementation date

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<sup>1</sup> See *In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, to conduct an investigation into possible solutions for extending the life of area codes 308 and 402*, Docket No. C-3049 (March 14, 2006).

September 25, 2006	Forecast Report Date - Deadline for Service Providers (SP) to report their forecasted thousands- block demand to Pooling Administrator (PA)
September 25, 2006	Block Protection Date - Deadline for SPs to protect specified thousands-blocks from further contamination
September 25, 2006	Block Donation Identification Date - Deadline for SPs to report their surplus/deficiency of thousands-blocks to the PA, Begin Intra-Service Provider Porting
October 9, 2006	PA Assessment of Industry Inventory Surplus/Deficiency Posted on PA website
October 25, 2006	Block Donation Date - Deadline for SPs to donate their thousands-blocks to the PA, End Intra-Service Provider Porting
November 1, 2006	Mandated Implementation Date Pool Start/Allocation Date - Date SPs can begin requesting thousands-blocks from PA

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the hearing officer that testimony filed by interested parties in the above-captioned docket include comments on the issues presented above.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 10th day of May,  
2006.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Frank E. Landis  
Hearing Officer