

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) Application No. NUSF-50
Commission, on its own) Progression Order No. 3
motion, to make adjustments)
to the universal service fund)
mechanism established in)
NUSF-26.)

In the Matter of the) Application No. C-3554/
Commission, on its own) PI-112
motion, seeking to)
investigate whether the zones) ORDER RELEASING STAFF
established in Docket No.) PROPOSAL
C-2516 are appropriate in)
light of NUSF-26 findings and)
conclusions.) Entered: February 13, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

1. On February 28, 2006, the Commission issued Progression Order No. 2 (PO. 2) in NUSF-50 seeking comment on a porting methodology which could be used in coordination with a zone unifying methodology (UM) described in Commission docket C-3554/PI-112, also released for comment on the same date.
2. The Commission received comments from interested parties in both C-3554/PI-112 and NUSF-50 PO. 2.
2. On January 22, 2007, the Commission held a prehearing conference to determine the next steps in the above-captioned dockets. It was decided at the prehearing conference that the Commission staff would release a proposal for testimony/comment on February 13, 2007. The attached staff proposal is hereby released in conformance therewith. The staff proposal includes options related to C-3554/PI-112, NUSF-50 Progression Order No. 2 and the staff proposal released for comment in the Commission's December 19, 2006 Order in NUSF-50.
3. Interested persons have until March 30, 2007 to file testimony/comments on the attached proposal as set forth in the Hearing Officer's planning conference order entered on February 5, 2007. Any exhibits intended to be offered with direct testimony must also be filed on or before March 30, 2007.

4. The Commission will hold a hearing on the attached proposal on April 10-11, 2007 commencing at 1:30 p.m. on April 10th. The hearing will be held in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508. The hearing will be held in the Commission's traditional format. Witnesses will be sworn-in and cross-examination of witnesses will be permitted. All parties providing testimony will be expected to contribute equally towards the cost of an outside court reporter.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the attached staff proposal is hereby released and interested persons may file testimony or comments responsive to the staff proposal on or before **March 30, 2007**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing will be held on **April 10-11, 2007** as provided above.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 13th day of February, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Director