

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Public) Application No. NG-0012.1
Alliance for Community Energy)
(ACE), seeking additional) ORDER SETTING PREHEARING
authority as a Competitive) CONFERENCE
Natural Gas Provider to serve)
the entire state of Nebraska.) Entered: December 13, 2005

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On November 4, 2005, the Public Alliance for Community Energy (ACE) filed an application seeking additional authority as a competitive natural gas provider pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1849* (Reissue 2003) and Rule 009 of the Natural Gas and Pipeline Rules and Regulations, Title 291, Ch. 9.

Notice of the application was published in the *Daily Record*, Omaha, on November 8, 2005. The Public Advocate, Aquila Energy, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks (Aquila), and Cornerstone Energy, Inc. (Cornerstone) each filed a Petition for Formal Intervention in this matter on December 5, 6, and 7, 2005, respectively. The Petitions for Formal Intervention were granted in an order entered December 13, 2005.

The Commission finds that a prehearing conference should be scheduled in this matter for December 16, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Library, 1200 N Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, Nebraska. Parties from the Lincoln area who wish to participate by telephone may call 471-6000 and locations other than Lincoln may call 888-866-4213.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that a prehearing conference is scheduled in this matter for **December 16, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Commission Library, 1200 N Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, Nebraska.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties from the Lincoln area may call 471-6000 and locations other than Lincoln may call 888-866-4213 to participate by telephone call.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 13th day of
December, 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director