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**LANDIS: TIME WARNER DECISION GOOD
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LINCOLN – Nebraska Public Service Commissioner Frank Landis of Lincoln sees a link between service and competition in the Commission’s authorization for Time Warner Cable to provide local telephone service in several southeast Nebraska communities.

The Commission approved Time Warner’s application to provide telephone service in communities that already are served by the company’s cable television operation. The November 23 vote affects Time Warner customers in Lincoln, Auburn, Crete, David City, Denton, Fairbury, Humboldt, Nebraska City, Pawnee City, Seward, Table Rock, Tecumseh, Seward, and York in which Alltel is the incumbent local exchange carrier, as well as Columbus, and Fremont.

None of the communities in which Alltel is the local exchange carrier have competition for residential customers, including Lincoln.

“Providing competition and choice for phone customers has been a long-standing goal of mine,” Commissioner Landis said. “The best incentive for a phone company to provide good service is a competitor across the street who wants to take your customers.”

Time Warner’s telephone plan initially will be tied to locations where its cable television programming is available. In its application, Time Warner said the company would not immediately extend its telephone offering beyond the locations where the company has cable installed for television programming.

In addition to local and long distance telephone service, Time Warner said its telephone customers would be able to place calls to and receive calls from other customers on existing local exchange provider networks such as Alltel. Features and services such as caller ID, call waiting, local number portability, operator assistance, information assistance, 911 services, and unlimited long distance calling to the United States and Canada, will be provided by Time Warner.

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