

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska        ) Application No. NUSF-50  
Public Service Commission, on        )  
its own motion, seeking to make       )  
adjustments to the universal        ) ORDER AUTHORIZING CHANGE IN  
service fund mechanism                ) PAYMENTS  
established in NUSF-26.                )  
  )  
  ) Entered: November 29, 2011

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

The Commission, on an annual basis, has given the staff authorization to disburse Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) support to qualifying Nebraska eligible telecommunications carriers (NETCs) pursuant to methodology set in place by the Commission.

Last March, the Commission gave authorization to the staff to make disbursements up to \$40.8 million in high-cost wireline support for the calendar year of 2011. The Commission hereby modifies its March 8, 2011 Order and authorizes its staff to pay up to \$42.4 million in high-cost wireline support, which includes support authorized for carriers in the Commission's NUSF-7 waiver orders, pursuant to the model adopted by the Commission in NUSF-26 as modified by the Commission Order issued in NUSF-50 on December 19, 2006. This authorized amount also includes support which should be disbursed to designated competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) in compliance with the Commission's CLEC orders. This change is due to the implementation of the rural benchmark imputation modification approved by the Commission in NUSF-50, Progression Order No. 4 by Order entered on July 12, 2011. This change is also due to revised 2009 NUSF-EARN forms filed by several carriers.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the staff be authorized to make high-cost program disbursements for calendar year 2011 as described above.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 29<sup>th</sup> day of  
November, 2011.

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ATTEST:

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