

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 PAYMENTS
service fund mechanism)
established in NUSF-26.) December 9, 2008

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 year, the Commission gave authorization to the staff to make disbursements in an Order entered in the above-captioned docket on January 23, 2008.¹

For the calendar year of 2009, the Commission hereby authorizes its staff to pay up to \$45.7 million dollars 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.

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 2009 as described above.

¹ The January 23, 2008 Order was amended on February 5, 2008. The Commission authorized changes to NUSF support payments again on July 29, 2008.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 9th day of
December, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Director