

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.)
) February 6, 2007

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 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 accordance with its findings in NUSF-26 for the High-Cost, Telehealth and Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP). The Telehealth program and NTAP disbursements are guided by other Commission orders in NUSF-57¹ and NUSF-2 respectively.

For the calendar year of 2007, the Commission hereby authorizes its staff to pay up to \$57.1 million dollars in high-cost wireline support, excluding the 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 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 2007 as described above.

¹ Prior to the initiation of NUSF-57, the Commission's orders in NUSF-26 authorized support for the Nebraska Telehealth Program. Relevant NUSF-26 findings were rolled into to the NUSF-57 docket which governs the administration of the Telehealth program generally.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 6th day of
February, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director