

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. NUSF-69.11
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
implement policies and)
procedures related to)
providing Dedicated universal) REIMBURSEMENT ORDER
service Support for Wireless)
Telecommunications Services:)
Petition received June 1, 2012)
from United States Cellular)
Corporation.) Entered: September 27, 2016

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Petition filed June 1, 2012 United States Cellular Corporation (US Cellular), sought support from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) dedicated wireless program. The Commission allocated \$5 million for the 2012 funding year in which the Petition was filed. US Cellular's Petition sought \$4.4 million for proposed cell towers.

A public hearing on the application was held on December 4, 2012 in Lincoln, Nebraska. On January 15, 2013 the Commission granted US Cellular's funding request in part, authorizing dedicated wireless fund support for three of the proposed tower sites.

The Commission approved reimbursement for the construction costs of three of the proposed tower sites, referenced in NUSF-69.11 as Burchard, Endicott and West Chambers in the amount of **\$1,196,577** or the actual cost of construction on each site, whichever was lower.

By letter filed on August 3, 2016, US Cellular states spending for the West Chambers site was higher than estimated. However, spending for the Burchard and Endicott sites was lower than the amount estimated. US Cellular requests that the unspent dollars at the Burchard and Endicott sites be re-allocated to cover the overage on the West Chambers site. The amount to be re-allocated would be \$128,954.31.

The Commission finds the re-allocation request is reasonable based on the NTIPS Department staff's review of the invoices and taking into consideration the fact that the

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reimbursement request for the two other tower sites was lower than the estimates provided in the application. US Cellular is permitted to re-allocate the support from the Burchard and Endicott tower sites and apply it to the West Chambers site as requested. Further, the NTIPS Department staff is permitted to approve the reimbursement request made by US Cellular for the West Chambers location for the \$128,954.31. This Order does not alter the total amount of support approved or to be reimbursed to United States Cellular, as previously determined by the Commission in its January 15, 2013 Order.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Order entered on January 15, 2013 is amended as provided herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission approves the re-allocation of support requested by United States Cellular Corporation from the Burchard and Endicott tower sites to the West Chamber site in the amount of \$128,954.31 based upon the invoices provided to the NTIPS Department.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 27th day of September, 2016.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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//s//Frank E. Landis
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