

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska)	Application No. NUSF-69.13
Public Service Commission,)	
on its own Motion, seeking to)	
implement policies and procedures)	
related to providing dedicated)	MODIFICATION REQUEST
universal service support for)	GRANTED
wireless telecommunications)	
services: Petition received)	
June 27, 2013 from Pinpoint)	
Wireless Inc. d/b/a BLAZE)	
Wireless.)	Entered: August 19, 2014

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Petition filed June 27, 2013 Pinpoint Wireless d/b/a BLAZE Wireless (BLAZE), sought support from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) dedicated wireless program. Notice of the application appeared in the Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska on July 3, 2013. A Petition of Formal Intervention was filed by Northeast Colorado Cellular Inc. d/b/a Viaero Wireless (Viaero Wireless). The Petition was granted on August 13, 2013. In addition, a Petition of Informal Intervention was filed by the Rural Telecommunications Coalition of Nebraska ("RTCN"). The Petition was granted by the Hearing Officer on September 18, 2013.

A public hearing on the application was held on November 4, 2013 in Lincoln, Nebraska. On November 25, 2013 the Commission granted BLAZE'S application in part for the tower locations identified as: **Culbertson, Enders, Harry Strunk Lake, Hugh Butler Lake, Max, Orafino, Perry Grain, Stratton, and Trenton.** The Commission granted partial funding to the tower location identified as **Arapahoe South.** The Commission granted support to BLAZE in the amount of **\$2,322,140** or the **actual cost** of construction for the ten sites approved in its November 25, 2013 Order.

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

On May 16, 2014, BLAZE notified the Commission that it could not obtain local approval for the **Stratton** location. It requested approval for a modification to the Commission's Order so that it could construct the approved tower in an alternative location nearby. After receiving BLAZE's request, the Commission staff reviewed the alternative tower location using the same methodology adopted by the Commission in its previous findings

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the requested modification filed by Pinpoint Wireless d/b/a BLAZE Wireless shall be and it is hereby granted as provided herein.

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//s//Frank E. Landis