

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. NUSF-69
Public Service Commission, on) Progression Order No. 3
its own motion, seeking to)
implement policies and)
procedures related to providing) ORDER
dedicated universal service)
support for wireless)
telecommunications services.) Entered: February 26, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

The Commission opened this proceeding to determine the amount of support, the allocation of support, and to implement policies and procedures for the Nebraska universal service fund (NUSF) dedicated wireless program.¹ The Commission initially sought comments on a variety of issues in Progression Order No. 1, and in Progression Order No. 2, entered July 24, 2007. The Commission received comments from a number of interested companies which will assist the Commission in determining which carriers should be eligible and the allocation of support for the dedicated wireless program.

After considering the comments, the Commission believes it does not have all the information necessary to determine the high-cost areas and services in most need of support. Accordingly, rather than making a decision which may foreclose certain services or areas from receiving dedicated wireless fund support, the Commission finds it most appropriate to allow wireless carriers to petition the Commission for support. The Commission has allocated \$2.5 million to the wireless program for the remainder of the 2008 calendar year.

A petition filed in this docket should clearly and with specificity provide the Commission with a proposal for use of wireless support and should contain a detailed description of the rural unserved or underserved areas included in the proposal. The Commission will then consider each petition and make a determination as to the allocation of support.

¹ The Commission previously approved support for the dedicated wireless fund in Docket NUSF-48 on October 18, 2005. The Commission opened the above-captioned proceeding to implement policies and procedures for the wireless program.

For companies familiar with the NUSF-7 process, the Commission considers the proposed process herein similar to how the Commission will decide how the available dedicated wireless support should be allocated. Notice will be published of any petition filed with the Commission. Confidential information filed with a petition must be clearly marked.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that dedicated wireless program support will be considered as provided herein.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 26th day of February, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director