

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the application)	Application No. NUSF-7.06
of Northeast Nebraska Telephone)	
Company and Nebcom, Inc., seek-ing)	
a waiver for additional Nebraska)	GRANTED IN PART
Universal Service Funding.)	
)	Entered: June 18, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed March 6, 2002, Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company (Northeast), and Nebcom, Inc., (Nebcom) seek waivers for additional Nebraska Universal Service funding pursuant to the Nebraska Public Service Commission's (Commission) previous findings in NUSF-7. Notice of the application appeared in The Daily Record, Omaha, on March 8, 2002. No protests or comments on the application were filed. Therefore, this application is processed by the Commission Rule of Modified Procedure.

In support of its application, Applicants state as follows:

Northeast and Nebcom are Nebraska corporations which hold certificates of public convenience and necessity to furnish telecommunications services for hire in this state. The applicants are rural common carriers and have been granted eligible telecommunications carrier status by the Commission. In support of its waiver request, Northeast and Nebcom attached the NUSF-EARN form based on data for the year 2000. Also enclosed were TELECOM's calculations of additional NUSF support requested by Northeast and Nebcom based on underearnings due to plant additions during 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, together with associated depreciation adjustments for the years 1997 through 1999.

Upon consideration of the application and its supporting documentation, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the application for additional Nebraska Universal Service Funding should be approved as follows:

Northeast

1. Northeast's request for additional funds should be approved in part. Northeast should be granted an additional amount of \$41,304 effective September 1, 2001, going-forward.
2. Northeast should be granted support in the additional amount of \$338,697 for future investment to be made in 2002, effective upon the fulfillment of the certification conditions imposed by this order.

In order to receive the approved additional funding, Northeast must file affidavit(s) that specify the amount of additional support being requested and certifying the following:

- A. The additional Nebraska Universal Service Fund monies will be used only for the purposes described by Northeast in its Application.
 - B. On an ongoing basis, the additional Nebraska Universal Service monies will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of services that qualify for NUSF support.
 - C. The use of the funds received by Three Northeast from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund will be subject to a departmental audit at the Commission's discretion.
3. Northeast will have 60 days after this order has been entered in which to request additional funding for investments contained in the first part of this approval.
 4. Northeast will have a period of three (3) years after this order has been entered in which to request additional funding for future investments made pursuant to this application. Such request(s) shall only be made after said investments have been made.
 5. The grants of additional funding shall be limited to the amount described above or the amount(s) actually requested by affidavit, whichever is less.

Nebcom

6. Nebcom's request for additional funds should be approved in part. Nebcom should be granted support in the additional amount of \$7,820 effective September 1, 1999, going-forward. Nebcom should be granted an additional amount of \$11,418 effective September 1, 2000, going-forward. Nebcom should be granted an additional amount of \$227,138 effective September 1, 2001, going-forward.
7. Nebcom should be approved for an additional amount of \$613,912 for future investment to be made in 2002, going-forward subject to a future effective date and subsequent affidavit.
8. In order to receive the approved additional funding, Nebcom must file affidavit(s) that specify the amount of additional support being requested and certifying the following:

- A. The additional Nebraska Universal Service Fund monies will be used only for the purposes described by Nebcom in its Application.
 - B. On an ongoing basis, the additional Nebraska Universal Service monies will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of services that qualify for NUSF support.
 - C. The use of the funds received by Nebcom from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund will be subject to a departmental audit at the Commission's discretion.
9. Nebcom will have 60 days after this order has been entered in which to request additional funding for investments contained in the first part of this approval.
10. Nebcom will have a period of three (3) years after this order has been entered in which to request additional funding for future investments made pursuant to this application. Such request(s) shall only be made after said investments have been made.
11. The grants of additional funding shall be limited to the amount described above or the amount(s) actually requested by affidavit, whichever is less.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the application of Northeast and Nebcom in NUSF-7.06 be and it is hereby granted as provided herein.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 18th day of June, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director