

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition) Application No. NUSF-77.09
of the Nebraska Telecom-)
munications Association for)
Investigation and Review of)
Processes and Procedures)
Regarding the Nebraska) REIMBURSEMENT ORDER
Universal Service Fund:)
Application to the Nebraska)
Broadband Pilot Program (NEBP))
received from CenturyLink.) Entered: August 22, 2017

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Application filed March 1, 2013, CenturyLink (Applicant) sought Nebraska Broadband Pilot (NEBP) Program support. Notice of the Application appeared in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska on March 8, 2013.

A public hearing on the application was held on November 3, 2013, in Lincoln, Nebraska. On November 25, 2013, the Commission granted CenturyLink's funding request in part, authorizing broadband support in the amount of **\$706,273** or the actual cost of construction for the project(s) whichever amount is lower.

By letter filed on May 2, 2017, CenturyLink states spending for the Alliance, North Platte N. Homestead and Omaha 72nd Street projects was higher than estimated. However, spending for the Chadron, North Platte Indian Hills, North Platte I-80, Ogallala, Ogallala I-80, West Point East of Hwy 275, and West Point West of Hwy 275 projects was lower than the amount estimated. CenturyLink requests that the support for the under budget projects be re-allocated to cover the overage on the over budget projects. The amount to be reallocated would be **\$74,131.35**.

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 reimbursement request for the seven projects listed above was lower than the estimates provided in the application. CenturyLink is permitted to reallocate the support from the Chadron, North Platte Indian Hills, North Platte I-80, Ogallala, Ogallala I-80, West Point East of Hwy 275, and West

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Point West of Hwy 275 projects and apply it to the Alliance, North Platte N. Homestead and Omaha 72nd Street projects as requested. Further, the NTIPS Department staff is permitted to approve the reimbursement request made by CenturyLink for these projects in an amount of up to **\$74,131.35**. This Order does not alter the total amount of support approved or to be reimbursed to CenturyLink, as previously determined by the Commission in its November 25, 2013 Order.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Order entered on November 25, 2013 is amended as provided herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission approves the reallocation of support requested by CenturyLink for the Alliance, North Platte N. Homestead and Omaha 72nd Street projects in the amount of **\$74,131.35** based upon the invoices provided to the NTIPS Department.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 22nd day of August, 2017.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Mary Redden

Frank E. Landis

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Tim Schram

Tim Schram

Chairman

ATTEST:

Michael J. DeLoe

Executive Director