

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition) Application No. NUSF-77.21
of the Nebraska Telecommunica-)
tions Association for)
investigation and review of)
processes and procedures) MOTION GRANTED
regarding the Nebraska Universal)
Service Fund: Application to)
the Nebraska Broadband Pilot)
Program (NEBP) received from US)
Cellular.)
) Entered: June 13, 2013

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

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

By Motion filed June 3, 2013, Hooper Telephone Company d/b/a Westel System ("Westel" or "Protestant") by and through its attorneys of record, Rembolt Ludtke LLP, and pursuant to Neb. Admin. Code title 291, ch. 1, § 008, requests leave to withdraw its Protest in the above-captioned matter. In support of its Motion For Leave to Withdraw and Withdrawal of Protest, Westel states that it and Applicant have settled all disputes related to this application and have agreed to the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement filed on June 3, 2013 in this matter. According to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Applicant has agreed to make modifications to the above-captioned application that will restrict and not enlarge the proposed support area. Those modifications are further described in Exhibit A to the Confidential Settlement Agreement.

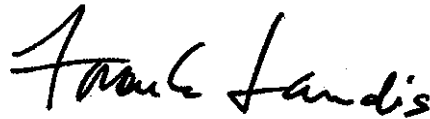
Upon consideration of the Motion and the Settlement Agreement, I am of the opinion and find that the Motion should be granted and Westel is permitted to withdraw its Protest in the above-captioned matter.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the Motion for Leave to Withdraw Protest shall be and it is hereby granted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 13th day of June, 2013.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Landis", written in a cursive style.

By:

Frank E. Landis
Hearing Officer