

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. NUSF-92.15
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer the Nebraska)
Universal Service Fund's) REIMBURSEMENT ORDER
Broadband Program:)
Application to the Nebraska)
Broadband Program Received)
from United States Cellular) Entered: December 13, 2016
Corporation.

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Application filed February 3, 2014, United States Cellular Corporation ("US Cellular" or "Applicant") sought Nebraska Broadband Program (NEBP) support for wireless capital improvement projects. Notice of the Application appeared in the Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska on February 7, 2014. On June 24, 2014, the Commission granted Applicant's request in part approving \$1,869,809 for costs to add 4G LTE equipment to 15 cell sites to underserved portions of Nebraska.

By letter filed on October 28, 2016, US Cellular states spending at eleven of the sites was \$260,893.24 less than the maximum amount granted for the eleven sites. Spending at four sites, Dunning, Greely, Long Pine and Spalding was \$99,201.04 over the maximum amount granted for those four sites. All 15 LTE projects are now complete and in service. US Cellular respectfully requests that \$99,201.04 of unspent dollars be allocated to the unreimbursed spending at the Dunning, Greely, Long Pine and Spalding sites.

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

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 eleven other tower sites was lower than the estimates provided in the application. US Cellular is permitted to re-allocate the support from the eleven tower sites and apply it to the Dunning, Greely, Long Pine and Spalding sites as requested. Further, the NTIPS Department staff is permitted to approve the reimbursement request made by US Cellular for the \$99,201.04. This Order does

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not alter the total amount of support approved or to be reimbursed to United States Cellular, as previously determined by the Commission in its June 24, 2014 Order.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Order entered on June 24, 2014 is amended as provided herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission approves the re-allocation of support requested by United States Cellular Corporation in the amount of \$99,201.04 based upon the invoices provided to the NTIPS Department.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 13th day of December, 2016.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

David H. H.
Crystal Knader

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Tim Schram

Tim Schram
Chairman

ATTEST:

John R. K.
Deputy Director