

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. NUSF-92
Public Service Commission, on) Progression Order No. 3
its Own Motion, to Administer)
the Nebraska Universal Service) ORDER
Fund Broadband Program.) Entered: September 3, 2014

BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 10, 2013, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened this proceeding to serve as the vehicle for the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program (NEBP). The Commission previously found the NEBP application window should annually open on the first business day in October and close on the last business day in November.

We enter this Progression Order to establish the amount of support available for the NEBP for the 2015 calendar year and to release a template document which is to be completed by applicants and submitted electronically with the application.

2015 Nebraska Broadband Program Budget

Last year, the Commission allocated \$9 million to the NEBP. The budget for the NEBP is subject to change annually at the discretion of the Commission. In consideration of the continuing decline in NUSF remittance receipts overall, the Commission has determined the support available for 2015 NEBP distribution should be \$8,492,000. This amount includes NEBP grant support not distributed in 2014. The Commission has allocated \$7,992,000 for NEBP capital improvement projects and \$500,000 for broadband adoption projects in calendar year 2015.

2015 Application Template

To increase administrative efficiency and ensure all relevant data is submitted to the Commission with the application, the Commission staff developed a template document. The Commission requires all applicants seeking support for capital improvement projects to complete the template document and file it electronically with the

applications.¹ Electronic submissions of the template document should be directed to tyler.frost@nebraska.gov and sue.vanicek@nebraska.gov. Electronic submissions of the budget documents should be directed to sue.vanicek@nebraska.gov and laurie.casados@nebraska.gov.

Application Window

The application window for capital improvement and/or broadband adoption projects will open October 1, 2014 and will close on November 26, 2014. The Commission will publish notice of the applications and determine an appropriate hearing date. Interested parties will be given 30 days following the expiration of the protest period to negotiate restrictions on the application for duplicative service areas. The Commission expects parties to use good faith in the negotiation process. The Commission may take bad faith or a refusal to negotiate into consideration when making its determination on broadband support.

Filing Procedures

Applicants must file one (1) original and five (5) paper copies of their application along with one (1) electronic copy of the application sent to Sue.Vanicek@nebraska.gov and Brandy.Zierott@nebraska.gov. If the application contains confidential information, each applicant must also file one (1) paper and one (1) electronic redacted copy of the application. The redacted electronic application should be directed to Sue.Vanicek@nebraska.gov and Brandy.Zierott@nebraska.gov.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the 2015 application window for the Nebraska Broadband Program will open on October 1, 2014 and close on November 26, 2014 for the distribution of the budgeted broadband support.

¹ A paper copy of the template is not required.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all applicants seeking support for capital improvement projects complete the attached template and electronically submit it with the application as provided herein.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 3rd day of September, 2014.

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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

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Provider Name

Number of Projects Submitted

Project Name

Download Speed (Mbps)

Upload Speed (Mbps)

Total Cost (\$)

Match %

Match Amount (\$)

Grant Request Amount (\$)

Rates for Speed Listed Above

Name (Type)

Residential Voice Rate (MRC)

Subscriber Line Charge - SLC (MRC)

Broadband Rate (MRC)

Activation/Installation Rate (NR)

CPE Modem Rate (MRC)

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Census Block IDs

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//s//Frank E. Landis