

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. NUSF-99
Public Service Commission, on)
its Own Motion, to Administer)
the Universal Service Fund) ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS
High-Cost Program.)
) Entered: October 20, 2015

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission, on an annual basis, has given the staff authorization to disburse Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) support to qualifying Nebraska eligible telecommunications carriers pursuant to the methodology set in place by the Commission. On September 1, 2015, the Commission modified the methodology as it applied to price cap carriers. Consistent with that determination, in today's Order, the Commission identifies the budget for the price cap carriers identified herein.

For the calendar year of 2016, the Commission hereby authorizes its staff to pay the carriers identified herein, the following amount of support for ongoing support and maintenance of their networks in high-cost areas of Nebraska.

<u>Carrier</u>	<u>Total Support</u>	<u>Ongoing Expenses</u>	<u>Broadband Support</u>
Citizens Comm.	\$3,054,749	\$1,527,374	\$1,527,374
Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC	\$8,912,756	\$4,456,378	\$4,456,378
United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a CenturyLink	\$2,022,187	\$1,011,094	\$1,011,094
Windstream Comm.	<u>\$4,947,003</u>	<u>\$2,473,502</u>	<u>\$2,473,502</u>
TOTAL	\$18,936.695	\$9,468,348	\$9,468,348

The Allocation of support between ongoing expenses and broadband support may be revised following further investigation.

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The Commission will accept applications for broadband projects on a rolling basis. The Commission will provide an application template for carriers to use when applying for broadband support.

All use of Nebraska universal service fund support is subject to further review and audit by the Commission.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the staff be authorized to make high-cost program disbursements for calendar year 2016, as described above.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 20th day of October, 2015.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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