BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to Administer the Universal Service Fund High Cost-Program: Windstream Nebraska, Inc. Broadband Grant Requests: Crete FW Northeast RL05, Crete FW East RL06, Crete FW Extreme East RL07, Crete FW South RL09, Crete FW West RL11, Southwest Denton FW RL02, Southeast Denton FW RL04, Dorchester FW CO, Dorchester FW Southeast RL05, Milford FW Northwest RL01, Milford FW West RL02, Milford FW Southwest RL04, Milford FW Southeast RL06, Milford FW Northeast RL09, Palmyra FW CO, South Palmyra FW RL02, North Palmyra FW RL03, South Pleasant Dale FW RL03, South Pleasant Dale FW RL03, North Pleasant Dale FW RL05, West Seward FW RL01, South Seward FW RL03, East Seward FW RL05, North Seward FW RL08, Northeast Seward FW RL09, East Waco FW RL01, South Waco FW RL02, Waverly FW Southeast RL04, Waverly FW Northwest RL06, North Waverly FW RL07, Wilber FW North RL01, Wilber FW West RL03, Wilber FW West RL06, York FW Northeast RL02, York FW South RL03, York FW Northeast RL04, York FW North RL05, and York FW West RL06.	)	Application Nos. NUSF-99.81, 99.82, 99.83, 99.84, 99.85, 99.86, 99.87, 99.88, 99.89, 99.90, 99.91, 99.92, 99.93, 99.94, 99.95, 99.96, 99.97, 99.98, 99.99, 99.100, 99. 101, 99.102, 99.103, 99.104, 99.105, 99.106, 99.107, 99.108, 99.109, 99.110, 99.111, 99.112, 99.113, 99.114, 99.115, 99.116, and 99.117 ORDER SETTING PLANNING CONFERENCE Entered: March 31, 2020

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

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

By Applications filed December 4, 2019, Windstream Nebraska, Inc. ("Windstream") seeks Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) support for a number of broadband projects in the areas identified above. Notice of these Applications appeared in The Daily Record, Omaha, on December 11, 2019.

By Petition filed January 10, 2020, Arapahoe Telephone Company, Benkelman Telephone Company, Inc., Cambridge Telephone Company, Cozad Telephone Company, Diller Telephone Company, Glenwood Network Services, Inc., The Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation, Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc., Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Co., Mainstay Communications, Pierce Telephone Company, Plainview Telephone Company, Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc., Stanton Telecom, Inc., Wauneta Telephone Company, and WesTel Systems (collectively, "Rural Telecommunications Coalition of Nebraska" or "Petitioners") sought formal intervention status in the above-captioned applications. Protests to the applications were filed by Diode Communications ("Diode"), Affordable Internet Solutions, Inc. ("AIS"), Big Red Communications, LLC ("Big Red"), Future Wireless Technologies of Nebraska , Inc. ("Future Tech"), and PointeNet Internet Service ("PointeNet")(collectively, "Protestants"). On January 15, 2020, Windstream Nebraska, Inc. ("Windstream") submitted a response in opposition to the Petition for Formal Intervention and Protest. On March 5, 2020, as Hearing Officer, I granted the Petition for Intervention.

The service list for this proceeding is as follows:

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Any changes to the service list must be filed in writing with the Commission.

In order to efficiently process these applications, the Commission will hold a telephonic planning conference in this matter on April 7, 2020 at 1:30 p.m., central time. The call-in number for the planning conference is 888-820-1398 Attendee Code 5582059#.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that a planning conference is hereby scheduled for April 7, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. as provided above.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 31st day of March, 2020.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

By: Crystal Rhoades

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Hearing Officer