SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Cullen Robbins, Director,) Application No. NUSF-37.381
Nebraska Universal Service Fund)
Department of the Nebraska)
Public Service Commission,)
) ORDER DISMISSING
Complainant,) COMPLAINT AND CANCELLING
V.) HEARING
)
Norstan Network Service, Inc.,)
)
Respondent.) Filed: August 25, 2020

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On May 5, 2020, the Nebraska Universal Service Fund ("NUSF") Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("the Department") filed a Complaint against Norstan Network Service, Inc. (hereinafter "Respondent"), seeking to fine Respondent on the grounds that it failed to file required remittance worksheets and/or remittance payments as required by Nebraska statutes and regulations. See Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-316 - 329 and 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 10. The Complaint was then amended on July 29, 2020. The Amended Complaint alleged that Respondent did not timely file its remittance worksheets for the remittance periods consisting of Fourth Quarter 2019 and First Quarter 2020. A hearing in this matter was set by Hearing Officer order for September 1, 2020.

Since the Complaint in this matter was entered, the Respondent has entered into a stipulated agreement with the Department resolving the allegations contained in the Complaint. Pursuant to this agreement, Respondent has paid an administrative fine to the Department and has agreed to timely file its remittance payments and worksheets henceforth. Also pursuant to the agreement, the Department and Respondent have jointly requested the Commission to enter an order in this docket dismissing the Complaint and releasing Respondent from further compliance obligations regarding the NUSF remittance payments and worksheets for the remittance periods of Fourth Quarter 2019 and First Quarter 2020.

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Upon review of the facts of this case, the stipulated agreement, and applicable laws and regulations, the Commission finds that the stipulation in this matter is reasonable and in accordance with Commission policy and that the Complaint in this matter should be dismissed. The Commission further finds that the hearing previously set in this matter for September 1, 2020 should be canceled.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the stipulation between Norstan Network Service, Inc. and the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Public Service Commission be approved and the above-captioned Complaint be dismissed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hearing previously set in this matter for September 1, 2020 is hereby canceled.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 25th day of August, 2020.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

ATTEST:

Executive Director