

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission on) Application No. C-1628/NUSF
its own motion, seeking to conduct)
an investigation into intrastate)
access charge reform and) PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 36
intrastate universal service fund.)
)
) Entered: September 1, 2020

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

This Matter comes before the Commission upon the request filed by Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company (NNTC) and Clarks Telephone Company (Clarks) (collectively the "Company") on July 6, 2020, for approval of a modification in the calculation of its earnings.

The Company requests permission to change in election to a three-year average, total company basis. Previously, NNTC and Clarks filed separate EARN Forms, NNTC a one-year total company EARN Form and Clarks a three-year average, state jurisdictional EARN Form. In 2020, NNTC and Clarks became a merged company operating under NNTC. In 2019, the Company elected to receive federal universal service support under A-CAM II. The A-CAM II election was required to be made at the holding company basis in Nebraska and not as NNTC and Clarks separately. As such, it appeared reasonable to the Company to file the 2020 EARN Form as a combined company for 2020.

In the C-1628 Order, the Commission permitted incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) to utilize a state jurisdictional or total company basis for the determination of the ILEC's earnings relative to the calculation of NUSF payments. Although the Commission will not consider requests such as this lightly, upon review of these particular facts which led to this request and being fully advised on the premises, the Commission finds the request for a change in election filed by NNTC and Clarks should be approved effective for the 2020 reporting period as requested.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the request filed by Northeast Nebraska Telephone

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Company and Clarks Telephone Company should be and it is hereby granted as set forth herein.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 1st day of September, 2020.

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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Rock Johnson
Crystal Hunder
Tim Schram
Don Watson

Mary Kadden
Chair

ATTEST:

Michael S. Hyatt
Executive Director