

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the	)	Application No. NUSF-99.14
Nebraska Public Service	)	
Commission, on its own	)	
Motion, to administer the	)	REIMBURSEMENT ORDER
Universal Service Fund High-	)	
Cost Program: Windstream	)	
Nebraska Inc., Broadband	)	
Grant Request.	)	Entered: November 4, 2020

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

By Application filed October 4, 2018, Windstream Nebraska Inc., (Windstream) seeks high-cost support from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF). Notice of the application appeared in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on October 10, 2018. No protests or interventions were filed; therefore, the Commission processed this application pursuant to its Rule of Modified Procedure.

On December 18, 2018, the Commission granted the application awarding Windstream support in the amount of twenty-two thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven dollars (\$22,857.00) for the construction of facilities in the southern area of the Ashland, Nebraska ILEC Exchange.

On September 22, 2020 Windstream notified the Commission that it was significantly under budget on the projects approved in Application No. NUSF-99.03, but that it was over budget on its projects approved in Application Nos. NUSF-99.14, NUSF-99.32 and NUSF-99.47. Windstream seeks approval to utilize a portion of its approved funding from its NUSF-99.03 project and apply it towards projects approved in Application Nos. NUSF-99.14, NUSF-99.32 and NUSF-99.47 where it was over budget.

As it relates to the Ashland South Project, Windstream stated that it incurred increased costs for additional boring for creek crossings, placement of ducts while plowing, and placement of hand holes. In addition, this project included a Line Power Shelf for a cost of \$2,849.45, that provided the power to all the Ashland locations. As a result, Windstream was over budget and seeks additional support in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-four Dollars and Forty-one Cents (\$2,574.41).

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Upon consideration of Windstream's request for additional support, we find it to be reasonable. Accordingly, it shall be approved. The Commission authorizes the additional reimbursement amount of \$2,574.41 for Windstream as requested. The Commission's December 18, 2018 Order shall be modified so that the total of reimbursement for this application shall be \$25,431.41.





## O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Windstream's request for reimbursement shall be, and it is hereby granted.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 4th day of November, 2020.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director