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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the)	Application No. NUSF-99.47
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 March 12, 2019 Windstream Nebraska Inc., (Windstream) sought high-cost support from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF). Notice of the application appeared in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska on March 19, 2019, and in the Fairbury Journal News on March 27, 2019. No protests or interventions were filed; therefore, the Commission processed this application pursuant to its Rule of Modified Procedure.

On June 4, 2019, the Commission granted the application awarding Windstream support in the amount of Thirty-one Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-two Dollars (\$31,882) for the construction of facilities to the northern area in the Hebron, Nebraska ILEC exchange. The project was referred to as the Hebron Exchange 1M.

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 Hebron project, Windstream stated that it incurred additional costs over the original estimated costs submitted in its application. Windstream seeks additional support in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars and Fifty-Eight Cents (\$2,568.58). In support of its request, Windstream stated that there was an additional 406 feet of cable needed over what was included in its original budget. In addition, the original budget planned costs only included one shelf with 48

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ports. Based on feedback from engineering, two shelves with 96 ports were needed for the project.

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 \$2,568.58 for Windstream as requested. The Commission's June 4, 2019 Order shall be modified so that the total of reimbursement for this application shall be \$34,450.58.





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