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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 HighCost Program: Windstream
Nebraska Inc., Broadband
Grant Request.
) Application No. NUSF-99.10
) REQUEST FOR SUPPORT
MODIFICATION GRANTED
) Entered: January 26, 2021

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

By Application filed September 11, 2018, Windstream Nebraska Inc., ("Windstream") sought high-cost support from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) for the northern area of Harvard, Nebraska. Notice of the application appeared in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, and in the Hastings, Nebraska, on September 17, 2018.

Windstream sought support in the amount of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty-six Dollars (\$118,226) for the construction of facilities in Harvard, Nebraska. Windstream's request for support was granted by the Commission on November 6, 2018 in the above-captioned docket.

On November 5, 2020, Windstream filed a reimbursement request and a request for modification of the grant amount. In its letter, Windstream stated that the November 5, 2020 request was the second and final submission for the grant project. Windstream requested an increase in the remaining approved grant amount of \$27,686.95 to \$48,034.82, or an increase of \$20,347.87.

In support of its request, Windstream stated that the primary drivers of the additional spending were the additional services needed at the site to accommodate for power to the location, additional costs to install the pole, and weather delays that resulted in additional labor costs for the crew to finish 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 \$20,347.87 for Windstream as requested. The Commission's

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November 6, 2018 Order shall be modified so that the total reimbursement authorized for this application shall be \$138,573.87.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the that the modification request submitted by Windstream, Nebraska Inc. be, and it is hereby, granted.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 26th day of January, 2021.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director