

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska)	Application No. NUSF-119/
Public Service Commission, on)	PI-233
its own motion, to consider)	
revisions to the contribution)	
methodology and determine a rate)	POST-HEARING ORDER REQUESTING
design for services currently)	LIMITED DATA
subject to a revenues-based)	
surcharge.)	
)	Entered: February 17, 2021

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On June 30, 2020, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened the above-captioned proceeding to determine whether to extend a connections-based surcharge to business and government services, as well as other services currently subject to a revenues-based surcharge. Notice of this proceeding appeared in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska on July 8, 2020.

On January 6, 2021, the Commission held a virtual hearing in legislative format. Testimony was offered by the following entities: Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska d/b/a Frontier Communications of Nebraska (Frontier); Cox Nebraska Telcom, LLC (Cox) and Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska and Time Warner Cable Information Services Nebraska, LLC (Charter); Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and United Telephone Co of the West (CenturyLink); the Rural Independent Companies (RIC); Rural Telecommunications Coalition of Nebraska (RTCN); and the Nebraska Rural Broadband Association (NRBA).

During the hearing, some of the witnesses indicated they would provide information to the Commission as a follow-up to the hearing. I will permit these witnesses with the ability to provide information which will be helpful to the Commission in its determination relative to a rate design for business connections should the Commission decide to require providers serving business lines to remit on a connections rather than a revenue basis. At this point in time, I am limiting this supplemental request to the filing of certain data rather than further comments on the policy positions taken by the entities at the hearing.

Accordingly, any witness which testified at the hearing and which gave a position relative to the assessment of business

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connections is requested to file the following information for the Commission's consideration:

1. If business connections were assessed using the same definition as the one adopted in Docket No. NUSF-112 entered on July 24, 2018, approximately how many businesses do you serve which would be assessed at the following levels?
 - a. 0-10
 - b. 11-100 business connections
 - c. 101-500 business connections
 - d. 501-1000 business connections
 - e. Above 1000 business connections

For multi-line businesses, to the extent that carriers can provide it in this manner, connections should represent the total number of simultaneous in-bound and/or out-bound calls the customer can establish with the services provided to them by the company. For Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services, please provide the connection count based on an authorized session that uses Internet protocol or a functionally equivalent technology standard to enable an end-user to initiate or receive a call to or from the public switched network.

2. How many of these businesses are governmental entities?
3. How have other states implemented a connections-based surcharge and whether a cap was used.
4. How much traffic on your network can be attributed to residential usage versus business usage?
5. What percentage of revenue comes from business customers versus residential customers?

In order for Commission consideration, this information shall be filed on or before **March 12, 2021**, unless an extension for good cause is granted.

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O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer in the above-captioned matter that the information requested herein may be filed on or before **March 12, 2021**.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 17th day of February, 2021.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Crystal Rhoades
Hearing Officer