

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-92.53  
Public Service Commission, on its )  
own motion, seeking to administer )  
the Nebraska Universal Service )  
Fund's Broadband Program: ) ORDER GRANTING RELOCATION  
Application to the Nebraska ) REQUEST  
Broadband Program received from )  
United States Cellular )  
Corporation. )  
 ) Entered: April 27, 2021

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

By Order entered on April 9, 2019, the Commission granted a Petition filed by United States Cellular Corporation (U.S. Cellular), seeking support from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) dedicated wireless program. The Commission allocated \$3.2 million for the 2018 NUSF calendar funding year in which this Petition was filed. The Commission approved support for the following towers in U.S. Cellular's application: Gresham, Keystone, Lawrence, Oshkosh, Palmer, and Roseland.

U.S. Cellular subsequently notified the Commission that it was unable to secure land for the Keystone tower described in its Petition. U.S. Cellular has been working to obtain local approval for the construction of the cell site within a close proximity, but ultimately could not obtain local approval. As a result, U.S. Cellular seeks approval for an alternative site near Wynot, Nebraska. This site was included in its most recent application and was eligible but did not receive support due to the exhaustion of allocated wireless fund support for 2020.

In support of its request, U.S. Cellular stated it has recently filed its census block and budget information with the Commission. The Commission staff has determined that the alternative location meets all the criteria utilized in the determination of dedicated wireless support. Accordingly, the staff recommended approval of this change.

Based upon the information provided, the Commission finds the request by U.S. Cellular should be approved. With this approval,

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U.S. Cellular shall be required to complete the project within two years from the date this Order is entered.

## O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the request to relocate the tower site filed by United States Cellular Corporation shall be and it is hereby granted, as provided herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that United States Cellular Corporation shall continue to be subject to all other terms and conditions adopted in the April 9, 2019 Order.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Rod Johnson*  
*Crystal Hoadley*  
*Mary Kidden*  
*Tim Schram*

*Don Watson*  
Chair

ATTEST:

*Michael S. Hyatt*  
Executive Director