

# 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-131  
Public Service Commission, on )  
its own motion, to establish ) ORDER ISSUING LIST OF  
reverse auction procedures and ) QUALIFIED BIDDERS  
requirements. )  
)  
) Entered: July 26, 2022

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") initiated this proceeding on June 29, 2021, to establish reverse auction procedures and requirements in order to carry out Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-330 (2018). On May 7, 2021, the Governor approved the Commission's Reverse Auction Rules and Regulations, which are now codified in 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Ch. 16. In an order dated June 28, 2022 ("June 28 Order"), the Commission entered an order setting forth the 2022 Reverse Auction ("Auction") budget, rules, and procedures.

In the June 28 Order, the Commission required that any applicant wishing to participate in the Auction submit a completed Pre-Auction Application Form prior to 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2022. Complete Pre-Auction Applications were received from five bidders before the deadline. One applicant, AMG Technology Investment Group, LLC dba NextLink Internet, submitted a Pre-Auction Application Form after the deadline. This application was not accepted or reviewed. Additionally, one applicant, Resound Networks, was disqualified from participation in the Auction due to financial and technical concerns identified by staff.

Upon review of the Pre-Auction Application Forms submitted in this docket, the following bidders are hereby deemed qualified to participate in the 2022 Reverse Auction:

**ALLO Communications LLC**  
**Great Plains Communications, LLC<sup>1</sup>**  
**Hamilton Long Distance Company**  
**Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company**

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<sup>1</sup> This bidder submitted unaudited financial statements. As stated in the June 28 Order, this bidder will be required to submit audited financial statements during the post-auction application stage and will be subject to additional financial review at that time.

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As set forth in the June 28 Order, the 2022 Reverse Auction shall begin on Monday, August 8, 2022. Bidders must submit a new Bid Sheet for each round of the Reverse Auction in which they wish to participate. The deadline to submit bids in all rounds is 3:00 p.m. Central Time. Bids submitted after that time will not be considered.

Submissions of bids or other filings in this docket should be made via email to [psc.nusf@nebraska.gov](mailto:psc.nusf@nebraska.gov).

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that ALLO Communications LLC, Great Plains Communications, LLC, Hamilton Long Distance Company, and Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company are hereby qualified to participate in the 2022 Reverse Auction.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 2022 Reverse Auction will begin on Monday, August 8, 2022 and will continue until completed, as described in the Commission's June 28, 2022 Order in this docket.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 26th day of July, 2022.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:





Chair

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

COMMISSIONERS DISSENTING:

  
Commissioner Crystal Rhodes