

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,     ) Application No. C-3206  
on its own motion, to administer     )  
the Nebraska Internet                 )  
Enhancement Fund.                     ) ORDER APPROVING PAYMENT  
  )  
  )  
  ) Entered: November 6, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On January 30, 2007, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) awarded a Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund (NIEF) grant to the Furnas and Harlan County Partnership (Partnership), in the amount of **\$112,316**.

The Partnership filed its signed Grant Agreement on March 5, 2007. The Grant Project consists of two parts, one part in rural Southern Furnas County in the Sappa Valley area and the other in the Village of Huntley. The Partnership filed part of its Notice of Commencement for the Sappa Valley portion of the Grant Project on May 6, 2007, and the remaining part of its Notice of Commencement for the Huntley portion of the Project on May 11, 2007.

In its Notice of Commencement, the Partnership opted for a partial payout of grant funds, therefore, pursuant to the Grant Agreement, the Partnership was paid ten percent (10%) of its grant award or **\$11,232**. The Partnership is eligible under the Grant Agreement for another forty percent (40%) of the grant award, for a total of fifty percent (50%) during the commencement of the grant project.

The Partnership filed its 9-month progress report on October 25, 2007. In the report the Partnership requested the remaining funds available under the partial payout provisions pursuant to the Grant Agreement. The Partnership included the required documentation; therefore, the Partnership is entitled under the Grant Agreement for another forty percent (40%) of its grant award or **\$44,926**.

The Commission finds that payment of forty percent (40%) of the Grant award in the amount of **\$44,926** should be made to the Furnas and Harlan County Partnership. The balance remaining of the grant award totals: **\$56,158**.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that payment in the amount of **\$44,926** in NIEF grant funds shall be made to the Furnas and Harlan County Partnership.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 6th day of November, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director