

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
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) Entered: March 29, 2006

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On January 11, 2005, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) awarded a Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund (NIEF) grant to Box Butte County, in the amount of **\$50,000**.

Box Butte County filed its signed Grant Agreement on March 25, 2005. The Commission issued an order granting an extension of the filing deadline for the Notice of Commencement on August 9, 2005. Box Butte County filed its Notice of Commencement on December 15, 2005.

On March 21, 2006, Box Butte County submitted its Final Completion report and supporting documentation. The County requested payment of **\$50,000** in grant funds. Pursuant to the Grant Agreement, Box Butte County opted for a lump sum payout of grant funds upon completion of the grant project. Box Butte County has to date not received any grant funds. The Commission finds that final payment in the amount of **\$50,000** should be made to Box Butte County.

The County shall also submit, pursuant to section 4.05 of the Grant Agreement, a "Project Impact" report six (6) months from the date of completion of the project, January 25, 2006. The County shall outline the benefits received from individuals, businesses, and community agencies as a result of the Project, the number of individuals, businesses, and community agencies using the services installed and estimates regarding the sustainability and growth of the Project.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that final payment in the amount of **\$50,000** in NIEF grant funds shall be made to Box Butte County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County shall no later than **July 25, 2006**, also submit, pursuant to section 4.05 of the

grant agreement, a "Project Impact" report six (6) months from the date of completion of the project, January 25, 2006.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 29th day of March, 2006.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director