

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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: April 22, 2008

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 received ten percent (10%) of its grant award or \$11,232 on May 23, 2007.

The Partnership filed its nine (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 received another forty percent (40%) of its grant award or \$44,926 on November 6, 2007. The balance remaining of the grant award totals \$56,158.

On April 14, 2008, the Partnership submitted its Final Completion Report and supporting documentation. In the report the Partnership requests payment of the remaining funds under the Grant, or \$56,158. The Commission finds that final payment in the amount of \$56,158 should be made to the Partnership.

The Partnership 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, March 25, 2008. The report shall outline the benefits received from individuals,

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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 **\$56,158** in NIEF grant funds shall be made to the Furnas and Harlan County Partnership.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Partnership shall no later than **September 25, 2008**, 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, March 25, 2008.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 22nd day of April, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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Kim Schram

//s// Anne C. Boyle
//s// Frank E. Landis

Anne C. Boyle

Chair

ATTEST:

Neil R. D.

Executive Director