BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

| In the Matter of the |) | Application No. C-3206 |
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| Commission, on its own motion, |) | |
| to administer the Nebraska |) | |
| Internet Enhancement Fund. |) | ORDER REGARDING SUBMISSION OF |
| |) | FULL APPLICATIONS AND REVISING |
| |) | GRANT SCHEDULE |
| | ·) | |
| |) | Entered: July 11, 2017 |

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

The Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") opened the above-captioned docket, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund ("NIEF") established by the Legislature pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §\$ 86-579 through 86-580 (Reissue of 2008). The Commission in its May 16, 2017, Order established a schedule for the 2016 application process and grant awards under the NIEF Grant Program.

Pursuant to the schedule, the pre-application period opened on May 16, 2017, with all pre-applications due on or before June 9, 2017. The Commission received pre-applications from the following applicants:

City of Schuyler, Nebraska

The NIEF Advisory Board members reviewed the above-mentioned pre-applications for compliance with the Program Description and Grant Application Guidelines and recommends that the Commission invite the following Applicants to submit full applications.

City of Schuyler, Nebraska

Per recommendation of the Board, the Commission asks the Applicant to be certain the following items are answered when completing the full application:

- 1. By statute, Applicants are required to have a 25% funding match. This was not identified in the pre-application. How will Applicant fulfill this requirement?
- 2. The Applicant is required to have a Carrier as a partner. Applicant provided a list but did not identify a carrier as a partner. With which Carrier will Applicant be working?

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3. The pre-application indicates there is a possibility of endangering the e-rate supports. How is the Applicant planning to address this possibility and prevent damage?

Full applications must be submitted to the Commission in electronic and hard copy form no later than 5:00 p.m. CST on September 15, 2017.

Electronic copies shall be in MS Word format and sent either via e-mail to deena.ackerman@nebraska.gov and ellie.rohr@nebraska.gov or submitted on disk, electronic copies shall be accompanied by a hard copy. Should an Applicant be unable to submit an electronic copy, the Applicant shall advise the Commission prior to the deadline.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Applicant, City of Schuyler, is invited to submit a full grant application for grant from the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **full applications must be submitted to the Commission in electronic and hard copy form no later than 5:00 p.m. CST on September 15, 2017,** in accordance with the terms of this order and the Program Description and Grant Application Guidelines.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this $11^{\rm th}$ day of July, 2017.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

ATTEST:

Chair

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