

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the)	Application No. NUSF-108
Nebraska Public Service)	
Commission, on its own)	
Motion, to make adjustments)	
to its high-cost distribu-)	ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS
tion mechanism and make)	
revisions to its reporting)	
requirements.)	
)	Entered: November 28, 2017

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

The Commission, on an annual basis, has given the staff authorization to disburse Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) support to qualifying Nebraska eligible telecommunications carriers (NETCs) pursuant to methodology set in place by the Commission. Last March, the Commission gave authorization to the staff to make disbursements in an Order entered in the above-captioned docket on March 27, 2017.

On October 24, 2017, in Progression Order No. 2, the Commission also provided notice to all high-cost fund recipients that the Commission intended to update the high-cost distribution mechanism to incorporate the 2010 census information. This updated information was made accessible on the Commission's website. The Commission provided affected carriers with the opportunity to file any corrections relative to the 2010 census block information on or before November 14, 2017.

On November 14, 2017, responses were filed by Hamilton Telecommunications and K&M Telephone Company Inc. Upon review of the responses filed, the Commission finds the Census information released on October 24, 2017, is accurate and should be used in the 2018 high-cost support distribution mechanism.

In addition, due to a change in NUSF remittance receipts during 2017, the amount of support made available for high-cost distribution has been decreased. For the calendar year of 2018, the Commission hereby authorizes its staff to pay up to \$28,300,000.00 in high-cost wireline support pursuant to the model adopted by the Commission in NUSF-26 as modified by subsequent orders issued in NUSF-50 on December 19, 2006 and NUSF-108 issued on March 27, 2017. The allocation between

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grant-based support and ongoing maintenance support will remain the same for price cap carriers, which is 80 percent grant-based support and 20 percent ongoing maintenance support. The 2018 high-cost support distribution mechanism is available on the Commission's website at <http://www.psc.nebraska.gov>.

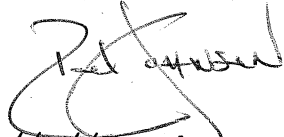
O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the staff be authorized to make revised high-cost program disbursements for calendar year 2018 as described above.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 28th day of November, 2017.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Tim Schram


Chairman

ATTEST:



Deputy Director