

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) APPLICATION NO. NUSF-25
Public Service Commission, on its)
own motion, seeking to establish)
guidelines for the purpose of) Progression Order #8
certifying the use of federal)
universal service support.)
) Entered: September 9, 2003

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has established self-certification as its process for verifying whether all federal high-cost support will be used for its intended purpose, pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 54.314 and CC Docket No. 96-45. See Application No. NUSF-25, Progression Order #1 (August 21, 2001). Progression Order #5 in this docket required each rural incumbent local exchange carrier and/or eligible telecommunications carrier to file a notarized copy of an affidavit certifying whether federal high-cost support is being used consistent with section 254(e) on or before September 1 of each year.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

2. The Commission finds that the following carriers filed properly completed affidavits:

Arapahoe Telephone Company dba ATC Communications
Arlington Telephone Company
Benkelman Telephone Company, Inc.
Blair Telephone Company
Cambridge Telephone Company
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska, Inc.,
 aka Frontier
Clarks Telecommunications Company
Consolidated Telco, Inc.
Consolidated Telecom, Inc.
Consolidated Telephone Company
Cozad Telephone Company
Curtis Telephone Company, Inc.
Dalton Telephone Company, Inc.
Diller Telephone Company
Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company
Elsie Communications, Inc.
Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation
Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.
Great Plains Communications, Inc.
Hamilton Telephone Company
Hartington Telecommunications Company, Inc.
Hartman Telephone Exchanges Inc.
Hemingford Co-operative Telephone Company

Henderson Cooperative Telephone Company
Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company
Hooper Telephone Company dba WestTel Systems
K & M Telephone Company, Inc.
Keystone-Arthur Telephone Company
Nebcom, Inc.
Nebraska Central Telephone Company
Nebraska Technology and Telecommunications, Inc.
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
Pierce Telephone Company, Inc.
Pinpoint Communications
Plainview Telephone Company, Inc.
Rock County Telephone Company
Sodtown Telephone Company
Southeast Nebraska Telephone Company
Stanton Telecom, Inc.
Three River Telco
United Telephone Company of the West dba Sprint
Vivian Telephone Company
Wauneta Telephone Company

3. Accordingly, the Commission will provide certification to the Administrator of the federal high-cost universal service support mechanisms and the Federal Communications Commission that the above-listed carriers will use federal high-cost support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and/or service for which the support is intended in accordance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the affidavits filed by the above-referenced carriers are accepted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 9th day of September, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director