

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. NUSF-33/
Public Service Commission, on) PI-68
its own motion, seeking to)
investigate the audit) AUDIT WAIVER ORDER
requirements related to the)
Nebraska Universal Service Fund.)
) Entered: December 15, 2015

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened this docket on its own motion November 26, 2002, seeking to establish remittance audit requirements related to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF). The Commission established an audit policy in its Universal Service Fund Rules and Regulations, Neb. Admin. Code, Title 291, Ch. 10, effective September 16, 2002, and has been operating under that policy.

On April 10, 2007, the Commission entered an Order adopting remittance policies and establishing a waiver mechanism for certain qualifying carriers. On September 30, 2008, the Commission entered an Order modifying and clarifying the remittance policy and waiver mechanism.

This Order addresses the late-filed waiver requests filed for the audits otherwise due on December 31, 2015. The Commission finds that the late-filed waiver requests received by the carriers identified below should be accepted. In addition, the Commission finds the following list of carriers have met all criteria designated by the Commission in its September 30, 2008, Order, and accordingly should be granted a waiver for the audit otherwise due on December 31, 2015:

<u>NE Code</u>	<u>Carrier</u>
NE000029	Americatel Corporation
NE000746	BetterWorld, Inc.
NE000068	Clear World Communications Corp.
NE000834	dishNet Wireline dba Liberty Bell Telecom, Inc.
NE000111	Elsie Communications, Inc.
NE000899	Grasshopper Group, LLC

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NE000201	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
NE000811	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
NE000956	nexVortex, Inc.
NE000238	NOS Communications, Inc.
NE000863	Phone.com, Inc.

The Commission finds that the following company **did not** meet the waiver criteria designated by the Commission in its September 30, 2008, Order, and therefore must file the required audit on or before **January 29, 2016**:

<u>NE Code</u>	<u>Carrier</u>
NE000290	SBC Long Distance, LLC

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the above findings be, and they are hereby, adopted as it relates to waiver requests for audits due this year.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 15th day of December, 2015.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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 //s//Gerald L. Vap

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