

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Application No. NUSF-4
on its own motion, seeking to)
determine the level of the fund) PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 17
necessary to carry out the) AND ORDER SETTING HEARING
Nebraska Telecommunications)
Universal Service Fund Act)
) Entered: April 10, 2012

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On March 11, 1999, the Nebraska State Legislature passed Legislative Bill 514, which was subsequently signed into law by the Governor on March 18, 1999. This legislative bill was titled the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act and is now codified in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-316 through 86-329 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-328 (2008) requires that:

Annually, the Commission shall hold a public hearing to determine the level of the fund necessary to carry out the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Act.

Accordingly, the Commission hereby sets a public hearing for **May 1, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The purpose of the hearing is to determine the level of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund ("NUSF") necessary to carry out the purposes of the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012.

As required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-328, the Commission shall publish notice of this hearing in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the state for two consecutive weeks before the hearing.

After this hearing, the Commission shall determine the necessary amount of the NUSF for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. The Commission will continue to set the level of the fund, inter alia, in order to keep at least ninety six percent (96.0%) of Nebraska households subscribed to basic local exchange service.

If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at the hearing, please call the Commission at (402) 471-3101. For people with hearing/speech impairments, please call

the Commission at (402) 471-0213 (TDD) or the Nebraska Relay System at (800) 833-7352 (TDD) or (800) 833-0920 (Voice). Advance notice of at least seven days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 10th day of April, 2012.

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