

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska        ) Application No. NUSF-50  
Public Service Commission, on        )  
its own motion, seeking to make       )  
adjustments to the universal         )  
service fund mechanism               ) ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS  
established in NUSF-26.               )  
  )  
  ) Entered: September 3, 2014

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 year, the Commission gave authorization to the staff to make disbursements in an Order entered in the above-captioned docket on December 17, 2013.

Due to the continuing decline in NUSF remittance receipts overall, the amount of support made available for high-cost distribution has been reduced. For the calendar year of 2015, the Commission hereby authorizes its staff to pay up to \$37,274,000 in high-cost wireline support, which includes support authorized for carriers in the Commission's NUSF-7 waiver orders, pursuant to the model adopted by the Commission in NUSF-26 as modified by the Commission Order issued in NUSF-50 on December 19, 2006. This authorized amount also includes support which should be disbursed to designated competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) in compliance with the Commission's CLEC orders.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the staff be authorized to make high-cost program disbursements for calendar year 2015 as described above.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of  
September, 2014.

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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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Chairman

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//s//Frank E. Landis