

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.)
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)
) January 23, 2008

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 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 February 6, 2007.

For the calendar year of 2008, the Commission hereby authorizes its staff to pay up to \$54.5 million dollars in high-cost wireline support, excluding the 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 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 2008 as described above.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 23rd day of
January, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director