

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-50  
Public Service Commission, on )  
its own motion, to make )  
adjustments to the universal ) ORDER SETTING WORKSHOP  
service fund mechanism )  
established in NUSF-26. )  
 ) Entered: March 29, 2011

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 11, 2011, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) entered a Progression Order seeking comment on two proposed adjustments to the permanent universal service fund mechanism established in NUSF-26. First, the Commission sought comment on a proposed change to the distribution model rural benchmark imputation mechanism to account for changes to companies' basic local service rates. Second, the Commission sought comment on a proposed change to take the implementation of high-cost support from a calendar year to a fiscal year basis.

The Commission received comments from United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink), Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska d/b/a Frontier Communications of Nebraska (Frontier), Qwest Corporation (Qwest), the Rural Independent Companies (RIC), and the Rural Telecommunications Coalition of Nebraska (RTCA). Based on the range of comments and questions received, it seems that further clarification is needed regarding the proposed change to the rural benchmark imputation mechanism. Therefore, the Commission hereby schedules a workshop to discuss the rural benchmark mechanism and the proposed modification. The workshop will be held on **April 18, 2011**, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 the Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. A telephone bridge is also available for participants unable to attend in person. The telephone bridge access number is: 888-820-1398 Attendee Code 5582059#.

If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at the meeting, 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 (7) days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that a workshop on the rural benchmark adjustment proposal be, and it is hereby, scheduled on **April 18, 2011**, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 29th day of March, 2011.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director