

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSON

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-69.05  
Public Service Commission, on )  
its own motion, seeking to )  
implement policies and )  
procedures related to ) REIMBURSEMENT ORDER  
providing Dedicated universal )  
service Support for Wireless )  
Telecommunications Services: )  
United States Cellular )  
Corporation. ) Entered: June 26, 2012

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Petition filed June 1, 2010 United States Cellular Corporation (US Cellular), sought support from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) dedicated wireless program. The Commission allocated \$5 million for the 2010 funding year in which the Petition was filed. US Cellular's Petition sought \$5.8 million for proposed cell towers.

A public hearing on the application was held on October 6, 2010 in Lincoln, Nebraska. On November 3, 2010 the Commission granted US Cellular's funding request in part, authorizing dedicated wireless fund support for five of the proposed tower sites.

The Commission approved reimbursement for the construction costs of five of the proposed tower sites as referenced in NUSF-69.05 in the amount of \$1,583,167, or the actual cost of construction on each site, whichever was lower. Seeking reimbursement, US Cellular filed invoices with the NTIPS Department on December 9, 2011 and March 2, 2012. The NTIPS Department staff has reviewed these invoices.

By letter filed on June 12, 2012, US Cellular states that it discovered a billing error relating to the construction of the Bee tower. Due to this data error, US Cellular incorrectly submitted an invoice to the Commission showing costs incurred of \$29,400, when the correct amount should have been \$2,100. Therefore, \$27,300 was over-recorded at the Bee location. At the same time, costs at the Herman location were not paid in full because the cap on the amount of the total support allowed had been reached. US Cellular now seeks an order from the Commission to permit the

NTIPS Department to apply the amount that was over-recorded at Bee, \$27,300, to the cost of the tower built at Herman.

Given that the request of United States Cellular is based on correcting the actual amount of the invoice submitted to the NTIPS Department, we find the request should be granted and the reimbursement for the Bee site be adjusted accordingly. United States Cellular is permitted to reallocate the support from the Bee tower site and apply it to the Herman site as requested. This Order does not alter the total amount of support approved or to be reimbursed to United States Cellular, as previously determined by the Commission in its November 3, 2010 Order.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Order entered on November 3, 2010 is amended as provided herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission approves the reallocation of support requested by United States Cellular Corporation from the Bee tower site to the Herman site in the amount of \$27,300.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

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//s// Frank Landis

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