

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska)	Application No. NUSF-69
Public Service Commission, on)	Progression Order No. 8
its own motion, seeking to)	
implement policies and)	
procedures related to providing)	ORDER
dedicated universal service)	
support for wireless)	
telecommunications services.)	Entered: March 27, 2012

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

The Commission opened this proceeding to determine the amount of support, the allocation of support, and to implement policies and procedures for the Nebraska universal service fund (NUSF) dedicated wireless program.¹ The Commission initially sought comments on a variety of issues in Progression Order No. 1, and in Progression Order No. 2, entered July 24, 2007. The Commission received comments from a number of interested companies which will assist the Commission in determining which carriers should be eligible and the allocation of support for the dedicated wireless program. Then, on February 26, 2008, after considering the comments, the Commission solicited petitions from wireless providers seeking support from the dedicated wireless program.

The Commission enters this Order to establish June 1, 2012 as the deadline for applications by wireless carriers seeking dedicated wireless program support. The total amount of support allocated for the dedicated wireless program for 2012 is \$5 million.

The Commission will publish notice of each application filed consistent with Title 291, Chapter 1, § 011.08 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure. Protests or Formal Petitions of Intervention relevant to a particular application should be filed within 30 days of the date the application is filed consistent with §§ 014 and 015 in the Commission Rules of Procedure.

Wireless carriers filing petitions for support should include detailed information regarding the proposed cell sites or towers and coverage maps showing the wireless coverage before

¹ The Commission previously approved support for the dedicated wireless program in Docket NUSF-48 on October 18, 2005. The Commission opened the above-captioned proceeding to implement policies and procedures for the wireless program.

and after construction of a proposed cell site or tower. The wireless carrier should also file proposed estimates of construction costs and depreciation schedules for the assets. The applicants should also include information related to the provisioning of broadband in the proposed service area consistent with the Commission's findings in Progression Order No. 7. The Commission may request further information as needed to make a determination for eligibility and prioritization of support.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that dedicated wireless program support will be considered as provided herein.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 27th day of March, 2012.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

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