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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-69.09  
Public Service Commission, on )  
its own motion, seeking to )  
implement policies and )  
procedures related to )  
providing Dedicated universal ) REIMBURSEMENT ORDER  
service Support for Wireless )  
Telecommunications Services: )  
Petition received July 1, 2011 )  
from U.S. Cellular )  
Corporation. ) Entered: September 27, 2016

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Petition filed June 1, 2011 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 2011 funding year in which the Petition was filed. US Cellular's Petition sought \$6.3 million for proposed cell towers.

A public hearing on the application was held on December 13, 2011 in Lincoln, Nebraska. On January 4, 2012 the Commission granted US Cellular's funding request in part, authorizing dedicated wireless fund support for four of the proposed tower sites.

The Commission approved reimbursement for the construction costs of four of the proposed tower sites as referenced in NUSF-69.09 in the amount of **\$1,724,520** or the actual cost of construction on each site, whichever was lower.

By letter filed on August 23, 2016 US Cellular states spending for the Lyons and Nickerson sites were under budget. The combined unused funds totaled \$128,304.77. Spending for the Brewster and Wausa sites was over budget. The combined overage spending at these two locations totaled \$108,048.19. All four projects are now complete and in service. US Cellular requests that the unspent dollars at the Lyons and Nickerson site be re-allocated to the overage spending at the Brewster and Wausa sites.

The Commission finds the re-allocation request is reasonable based on the NTIPS Department staff's review of

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the invoices and taking into consideration the fact that the reimbursement request for the two other tower sites was lower than the estimates provided in the application. The Commission is of the opinion and finds that the reimbursement request for the Brewster and Wausa tower sites which exceeded the estimate in the application should be granted. Further, the NTIPS Department staff is permitted to approve the reimbursement request made by US Cellular for the Brewster and Wausa locations for \$108,048.19. This Order does not alter the total amount of support approved or to be reimbursed to US Cellular, as previously determined by the Commission in its January 4, 2012 Order.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Order entered on January 4, 2012 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 Lyons and Nickerson tower sites to the Brewster and Wausa sites in the amount of \$108,049.19 based upon the invoices provided to the NTIPS Department.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Crystal Knicker* Chairman

ATTEST:

*Red Jones*

*Jana Kutz*

*Bruce Wyp*

Deputy Director

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Tim Schram