

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska                    ) Application No. NUSF-69  
Public Service Commission, on                    )  
its own motion, seeking to                    )  
implement policies and                         ) ORDER OPENING DOCKET  
procedures related to providing                )  
dedicated universal service                    )  
support for wireless                            )  
telecommunications services.                    ) Entered: July 24, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On August 9, 2005, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened NUSF-48/PI-104 to investigate whether it should provide support to wireless telecommunications carriers through a dedicated state universal service program within the Nebraska Universal Service Fund. The Commission sought and received written comments regarding the following issues:

- Services currently receiving support; and
- Issues related to providing support for wireless telecommunications services including the nature and extent of any support, eligibility, cost recovery related to wireless infrastructure, nature and extent of regulatory oversight of carriers receiving support, and ownership and sharing of supported wireless infrastructure.

A hearing in NUSF-48/PI-104 was held on October 3, 2005.

Based upon the written comments and testimony received at the hearing, the Commission found that dedicated universal service support for wireless telecommunications services should be established. Such support should derive from a dedicated program within the existing Nebraska Universal Service Fund.

The Commission also found that a separate docket should be opened to determine the amount of support, the allocation methodology and to implement any policies and procedures for the dedicated wireless program. The Commission stated that any policies and procedures would subsequently be codified in rules and regulations.

Accordingly, the above-captioned docket is hereby opened to determine the amount of support, the allocation methodology and to implement any policies and procedures for the establishment of the dedicated wireless program. The Commission anticipates issuing progression orders to solicit feedback and information on a variety of issues related to the study and implementation of a dedicated wireless program. Each progression order may be tailored to a particular topic or topics as the Commission deems necessary in order to administrate this program.

For future reference, any requests, motions and investigatory issues related to the study of and implementation of a dedicated wireless universal service program should bear the caption and number of this proceeding.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the above-captioned docket be and it is hereby opened to implement policies and procedures related to providing dedicated universal service support for wireless telecommunications services.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director