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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. NUSF-7.01
of Henderson Cooperative Tele-)
phone Company, d/b/a Mainstay) ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION
Communications, Henderson, seeking)
a waiver for additional Nebraska)
Universal Service Funding.) Entered: December 18, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed October 26, 2001, Henderson Cooperative Telephone Company, d/b/a Mainstay Communications, Henderson (Henderson or Applicant), seeks a waiver for additional Nebraska Universal Service funding pursuant to the Nebraska Public Service Commission's (Commission's) previous findings in NUSF-7. Notice of the application appeared in The Daily Record, Omaha, on November 2, 2001. No protests or comments on the application were filed. Therefore, this application is processed by the Commission Rule of Modified Procedure. Because more than one application for additional support has been received, the Commission has added the ".01" to the above docket number to distinguish the applications received and published.

In support of its application, Henderson filed its NUSF EARN form based on a 2000 test year, subject to 2001 and 2002 known and measurable adjustments and its supporting schedules related thereto. A calculation for additional support requested by Henderson, based on its under earnings due to 2002 pro forma financial adjustments was also filed and marked confidential.

Upon consideration of the application and its supporting documentation, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the application for additional Nebraska Universal Service Funding should be approved as follows:

1. Henderson's request for additional funds for known and measurable adjustments for the year 2001, should be approved to the extent shown in the confidential attachment.
2. The Commission's grant of additional funds consists of two parts. The first part is for investments already made during 2001. The second part is for future investments that are scheduled to begin in 2002.
3. In order to receive the approved additional funding, Henderson must file affidavit(s) that specifies the amount of additional support being requested and certifying the following:
 - A. Initially, the additional Nebraska Universal Service Fund monies will be used only for the purposes described by Henderson in the supporting documentation received by the Commission pertaining to its plant improvement project.

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- B. On an ongoing basis, the additional Nebraska Universal Service monies will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of services that qualify for NUSF support.
 - C. Any unused portion of the additional support should be returned within sixty (60) days following the completion of the plant improvement project.
 - D. The use of the funds received by Henderson from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund will be subject to a departmental audit at the Commission's discretion.
- 4. Henderson will have 60 days after this order has been entered in which to request additional funding for investments contained in the first part of this approval.
 - 5. Henderson will have a period of three (3) years after this order has been entered in which to request additional funding for future investments contained in the second part of this approval. Such request(s) shall only be made after said investments have been made.
 - 6. The grants of additional funding shall be limited to the amount shown in the confidential attachment or the amount(s) actually requested by affidavit, whichever is less.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the application of Henderson Cooperative Telephone Company, d/b/a Mainstay Communications in NUSF-7.01 be and it is hereby granted as provided herein.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 18th day of December, 2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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