

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission, on ) Application No. NUSF-7  
its own motion, seeking to review and )  
approve requests for modification of )  
the funding calculation for the ) FURTHER FINDINGS AND ORDER  
Nebraska Universal Service Fund. ) PUBLISHING AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY  
 ) APPROVED  
 )  
 ) Entered: April 23, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 18, 1999, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened the above-captioned docket to consider requests for additional funding from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) made by rural incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs). These rural carriers sought a modification of the funding mechanism set forth in C-1628/NUSF.

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In prior NUSF-7 orders, erring on the side of caution, the Commission did not release the exact waiver request amounts granted or granted in part to protect the rural carriers' requests for confidentiality. However, since those findings in NUSF-7, the Commission, in response to an information request, now finds that the additional funding amounts granted or granted in part, is public information and should be written explicitly in an order. Consistent with this finding the Commission, therefore, enters this order so that it can publish the previously approved support amounts for the various investments made.

The amounts of support by company basis is provided in further detail below:

By order entered on September 26, 2000, the Commission granted in part requests for additional support filed by Curtis Telephone Company (Curtis), Elsie Communications, Inc. (Elsie), Glenwood Membership Cooperation (Glenwood) and Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company (Hemingford). With respect to Curtis, the Commission approved an amount of \$68,135, effective September 1999, in NUSF support for investments made in years 1996 through 1998. The Commission approved the application of Elsie in part for \$223,267, effective September 1999, for investments made in 1998 and 1999. Glenwood was granted additional support for investment made in 1999 in the amount of \$181,499, effective September 1999. Hemingford's request was granted in part and received support in the amount of \$789,665, effective September 1999.

In addition, on October 3, 2000, the Commission granted the request of Three River Telco in part. The Commission approved additional funding in the amount of \$81,546, effective September 1999, for investments made in 1998 and 1999.

By order entered November 8, 2000, the Commission granted in part the waiver request of Clarks Telecommunications Co. (Clarks). The Commission granted additional support in the amount of \$201,001, effective September 1999, for 1998 investments.

In its January 23, 2001 order, the Commission found that the waiver requests filed by Huntel, Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation and Dalton Telephone Company should be granted in part. The Commission approved support for investments made by Huntel in 1999 and 2000 for an amount of \$570,084, effective September 2000. The Commission approved support for investments made by Dalton for investments made in 1999 in an amount totaling \$344,412, effective September 2000. The Commission also approved additional support for Glenwood for investment made in 1999 in an amount of \$92,302, effective September 2000, for year 2000 investments.

The Commission approved Henderson Cooperative Telephone Company's (Henderson's) waiver request in part on December 18, 2001. The Commission approved an amount of \$11,026, effective September 2001, for investments made in 2001. Henderson has a request for additional support up to \$468,638, with a pending effective date, for 2002 investments.

By Commission order entered January 29, 2002, the Commission granted in part the waiver application submitted by Great Plains Communications Inc. (Great Plains). Great Plains' request for additional funds for investments made in 1999, 2000 and 2001 were approved in the amount of \$2,270,106, effective September 2001.

The Commission, being fully informed of the premises herein, is of the opinion and finds that any future grants of support modification should be explicitly detailed in Commission orders.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the above-captioned docket be modified to reflect the amounts approved for NUSF-7 waivers as provided herein.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 23rd day of April, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director