

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of) Application No. NUSF-77
the Nebraska Telecommunications) Progression Order No. 8
Association for Investigation and)
Review of Processes and Procedures)
Regarding the Nebraska Universal)
Service Fund.)

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. NUSF-69
Public Service Commission on its)
own motion seeking to implement)
policies and procedures related to) ORDER SCHEDULING HEARING
providing dedicated universal)
service support for wireless)
telecommunications services.) Entered: July 15, 2013

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On January 14, 2010, the Nebraska Telecommunications Association filed a petition for investigation and review of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) processes and procedures. Subsequently, in response to briefs and reply briefs submitted by all interested parties, the Commission determined it had the legal authority to provide NUSF support for broadband services and that it should provide support for broadband capital improvement projects. Through various progression orders, the Commission established a framework for the Nebraska Broadband Pilot (NEBP) Program.

In Progression Order No. 7, entered on January 15, 2013, the Commission found that the support used for the dedicated wireless fund program (NUSF-69) should be transitioned over a four year period into the NEBP. The Commission decided this transition should begin next year during the 2014 calendar year.

In Progression Order No. 8 entered on April 23, 2013 the Commission sought comments on whether it should reconsider its decision to transition this support over four years, and instead, accelerate the combination of these programs. In considering this proposal, the Commission asked interested parties to comment on the merits of maintaining a separate dedicated wireless fund program which alternatively could be absorbed into the broader NUSF-77 broadband program.

Responsive comments were filed May 24, 2013 and reply comments were filed on June 7, 2013.

At this time, I find it appropriate to set this matter for public hearing. A hearing will be held on **August 20, 2013** at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Hearing will be held in legislative format.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer in the above-captioned matter that a hearing on the issues raised in the Commission's April 23, 2013 Progression Order be held on **August 20, 2013** at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Hearing will be held in legislative format.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 15th day of July, 2013.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

By: _____
Frank E. Landis
Hearing Officer