## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska

Public Service Commission, on
its own motion, seeking to
administer the Nebraska
Universal Service Fund's
Broadband Program: Application
to the Nebraska Broadband
Program Received from
CenturyLink.

Application No. NUSF-92.04

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## BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

By Application filed February 3, 2014, CenturyLink ("CenturyLink" or "Applicant") sought Nebraska Broadband Pilot (NEBP) Program support. Notice of the Application appeared in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska on February 7, 2014. On June 10, 2014, the Commission held a public hearing on the application in Lincoln, Nebraska. On June 24, 2014, the Commission approved the application which included 11 projects in the amount of \$1,094,138 or the actual cost, whichever was lower.

By letter filed on July 25, 2017, CenturyLink stated spending for the North Platte-US Highway 80, Springfield-South 132st Street, Springfield-NE Highway 50 projects was higher than estimated. However, spending for the North Platte-US Highway 30; and Fremont projects was lower than the amount estimated. CenturyLink requests that the support for the under budget projects be re-allocated to cover the overage on the over budget projects. The amount CenturyLink proposed to be re-allocated was \$55,349.79.

The Commission finds the re-allocation request is reasonable based on the NTIPS Department staff's review of the invoices and taking into consideration the fact that the reimbursement request for the three projects listed above was lower than the estimates provided in the application. CenturyLink is permitted to reallocate the support to the North Platte-US Highway 80, Springfield-South 132st Street, and Springfield-NE Highway 50 projects from the North Platte-US Highway 30 and Fremont projects as requested. Further, the NTIPS Department staff is permitted to approve the reimbursement request made by CenturyLink for these projects in an amount of

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up to \$55,349.79. This Order does not alter the total amount of support approved or to be reimbursed to CenturyLink, as previously determined by the Commission in its June 24, 2014 Order.

## ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Order entered on June 24, 2014 is amended as provided herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission approves the reallocation of support requested by CenturyLink to the North Platte-US. Highway 80, Springfield-South 132st Street, and Springfield-NE Highway 50 projects from the North Platte-US Highway 30 and Fremont projects in the amount of \$55,349.79 based upon the invoices provided to the NTIPS Department.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 11th day of October, 2017.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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Chairman

ATTEST:

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Tim Schram

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Executive Director

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION