BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSON

In the Matter of the Nebraska)	Application No. NUSF-92.47
Public Service Commission, on its)	
own motion, seeking to administer)	
the Nebraska Universal Service)	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR
Fund's Broadband Program:)	EXTENSION OF TIME TO
Application to the Nebraska)	COMPLETE PROJECT
Broadband Program received from)	
United States Cellular Corporation)	
)	Entered: March 26, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On December 20, 2016, in the above-captioned docket, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) approved Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) support for United States Cellular Corporation (USCC) to construct a tower near Wood Lake, Nebraska in Cherry County. On April 11, 2017, the Commission approved a request by USCC to relocate that tower approximately nine miles from the west of its original location.

On March 14, 2019, USCC filed a letter requesting an extension of time to complete the Wood Lake tower until October 11, 2019. In support of its request USCC stated that it has worked diligently to construct the tower. USCC ran in to delays with the lease as well as with the zoning approval process. The first zoning hearing was held on February 5, 2019, however, action was tabled until a hearing on February 26, 2019. The project was recommended for approval and is now waiting for decision by the Cherry County Board of Commissioners.

The Commission generally requires projects to be complete within two years of approval. However, the Commission has granted extensions of time for good cause shown. In this case, the Commission finds USCC has worked diligently to complete this project but that circumstances outside of its control has led to the present delay. The Commission is of the opinion and finds the request should be granted. USCC has until October 11, 2019 as requested.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that USCC's request for an extension of time to complete its Wood Lake tower project shall be and it is hereby granted.

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 26th day of March, 2019.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director