

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. NUSF-92
Public Service Commission, on)
its Own Motion, to Administer)
the Nebraska Universal Service) ORDER
Fund Broadband Program.)
)
) Entered: July 19, 2016

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 27, 2015, the Commission released an Order in the above-captioned proceeding, setting a proposed budget for certain broadband grant programs and soliciting comments. This Order adopts the Commission's proposal to allocate \$1 million for limited wireline broadband infrastructure projects and establishes the application window for the Wireline Infrastructure Grant program.

In its October 27, 2015 Order, the Commission proposed to allocate \$1 million for limited wireline broadband infrastructure projects in high cost rate-of-return carrier areas of the state with the twenty-five percent match continuing as before. In addition, the Commission sought comments on how the project areas should be considered in light of the fact that the Commission will no longer have updates to the broadband mapping data.

Commenters generally supported the Commission's proposal. However, at the present time, the Commission believes further reform measures, including those set forth in NUSF-100 should be its priority. The Commission hereby finds it should not adopt its proposal to set aside \$1 million for wireline infrastructure grants for the current funding year. The Commission will consider how to allocate support for wireline broadband projects through its upcoming overall NUSF reform proposals moving forward. Given the expected decline in available 2017 support, we anticipate that these monies will be used to mitigate consequent reductions.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that its proposal to set aside \$1 million for wireline infrastructure grants for the 2016 calendar year, is not adopted.

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 19th
day of July, 2016.

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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Executive Director