

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. NUSF-99.02
Public Service Commission,)
on its own Motion, to)
administer the Universal)
Service Fund High-Cost) Reimbursement Order
Program: Citizens)
Telecommunications Company)
of Nebraska Broadband Grant)
Requests 2016.) Entered: December 11, 2018

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

By Application filed November 9, 2016, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska (CTC-Nebraska) seeks high-cost support from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF). Notice of the application appeared in the Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska on November 15, 2016 and in the Franklin County Chronicle on November 16, 2016. No interventions or protests were filed; therefore the Commission processes this Application pursuant to its Rule of Modified Procedure.

CTC-Nebraska sought universal service fund support in the amount of one million one hundred sixteen thousand dollars (\$1,116,000) for the construction of facilities to increase transport capacity linking the exchanges of Republican City, Naponee, and Bloomington, with existing facilities in CTC-Nebraska's Alma and Franklin exchanges. On February 28, 2017, the Commission approved the application in full.

On November 16, 2018, CTC-Nebraska filed a letter informing the Commission that construction costs for the projects have varied from the estimates provided to the Commission in the initial application. As such, CTC-Nebraska requests a reallocation of funds between exchanges to reflect those variances. The reimbursement request for the Alma and Franklin projects exceeds the estimated costs contained in the application. However, the reimbursement request for the construction of the Republican City is lower than the estimated costs contained in the application. CTC-Nebraska requests reallocation of \$20,313.00 from the Republican City project to the Alma and Franklin projects.

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Given that the amount of reimbursement sought is reasonable based on the Department's review of the invoices and taking into consideration the fact that the reimbursement request for the Republican City project is lower than the estimates provided in the application, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the reallocation request should be granted. The reimbursement request should be granted so that the **\$20,313.00** can be allocated to the Alma and Franklin projects as requested.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Order entered in the above-captioned matter on February 28, 2017, is modified as provided herein.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 11th day of December, 2018.

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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

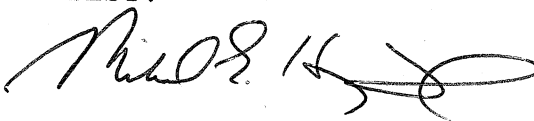




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ATTEST:



Executive Director

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Mary Ridder