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## PSC ADDS U.S. CELLULAR AS AN NSTEP VENDOR

LINCOLN, MAY 25, 2017— The Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) has added U.S. Cellular to the list of equipment vendors participating in the <a href="Nebraska Specialized">Nebraska Specialized</a>
Telecommunications Equipment Program (NSTEP).

NSTEP was established to assist individuals who have a hearing, visual and hearing loss or speech disability obtain specialized telecommunications equipment.

"We are pleased to have U.S. Cellular join our growing list of equipment vendors," said Commissioner Tim Schram, Chairman Nebraska Public Service Commission. "By participating in NSTEP our vendors provide a valuable service to our deaf and hard-of-hearing community."

With the addition of U.S. Cellular the PSC has four approved NSTEP vendors to include, Sprint, Verizon and Viaero.

"The NSTEP program is essential to ensuring that the deaf and hard-of-hearing community has access to wireless devices that can enhance and simplify their lives," said Mike Adams, director of sales for U.S. Cellular in Nebraska and Iowa. "Our local associates across the state look forward to assisting our fellow Nebraskans with their wireless needs."

To be eligible to receive a wireless device (cellphone), residents must first qualify with the PSC. Once deemed eligible, residents will receive a voucher which they can take to the participating vendor. The equipment will be provided at no charge, but participants are still responsible for monthly fees associated with a wireless account, including a required data plan.

Information on NSTEP and how residents can qualify to for a voucher to receive a free wireless device can also be found on the <a href="NSTEP">NSTEP</a> page of the <a href="Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing">Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing</a> website. Information about U.S. Cellular's wireless offerings can be found at <a href="https://www.uscellular.com">www.uscellular.com</a>. ###

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