Cambridge Telephone Company

Nebraska Universal Service Fund

Broadband Program

Grant Application

Cambridge RCSA 13A

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<u>Application Checklist Item #1:</u>

"A listing of all companies associated with the proposed broadband project that will provide the broadband or voice component of the service to consumers, including a main point of contact for all companies. (This requirement does not refer to vendors such as construction companies or equipment providers.)"

<u>Narrative:</u>

Cambridge Telephone Company ("CTC") is the incumbent local exchange carrier that will be responsible for managing the implementation of the project submitted through this application and will be providing the facilities for the proposed broadband project. CTC will be providing the voice component of the service to the consumers in the proposed project area.

Pinpoint Communications, Inc. is the Internet service provider ("ISP") that will be providing the broadband services over Cambridge Telephone Company's facilities.

The mailing addresses for these companies are:

Cambridge Telephone Company
613 Patterson St.
P.O. Box G
Cambridge, NE 69022

Pinpoint Communications, Inc.
611 Patterson St.
P.O. Box 490
Cambridge, NE 69022

The main point of contact for this project is:

J. Thomas Shoemaker
Executive Vice President
Office Telephone Number: [redacted]
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<u>Application Checklist Item #2:</u>

"A description of the proposed broadband project plan for which Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program funding is being requested including download and upload speed capabilities which can be provided using the proposed infrastructure. Minimum speed standards should be 4 mbps download and 1 mbps upload."

<u>Narrative:</u>

Cambridge Telephone Company proposes to construct broadband facilities in the underserved, rural customer service area north of the town of Cambridge in its ILEC service territory. [redacted]

For this project, CTC intends [redacted] which will meet or exceed the required 4 Mbps download and 1 Mbps upload ("4/1") throughput service required by the Commission for grant consideration. [redacted] will enable the customers receiving broadband from this grant-funded project broadband speed capabilities in excess of the 4 Mbps download and 1 Mbps upload speed required for NUSF Broadband Program funding. [redacted]

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[redacted]

The customers receiving broadband from this grant-funded project will receive the same service amenities as Cambridge Telephone Company and Pinpoint's existing broadband customers in Nebraska. Cambridge Telephone Company and Pinpoint offer technical support, installation support, anti-spam and virus protection for email, email service and IPTV.

Voice services are offered by Cambridge Telephone Company to all of these customers. The enhancements to this network will provide higher quality voice services and access to future services.

[redacted]

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<u>Application Checklist Item #3:</u>

"A description of which areas are "unserved" or "underserved" in accordance with the Commission's definition."

<u>Narrative:</u>

In this application of Cambridge Telephone Company, the proposed project area submitted for consideration for grant funding is an underserved area. In the rural area north of the town of Cambridge, Cambridge Telephone Company and Pinpoint Communications, Inc. have been [redacted]

Currently, in the proposed project area of rural Cambridge, Pinpoint Communications offers service via [redacted]

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Application Checklist Item #4:

"A list in Excel Format of all the census blocks where broadband facilities would be deployed for the proposed project which shall include 2010 Census Block identification numbers of service area, by project. The list of census blocks must be identified on a per project basis and must be contained in one spreadsheet. Carriers should not break apart the listing of census blocks in separate workbook tabs."

Narrative:

Cambridge Telephone Company has provided a list in Excel Format of all the census blocks where broadband facilities will be deployed in the proposed project area. CTC has provided the census block list in an electronic, Excel Spreadsheet format and has also included a print out of the list in this application.

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	NUSF-92		
	Cambridge Telephone Co.		
	Provider Name	**Project Name**	**Census Block ID**
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002464
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002466
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002467
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002468
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002470
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002516
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002517
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002518
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002519
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002520
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002521
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002524
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002526
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002533
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002535
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002536
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002537
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002539
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002540
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002607
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002608
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002610
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002611
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002612
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002613
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002614
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002615
	Cambridge Telephone Co.	RCSA13A	310639611002683

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Application Checklist Item #5:

"An estimate of the number of potential new broadband subscribers."

Narrative:

In order to determine an estimate of the number of potential new broadband subscribers, CTC utilized the engineering plans for the proposed project area to determine how many households in the proposed project area [redacted] and allow access to increased speed capabilities and broadband availability to those households in the proposed project area.

An estimate of the number of potential new broadband subscribers in the proposed project area is included in the table below:

	Cambridge Rural Customer Service Area 13A
Underserved	
Totals	

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Application Checklist Item #6:

"A schedule for broadband deployment with commitment to complete the build-out within 24 months of approval of the application. The schedule should describe milestones in project completion increments of 25 percent, and the estimated date by which the milestones will be completed."

Narrative:

If the application of Cambridge Telephone Company is approved for the rural customer service area of Cambridge, CTC intends to have the construction completed in 2015. CTC will begin construction shortly after obtaining materials. The majority of the design and planning for this application is complete, and once approved, CTC will only need to finalize the ordering of materials and the construction schedule. Below are the primary milestones and completion dates for the project, along with a timeline estimating the completion of each milestone. If requested, more detailed project schedules can be available to the Commission.

PROJECT MILESTONES SCHEDULE

Milestone	Estimated Completion Date
Material Selection and Ordering	April 2015
	September 2015
	October 2015
Turn Up/Project Completion	November 2015

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Application Checklist Item #7:

"A proposed budget, showing total project costs, in electronic format, with a detailed breakdown of the cost elements and a depreciation schedule showing the life of the investment."

Narrative:

Cambridge Telephone Company has included a proposed budget, showing total project costs, including a detailed breakdown of the cost elements and a depreciation schedule showing the life of the investment. CTC has provided the budget and depreciation schedule in an electronic, Excel Spreadsheet format and has included a print out of the budget and depreciation schedule in this application.

CTC commits to using broadband support only for the purposes intended and which have been approved by the Commission through the application process. Further, CTC commits to fulfilling all reporting and audit requirements adopted by the Commission for oversight of the NUSF Broadband Program.

Summary totals from the proposed project budget, along with a summary of the depreciation schedule, are provided below:

Description	Gross Investment	Depreciable Life	Depreciation Per Year
Electronics			
Plant (Cable, Wire Facilities)			
Total Capital Budget			
CTC Matching Amount (25%)			

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Budget

RUS UNIT	Description	Quantiy	Labor	Materials	L&M Total Price/Unit	Total
[redacted]						
					Total Cost	[redacted]
					25% Match Total	
					Yearly Depreciation	

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Depreciation Schedule

Category	Value	Life	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Electronics	[redacted]							
Plant								

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Depreciation Schedule

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Year 14	Year 15
[redacted]								

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Application Checklist Item #8:

"Proposed retail pricing, including both monthly recurring costs and nonrecurring costs for the new broadband service(s) to be offered. Proposed rate, either monthly recurring (MRC) or non-recurring (NRC), for broadband related customer premise equipment (CPE, e.g. modem). If none listed, please state that applicant will not be charging a rate to the end user for broadband CPE."

Narrative:

Cambridge Telephone Company is committed to offering broadband services at reasonably comparable rates for comparable services in urban areas. CTC has included in this application a pricing document detailing the recurring pricing of the broadband services offered through this project, as well as any nonrecurring costs associated with the broadband service to be offered through the proposed project. Depending upon the service subscribed to by the customer, CTC may assess a one-time, non-recurring fee for broadband-related customer premise equipment. That charge is detailed in the pricing document included with the application.

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Internet Services

Pinpoint

	RES	BUS
Connect	[redacted]	[redacted]
Reconnect	[redacted]	[redacted]
Downgrade	[redacted]	[redacted]
DSL Modem	[redacted]	[redacted]
Broadband FTTH w/landline phone only		
	[redacted]	[redacted]
Naked Broadband		
	[redacted]	[redacted]

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Application Checklist Item #9:

"Retail rate(s) charged for basic voice service. If a subscriber line charge is assessed, the amount of the SLC. If no SLC is assessed then a statement that no SLC is assessed."

Narrative:

Cambridge Telephone Company is committed to offering voice services at reasonably comparable rates for comparable services in urban areas. CTC has included in this application a pricing document detailing the recurring and non-recurring pricing of the voice services offered through this project. CTC does assess a subscriber line charge and the amount of the SLC is detailed in the pricing document included with this application.

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	CAMB RES	CAMB RUR	CAMB LIFE	BUS	BUS RUR
Basic Line	■	■	■	■	■
EAS	■	■	■	■	■
911	■	■	■	■	■
Dual Party	■	■	■	■	■
Fed SLC	■	■	■	■	■
Access Recovery	■	■	■	■	■

Optional	RES	BUS	LIFE
Wire Maint.	■	■	■
Non Pub	■	■	■
Off Premise	■	■	■
Call Features			
Call Forward	■	■	■
Call Waiting	■	■	■
3 Way Calling	■	■	■
Caller ID	■	■	■
Voice Mail	■	■	■
Call Answering	■	■	■
Toll Restrict	■	■	■
Short Speed Calling	■	■	■
Long Speed Calling	■	■	■
CW CF SSC 3W for ■	■	■	■
Auto Recall *69	■	■	■

Cambridge Telephone

[redacted]	Connect
	Deposit
	Move
	Reconnect
	Service Call
	Labor
	Labor after Hours

[redacted]	**Pinpoint LD**	**Carrier**	9061
	150 Minute		
	500 Minute		
	[redacted]		
	[redacted] interstate/[redacted] in		
	Toll Free [redacted]		
	Toll Free [redacted]		
	Unlimited	w/[redacted]	

Super [redacted] Bundle [redacted]
Local Basic Telephone
Unlimited Long Distance
[redacted] Internet
*features at standard rates

Super [redacted] Bundle [redacted]
Local Basic Telephone
Unlimited Long Distance
[redacted] Internet
*features at standard rates

Super [redacted] Bundle [redacted]
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[redacted] Internet
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Super [redacted] Bundle [redacted]
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Unlimited Long Distance
[redacted] Internet
*features at standard rates

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Application Checklist Item #10:

"A description of the applicant's commitment to offer broadband services to all households within the service area of the project for a minimum of five (5) years."

Narrative:

Cambridge Telephone Company commits to offering the supported broadband service upon completion of the deployment to all households within the proposed project service area for a period of no less than five years.

The proposed project area is within Cambridge Telephone Company's incumbent local exchange service exchange area and CTC, as the Carrier of Last Resort, is already required to provide voice service to this area. CTC commits to offering a voice grade service to all customers within the proposed project service area, including access to emergency services. The funding requested in the application [redacted]

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Application Checklist Item #11:

"A description of the applicant's commitment to provide broadband data to the Commission and its vendors for the duration of the State Broadband Data and Development (SBDD) program so that this broadband coverage area can be depicted on the Commission's state broadband data inventory map and on the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA's) national broadband map."

Narrative:

Cambridge Telephone Company has been and will continue to be committed to providing its broadband data to the Nebraska Public Service Commission and to its vendors for the duration of the State Broadband Data and Development program. The Nebraska Broadband Map and the National Broadband Map are invaluable tools for consumers, businesses and the telecommunications industry. As a successful applicant to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program, Cambridge Telephone Company will continue to provide all required mapping data to the Commission and its vendors for its existing and new service areas so CTC's coverage areas will continue to be depicted on the Commission's state broadband data inventory map and on the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's National Broadband Map.

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Application Checklist Item #12:

"A description of the applicant's financial qualifications, which may be filed on a confidential basis, to meet the commitments made in the application."

Narrative:

The Commission has indicated that for companies filing Annual Report Form M, the information contained in Form M would be sufficient to meet the application requirement.

Cambridge Telephone Company's Annual Report Form M illustrates the company's financial position and is on file with the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

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Application Checklist Item #13:

"If the applicant does not have a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide telecommunications services in Nebraska, a demonstration of the applicant's financial, technical, and managerial competence."

Narrative:

Cambridge Telephone Company is an established rural, incumbent local exchange carrier operating in Nebraska and holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide telecommunications services in the State of Nebraska. A copy of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, granted to CTC on August 7, 1962, is included in this application.

Pinpoint Communications, Inc. is a competitive local exchange company and was granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity on September 19, 2000. A copy of the Certificate is also included in this application.

Cambridge Telephone Company and Pinpoint Communications commit to abide by all applicable Commission rules, regulations and orders.

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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA STATE RAILWAY COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of the Cambridge Telephone Company, Cambridge, Nebraska, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.	)))))	Application No. 23597 GRANTED Entered August 7, 1962

APPEARANCES:

For the Applicant:

Hugh W. Eisenhart, Attorney
Cambridge, Nebraska

OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed June 22, 1962, the Cambridge Telephone Company, Cambridge, Nebraska, seeks a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

Pursuant to notice required by law, public hearing was held on the application on July 31, 1962, at 1:30 P.M. in the Commission Hearing Room, Capitol Building, Lincoln, Nebraska, with appearance as set forth above. No protests were filed, and no one voiced objections at the hearing.

Upon consideration of the application, the evidence adduced at the hearing, the records and files, and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

1. The Cambridge Telephone Company is a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its principal place of business at Cambridge, Nebraska.

2. Applicant is engaged in the telephone business as a wire common carrier serving customers in and around the towns of Cambridge and Bartley, Nebraska.

3. Applicant has received a loan from the United States of America through the Rural Electrification Administration for the purpose of converting its exchanges at Bartley and Cambridge to dial operation.

4. The rural area surrounding Cambridge, Nebraska, has up to the present time been served by service station lines owning and maintaining their own facilities. Applicant proposes to furnish company-owned service in this area and to own and maintain the facilities therefor.

5. In accordance with said proposal, applicant seeks a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for this area.

6. The area for which applicant requests a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is delineated on maps of Red Willow, Frontier and Furnas Counties, introduced in evidence at the hearing and designated as Exhibits 4, 5 and 6, respectively. The area presently served by applicant is shown on said maps as a solid black line. The area for which the Certificate is requested is shown by said black line where it is the same as the area presently served and by a red line where it differs from the area presently served.

7. Applicant proposes to extend its lines into an unserved territory in Sections 30 and 31, Township 7 North, Range 25 West, Frontier County. Letters from the Eustis Telephone Company (Exhibit 9) and the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company (Exhibit 10) were introduced in evidence at the hearing. Said letters indicate that those companies have no objection to this customer receiving service from Cambridge.

8. The applicant proposes to serve an area which was included in the Holbrook Exchange of the Arapahoe Telephone Company in the Commission's order entered July 23, 1958, in Application No. 21368. The evidence discloses that the Arapahoe Telephone Company has agreed to the boundary as set forth on Exhibits 4, 5 and 6, and further discloses that no Holbrook subscribers are located in the area proposed to be served by the applicant. The only subscribers in the area affected are presently receiving service from Cambridge over service station lines and desire to continue to receive service from Cambridge.

9. Applicant also proposes to include in its area a portion of Sections 6 and 7, Township 2 North, Range 25 West, Furnas County. The evidence reveals that this area has received service from Cambridge for many years and was inadvertently omitted from the map filed by the applicant pursuant to Section 86-214, RRS Neb. 1943. Said area is not claimed by any other company.

10. The application is fair and reasonable, is in the public interest, is agreeable to all parties, will not create a duplication of facilities, and should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska State Railway Commission that Application No. 23597 be, and it is, hereby granted and the Cambridge Telephone Company be, and it is, hereby authorized to serve the area set forth on Exhibits 4, 5 and 6, introduced in evidence at the hearing, and by reference made a part hereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order be, and it is, hereby made the Commission's Official Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to serve said area.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant file an appropriate revised exchange area map with the Commission for its official map files.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 7th day of August, 1962.

NEBRASKA STATE RAILWAY COMMISSION

(SIGNED) JOSEPH J. BROWN

CHAIRMAN

SEAL

ATTEST:

(SIGNED) C. E. DANLEY

ACTING SECRETARY

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

(SIGNED) JOSEPH J. BROWN
(SIGNED) WAYNE R. SWANSON

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September 21, 2000

Roger Hoffman
Pinpoint Communications, Inc.
611 Patterson Street
Cambridge, NE 69022-0490

RE: Application No. C-2355: Pinpoint Communications, Inc., Cambridge, seeking authority to operate as a competitive local exchange carrier of telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

CERTIFICATION

I, Andrew S. Pollock, Executive Director of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, hereby certify that the enclosed is a true and correct copy of the original order made and entered in the above-captioned matter on the 19th day of September, 2000, as the same is filed and recorded in the official records of said Commission.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Lincoln, Nebraska, this 21st day of September, 2000.

Sincerely,

Andrew S. Pollock
Executive Director

ASP:rp
Enclosure

cc: Jon Bruning, 1079 North 204th Avenue, Elkhorn, NE 68022
Timothy F. Clare, Rembolt Ludtke & Berger, 1201 Lincoln Mall, Suite 102, Lincoln, NE 68508

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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Pinpoint Communications, Inc. Cambridge, Nebraska, seeking authority to operate as a competitive local exchange carrier of telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska.	)))))))	Application No. C-2355 GRANTED Entered: September 19, 2000

APPEARANCES:

For the Applicant:
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BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed July 21, 2000, Pinpoint Communications, Inc. (Pinpoint Communications or Applicant) of Cambridge, Nebraska, seeks to operate as a competitive local exchange carrier of telecommunications services within the state of Nebraska. Notice of the application appeared in The Daily Record on July 24, 2000. Petitions of formal intervention were timely filed by Arapahoe Telephone Company, Benkelman Telephone Company, Inc., Cozad Telephone Company, Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company, Henderson Cooperative Telephone Company and Wauneta Telephone Company, through their attorney, Mark Fahleson.

On August 11, 2000, the deputy director of this Commission sent by first class mail a copy of the notice of hearing. A hearing was held on August 29, 2000, in the Commission Library, Lincoln, Nebraska, with appearances as shown above.

In support of its application, applicant produced one witness,

Mr. Roger Hoffman, executive vice-president of Pinpoint Communications. Mr. Hoffman testified that Pinpoint Communications is a privately-held company headquartered in Cambridge, Nebraska. The company has about 2250 Internet customers, 190 long-distance customers and 75 paging customers. The company plans to offer local

exchange, DSL and long-distance services. The company has yet to commence negotiations for interconnection.

Mr. Hoffman described the business experience of the directors and key personnel of the company. These persons include the director, J. Richard Shoemaker, who has been with the company since its inception in 1989, and other directors who have been with the company for a number of years. Mr. Hoffman has more than 25 years of experience in the management of telephone companies. Mr. Hoffman further testified that he believes that the company has the technical expertise required of the applicant.

Pinpoint Communications intends to provide the service described in its application on a statewide basis subject to the limitations and duties of an affiliated competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) as outlined by this Commission in the order entered in Docket No. C-1839/PI-22 on December 15, 1998. The applicant indicated that he was aware of the limitations prescribed for an affiliated CLEC and that the applicant would abide by the mandates of that order.

Financial information was filed by the applicant. Mr. Hoffman indicated that he believed that the financial information provided indicated that his company had the financial capability to operate according to its application.

The applicant further testified that this application did not represent a bona fide request for interconnection with a rural carrier covered by the rural exemption of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Pinpoint Communications will bring benefits of increased choice to its potential customers and to deliver these choices at competitive prices.

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

The Commission considers this application for authority in light of the following criteria and standards established in the Commission's telecommunications rules:

(a) Whether applicant has provided the information required by the Commission;

(b) Whether applicant has provided a performance bond, if required;

(c) Whether applicant possesses adequate financial resources to provide the proposed service;

(d) Whether applicant possesses adequate technical competence and resources to provide the proposed service;

(e) Whether applicant possesses adequate managerial competence to provide the

proposed service; and

(f) Whether granting applicant a certificate preserves and advances universal service, protects the public safety and welfare, ensures the continued quality of telecommunications services and safeguards the rights of consumers, pursuant to Section 253(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act).

Applicant has demonstrated that it meets the standards of financial, technical and managerial competence and all other criteria necessary to provide competitive local exchange services subject to the conditions as outlined in Commission Docket No. C-1839/PI-22 (December 15, 1998) and as described in the application filed with the Commission. The Commission finds that no performance bond should be required at this time.

Before the applicant is allowed to provide competitive local exchange service and resold services to its end users:

(a) The applicant, either through negotiation or adoption, must reach an interconnection agreement with Qwest, GTE, ALLTEL or Sprint;

(b) The Commission must approve the interconnection agreement; and

(c) Applicant must file, and the Commission must approve, a tariff in accordance with the provisions of Section 002.21 of Neb. Admin. R. & Regs. Title 291, Chapter 5.

Further, prior to providing local exchange service to any area covered by the rural exemption, the applicant must obtain additional authority from this Commission to expand its service territory.

As a provider of competitive local exchange service in the state of Nebraska, the applicant should be subject to the same laws, rules and regulations, both federal and state (including any laws, rules or regulations regarding universal service, restrictions on joint marketing and quality of service), applicable to any other local exchange company except those obligations imposed on incumbent local exchange carriers pursuant to Section 251(c) of the Act.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2355 be, and it is hereby, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon final approval of the interconnection agreement and tariff, applicant is granted authority to provide competitive local exchange services throughout the state of Nebraska subject to Commission conditions outlined in Docket No.

C-1839/PI-22.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall abide by the same laws, rules and regulations, both federal and state (including any laws, rules or regulations regarding universal service, restrictions on joint marketing and quality of service), applicable to other local exchange carriers except obligations imposed on incumbent local exchange carriers pursuant to Section 251(c) of the Act.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall file, in accordance with the applicable statutes, on or before April 30 of each year, an annual report with this Commission consisting of: (a) a copy of any report filed with the Federal Communications Commission; (b) a copy of any annual report to stockholders; and (c) a copy of the latest Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. If such reports are unavailable, applicant shall file a balance sheet and income statement for the previous year of operation, and for the state of Nebraska on a combined interstate-intrastate basis, the investment in telephone plant and equipment located within the state, accumulated depreciation thereon, operating revenues, operating expenses, and taxes.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that this order be, and hereby is made, the Commission's official Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to applicant to provide competitive local exchange services within the state of Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 19th day of September, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

Application Checklist Item #14:

"A description of the applicant's financial match which will be used to meet the commitments made in the application. Applicant shall submit a proposed budget for the entire project cost."

Narrative:

In the proposed budget submitted for Application Checklist Item #7, Cambridge Telephone Company calculates the dollar total of the NUSF Broadband Program matching requirement of twenty-five percent (25%) of the proposed project based upon all project costs. [redacted]

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Application Checklist Item #15:

"An affidavit from the Applicant attesting to the truth and accuracy of all information included in the application."

Narrative:

Included with this application is an Affidavit of J. Thomas Shoemaker, Executive Vice President of Cambridge Telephone Company attesting to the truth and accuracy of all information included in this application.

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BEFORE THE
NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Cambridge Telephone Company Seeking Support Funding from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program	))))))	Application No. _____

AFFIDAVIT OF J. THOMAS SHOEMAKER
IN SUPPORT OF
CAMBRIDGE TELEPHONE COMPANY'S
NEBRASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND BROADBAND PROGRAM
GRANT APPLICATION

I, J. Thomas Shoemaker, being of lawful age and duly sworn, state as follows:

1. My name is J. Thomas Shoemaker. My business address is 613 Patterson Street, Cambridge, Nebraska 69022. My title is Executive Vice President of Cambridge Telephone Company and I have worked for the company in this capacity since 2006. I am responsible for overseeing the daily operations of Cambridge Telephone Company, regulatory affairs, project development, network deployment decisions and general management duties of the company.
2. I submit this affidavit in support of the Matter of the Application of Cambridge Telephone Company Seeking Support Funding from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program.
3. I hereby verify that, as the Executive Vice President of Cambridge Telephone Company, I have reviewed the information and documentation submitted in support of Cambridge Telephone Company's Grant Application for funding from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program and filed with the Nebraska Public Service

Commission on November 26, 2014 and attest to the truth and accuracy to the best of my knowledge and belief of all of the information included in Cambridge Telephone Company's application.

4. This completes my affidavit.

VERIFICATION

I, J. Thomas Shoemaker, declare under penalty of perjury that the statements in this Affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. Thomas Shoemaker
Executive Vice President
Cambridge Telephone Company

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this
18th day of November 2014.

Lynn Witte

Lynn Witte (Printed Name)

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
LYNN WITTE
My Comm. Exp. Aug. 28, 2016

Notary Public, Furnas County, Nebraska

Acting in the County of Furnas

My Commission Expires: August 28, 2016