

**Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company**

**Nebraska Universal Service Fund**

**Broadband Program**

**Grant Application**

**Osmond and Winnebago, Nebraska**

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**Submitted to the Nebraska Public Service Commission**

**November 26, 2014**

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**Application Checklist Item #1:**

**“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.)”**

*Narrative:*

Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company (“ENTC”) 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. ENTC will be providing the voice component of the service to the consumers in the proposed project area.

HunTel.net, Inc. is the Internet service provider (“ISP”) that will be providing the broadband services over Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company’s facilities.

The mailing addresses for these companies are:

Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company  
PO Box 400  
1638 Lincoln Street  
Blair, NE 68008

HunTel.net, Inc.  
PO Box 400  
1638 Lincoln Street  
Blair, NE 68008

The main point of contact for this project is:

Joe Jetensky

President

Office Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Email: [jjetensky@americanbb.com](mailto:jjetensky@americanbb.com)

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**Application Checklist Item #2:**

**“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.”**

*Narrative:*

In this application, Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company (“ENTC”) proposes to construct broadband infrastructure in the rural, underserved areas near Osmond and Winnebago, Nebraska in northeast Nebraska. [REDACTED]

The proposed project areas near Osmond and Winnebago, Nebraska are rural areas with low population densities, making the areas high-cost areas to serve. In the National Broadband Plan, the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) found that the broadband availability gap is greatest in areas with low population density. In an effort to make broadband services more widely available in Nebraska and to close the broadband availability gap, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (“Commission”) established the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program (“NUSF Broadband Program”) to provide specific and targeted broadband support to unserved and underserved areas. Importantly, both of the projects represent an effective use of scarce funding, bringing broadband service to sizeable numbers of underserved households at a relatively low per-unit cost. The Commission may consider these projects as a whole or individually.

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Following (in alphabetical order) are descriptions of the Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company projects.

**1. Osmond**

[Redacted content for Osmond project]

**2. Winnebago**

[Redacted content for Winnebago project]

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**Application Checklist Item #3:**

**“A description of which areas are “unserved” or “underserved” in accordance with the Commission’s definition.”**

*Narrative:*

The proposed project service areas are underserved, rural areas in ENTTC’s Osmond and Winnebago, Nebraska exchanges.

The proposed Osmond project service area [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in the Osmond exchange. [REDACTED]. A listing of whole and partial census blocks depicting the proposed project service area is included with this application. [REDACTED]

The proposed Winnebago project service area [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in the Winnebago exchange. [REDACTED]. A listing of whole and partial census blocks depicting the proposed project service area is included with this application. [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:*

Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company has provided the census block list in an electronic, Excel Format and has also included a print out of the census block list in this application.

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Census Block List Osmond and Winnebago Projects

**Osmond Project**

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**Winnebago Project**

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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, Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company utilized the engineering plans for the proposed project area to determine how many households in the proposed project area would gain access to increased speed capabilities and broadband availability.

An estimate of the number of households which will have access to broadband service at the 4/1 Mbps speed level in the proposed project service area is included in the table below:

|                    | Osmond | Winnebago |
|--------------------|--------|-----------|
| <b>Underserved</b> |        |           |
| <b>Totals</b>      |        |           |

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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:*

Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company has estimated the major milestones and completion dates for the Osmond and Winnebago projects. However, because the actual construction schedule is contingent upon the application approval process and timeline, ENTC submits that the estimated completion dates are fluid, and while ENTC intends to have the Osmond and Winnebago project completed in late 2015, construction on the project could flow into 2016. In developing the project milestone schedule, ENTC has presumed that the approval notifications would be made in early-2015.

Additional information regarding the project milestones or estimated completion dates will be provided to the Commission upon request.

**PROJECT MILESTONES SCHEDULE**

| <b>Milestone</b>  | <b>Estimated Completion Date</b> |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Hardware Selection/Ordering                                       | June 2015                        |
| Outside Plant Construction/Equipment Configuration & Installation | August 2015                      |
| System Turn-up/Testing  | October 2015                     |
| Service Implementation  | 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:*

Eastern Nebraska 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. ENTC 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.

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

| <b>Osmond Project</b>             | <b>Gross Investment</b> | <b>Depreciable Life</b> | <b>Depreciation Per Year</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Electronics</b>                |                         |                         |                              |
| <b>Plant</b>                      |                         |                         |                              |
|                                   |                         |                         |                              |
| <b>Total Capital Budget</b>       |                         |                         |                              |
|                                   |                         |                         |                              |
| <b>ENTC Matching Amount (25%)</b> |                         |                         |                              |
|                                   |                         |                         |                              |
| <b>Winnebago Project</b>          | <b>Gross Investment</b> | <b>Depreciable Life</b> | <b>Depreciation Per Year</b> |
| <b>Electronics</b>                |                         |                         |                              |
| <b>Plant</b>                      |                         |                         |                              |
|                                   |                         |                         |                              |
| <b>Total Capital Budget</b>       |                         |                         |                              |
|                                   |                         |                         |                              |
| <b>ENTC Matching Amount (25%)</b> |                         |                         |                              |
|                                   |                         |                         |                              |
| <b>Combined Projects</b>          | <b>Gross Investment</b> | <b>Depreciable Life</b> | <b>Depreciation Per Year</b> |
| <b>Electronics</b>                |                         |                         |                              |
| <b>Plant</b>                      |                         |                         |                              |
|                                   |                         |                         |                              |
| <b>Total Capital Budget</b>       |                         |                         |                              |
|                                   |                         |                         |                              |

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|                                   |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>ENTC Matching Amount (25%)</b> |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|

Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company commits to using the NUSF Broadband Program support only for the purposes intended and which have been approved by the Commission through the application process.

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**Osmond**

Central Office

Node #1

Node # 2

Node # 3

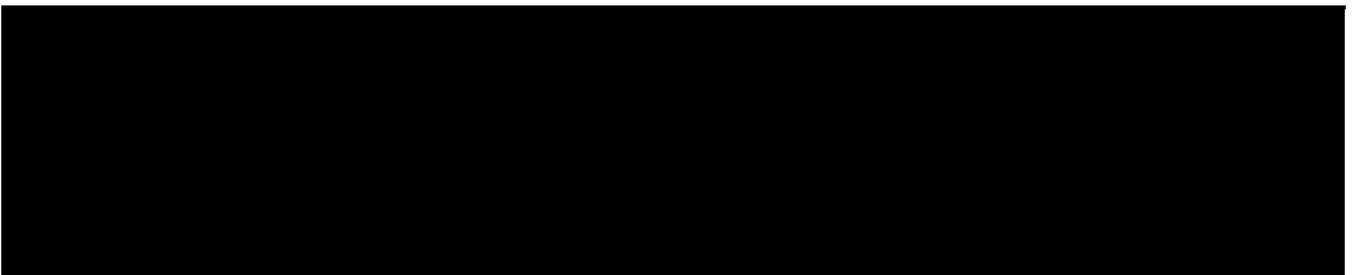
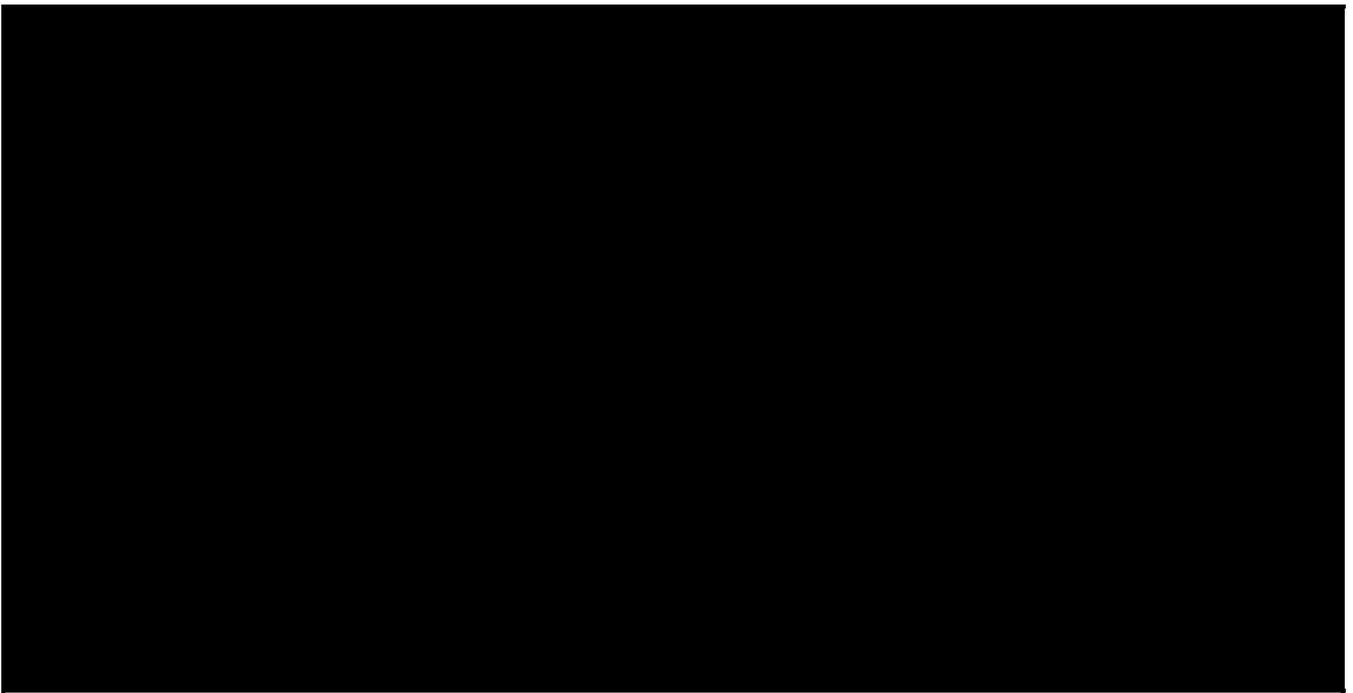


Node # 6

Node #7 Head Start



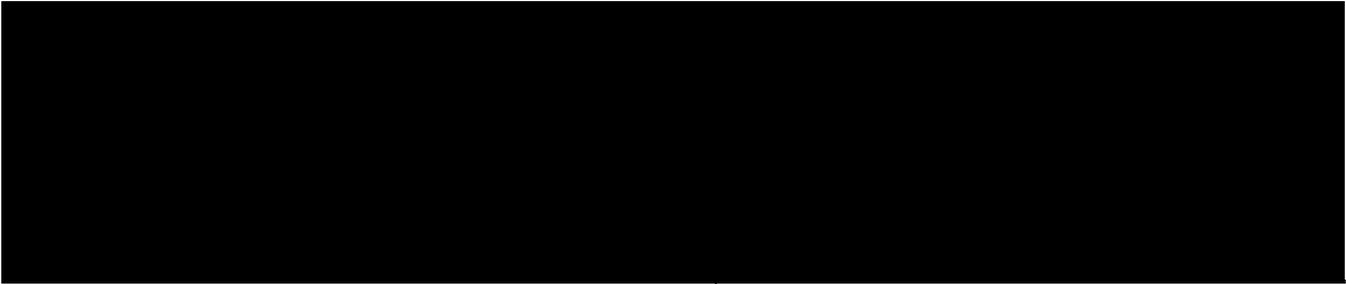
Osmond project





| Osmond Project Summary | Cost |
|------------------------|------|
| [Redacted]             |      |

| East Winnebago |  |  |  | Materials |
|----------------|--|--|--|-----------|
| [Redacted]     |  |  |  |           |



| Winnebago Project Summary | Cost |
|---------------------------|------|
| [Redacted]                |      |

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Combined Total Cost | [Redacted] |
|---------------------|------------|

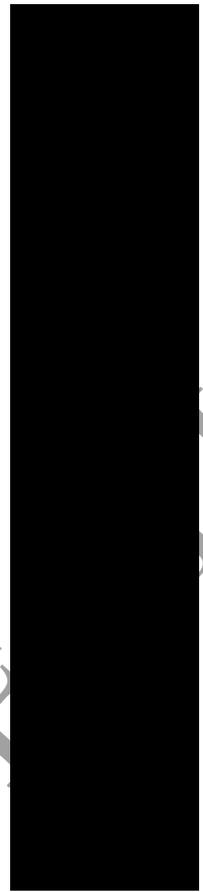
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**Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company  
Depreciation Schedule - Osmond, NE**

Category

Yr Life

- 1
- 2
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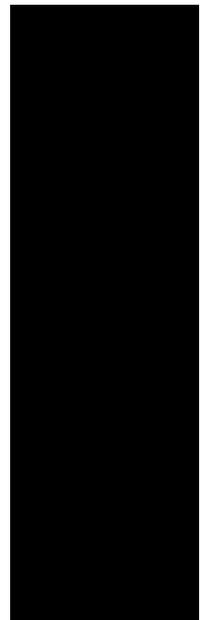
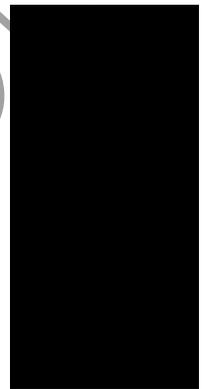


**Depreciation Schedule - Winnebago, NE**

Category

Yr Life

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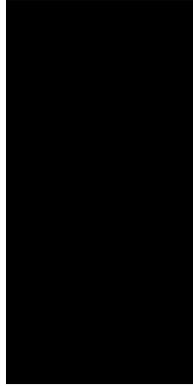


**Combined Depreciation Schedule**

Category

Yr Life

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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:**

Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company is committed to offering voice and broadband service at reasonably comparable rates for comparable services in urban areas.

In the table below, ENTC details 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 projects.

| <b>Recurring Monthly Prices</b>   |                          |                       |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Bundle Package</b>   | <b>Residential Price</b> | <b>Business Price</b> |
|   |                          |                       |
|   |                          |                       |
| <b>Nonrecurring Prices</b>  |                          |                       |
|   |                          |                       |
| *Nonrecurring charges are often waived or discounted during marketing of broadband services |                          |                       |

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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.”**

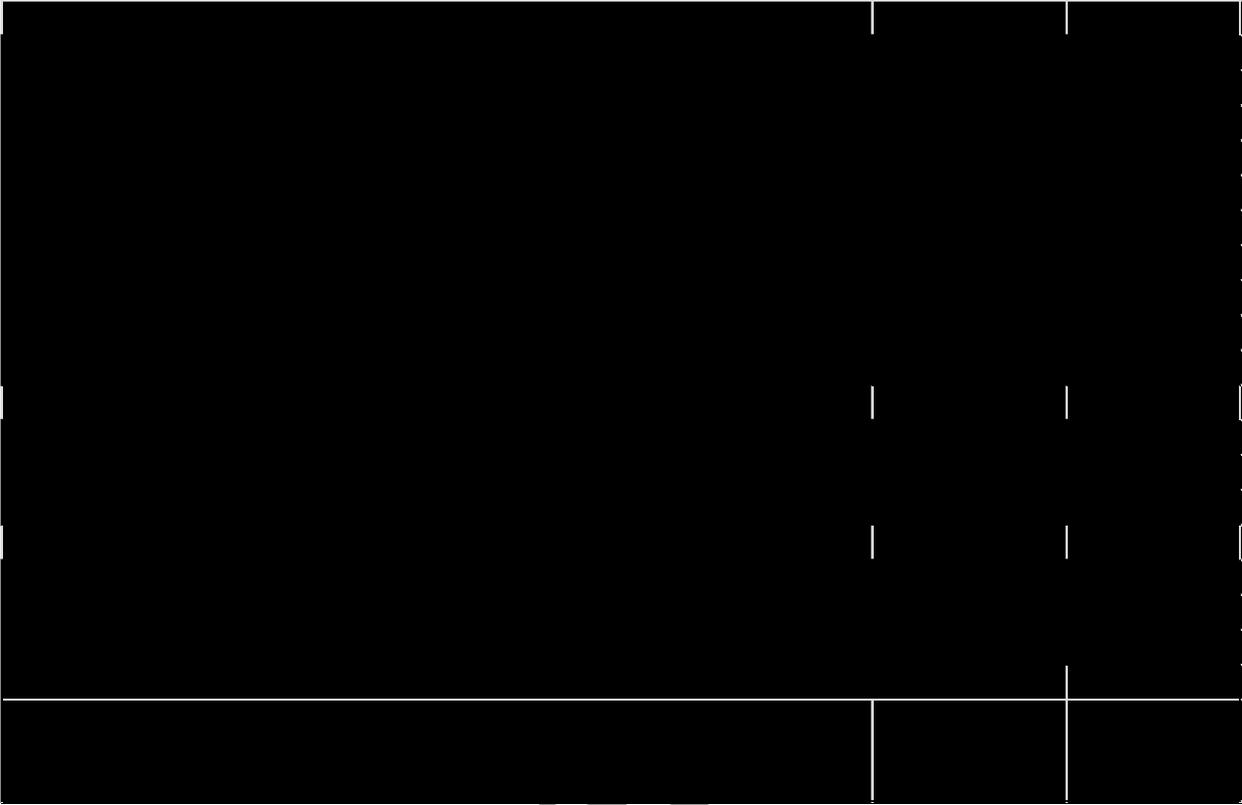
*Narrative:*

Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company is committed to offering voice services at reasonably comparable rates for comparable services in urban areas.

In the table below, ENTC details the recurring and any non-recurring pricing of the voice services offered through this project. ENTC does assess a subscriber line charge and the amount of the SLC is included in the table.

| <b>Recurring Monthly Prices</b>   |                          |                       |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Voice Service</b>  | <b>Residential Price</b> | <b>Business Price</b> |
| Access Line   |                          |                       |
| Subscriber line charge  |                          |                       |
| Subscriber line charge single line business   |                          |                       |
| Subscriber line charge multi line business  |                          |                       |
| <b>Nonrecurring Prices</b>  |                          |                       |
| Service order/installation  |                          |                       |
| *Nonrecurring charges are often waived or discounted during marketing of voice services |                          |                       |

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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:*

Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company is committed to providing the supported broadband service upon completion of the deployment to all households within the proposed project service areas for a period of no less than five years.

The proposed project areas are within Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company’s incumbent local exchange service area, and as the Carrier of Last Resort, ENTC is committed to offering a voice grade service to all customers within the proposed project service area, including access to emergency services.

[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:*

Eastern Nebraska 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.

As a successful applicant to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program, ENTC will continue to provide all required mapping data to the Commission and its vendors for its existing and new service areas so Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company’s broadband service coverage areas will be depicted on the Nebraska Broadband 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.

Eastern Nebraska 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:*

Eastern Nebraska 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.

ENTC commits to abide by all applicable Commission rules, regulations and orders.

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**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:*

Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company’s proposed budget for the entire project costs has been included with the application.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ENTC commits to provide project invoices as required based upon the completion milestones identified in NUSF 77 P.O. No. 5. ENTC further commits to fulfilling all reporting and audit requirements adopted by the Commission for oversight of the NUSF Broadband Program.

A summary of the total project cost and match amount is included below:

|                          | <b>Total Capital Budget</b> | <b>Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company 25% Match</b> | <b>NPSC 75% Grant Request</b> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>Osmond Project</b>    | [REDACTED]                  |   |                               |
| <b>Winnebago Project</b> |                             |   |                               |
| <b>Combined Project</b>  |                             |   |                               |

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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 Joe Jetensky, President of Eastern Nebraska 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 | ) |                       |
| Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company  | ) | Application No. _____ |
| Seeking Support Funding from the    | ) |                       |
| Nebraska Universal Service Fund     | ) |                       |
| Broadband Program                   | ) |                       |
|                                     | ) |                       |

**AFFIDAVIT OF JOE JETENSKY  
IN SUPPORT OF  
EASTERN NEBRASKA TELEPHONE COMPANY'S  
NEBRASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND BROADBAND PROGRAM  
GRANT APPLICATION**

I, Joe Jetensky, being of lawful age and duly sworn, state as follows:

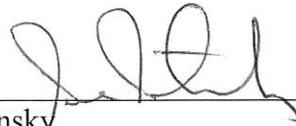
1. My name is Joe Jetensky. My business address is 1605 Washington Street, Blair, NE 68008. My title is President of Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company and I have worked for the company in this capacity since 2013. I am responsible for overseeing the daily operations of Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company, regulatory affairs, project development, network deployment decisions and general management duties of the company.
2. I submit this affidavit in support in the Matter of the Application of Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company Seeking Support Funding from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program.
3. I hereby verify that, as the President of Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company, I have reviewed the information and documentation submitted in support of Eastern Nebraska 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 Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company's application.

4. This completes my affidavit.

### VERIFICATION

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



\_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Jetensky  
President  
Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this  
17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

Merrill B. Dibben

Merrill B. Dibben (Printed Name)

Notary Public, Washington County, Nebraska

Acting in the County of Washington

My Commission Expires: April 6, 2016

