

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of the Nebraska)
Telecommunications Association for)
Investigation and Review of Processes and)
Procedures Regarding the Nebraska)
Universal Service Fund: Application to the)
Nebraska Broadband Pilot Program (NEBP))
Received from Eastern Nebraska Telephone)
Company)



DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JOE JETENSKY IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION

Q. Please state your name.

A. Joe Jetensky.

Q. Please state your position with and the name of your current employer and provide a summary of your duties.

A. I am the President/General Manager for Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company ("Eastern"). My duties include the day to day management of Eastern.

Q. Prior to assuming your current positions what was your employment background?

A. I worked at Huntel for 30 years. I held the positions of General Manager at Huntel Engineering and General Manager at Huntel Cablevision.

Q. Please describe the Applicant and its business.

A. Eastern is a common carrier subject to the jurisdiction of the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission"). Eastern holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by this Commission and operates general telecommunications businesses in Nebraska. As of December 31, 2012, Eastern served 2,553 access lines.

Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

A. My testimony is provided to support the applications filed by Eastern for funding from the Nebraska Broadband Fund. Specifically, I am supporting the application for funding for the application area near Walthill, Nebraska (“Application”).

Q. Can you please generally describe the Application?

A. The Application proposes to construct broadband infrastructure in the rural, underserved areas near Walthill, Nebraska. The proposed project service area consists of 34 square miles in the Walthill exchange area. There are 70 households in the proposed project service area that are underserved. Eastern proposed to construct a digital subscriber loop (“DSL”) infrastructure to serve the households in the proposed project area. This plan will use a large portion of Eastern’s existing copper facilities to deliver service. The proposed project infrastructure will consist of new fiber optic cable, new twisted pair copper cable, and digital loop carrier (“DLC”) electronics.

Q. What is the estimate of the potential new broadband subscribers that would be created by the Application?

A. The rural area addressed by the Application would provide service to 70 households in rural Nebraska.

Q. Are there additional details and supporting information in the Application?

A. Yes. These details are contained in the Application filed with the Commission. Additionally, Staff requested and was provided additional information.

Q. Do you support the Staff recommendation regarding the Application?

A. Yes. I appreciate the Staff's recommendation to approve the Application and believe that the Commission should adopt the Staff's recommendation regarding the Application.

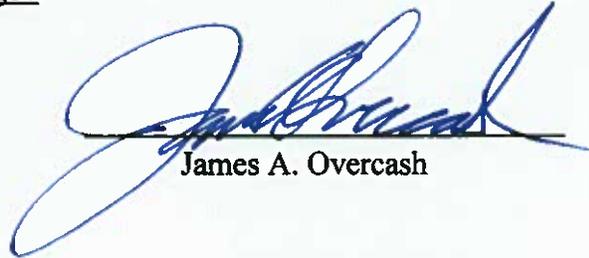
Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

A. Yes.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 27th day of September, 2013, the original, five copies, and an electronic copy of the foregoing pleading was delivered to:

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