

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska)
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to) Application No. NUSF-92.06
administer the Nebraska)
Universal Service Fund's)
Broadband Program: Application)
to the Nebraska Broadband)
Program Received from Eastern)
Nebraska Telephone Company.)

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JOE JETENSKY IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION

Q. Please state your name.

A. My name is 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 formerly was employed by HunTel Communications 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. The Commission's September 30, 2013 Annual Report to the Legislature

regarding telecommunications shows that as of December 31, 2012, Eastern served approximately 2,300 voice lines.

Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

A. My testimony is provided to support the application filed with the Commission by Eastern for funding from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program (the "Application"). Specifically, I am supporting the project included in the Application for funding of a project near Winnebago, Nebraska (the "Project").

Q. Can you please generally describe the Project area?

A. The Project encompasses a proposal to construct broadband infrastructure in rural, underserved areas near Winnebago, 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, and specifically, in the portions thereof that relate to the Project. The Application is incorporated in my testimony for reference. Additionally, Staff requested and was provided additional information to supplement the data provided in the Application.

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. I would also point out that the Application and the Project are not opposed by any third party.

Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

A. Yes.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 9th day of May, 2014, the original, five copies, and an electronic copy of the foregoing pleading was delivered to:

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