

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer the Nebraska Universal Service Fund's Broadband Program: Application to the Nebraska Broadband Program received from Rock County Telephone Company.

Application No. NUSF-92.36

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 Director of Network Operations for Rock County Telephone Company ("RCTC"). My duties include day-to-day Network Operations management of RCTC.

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. RCTC is a common carrier subject to the jurisdiction of the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission"). RCTC holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by this Commission and operates general telecommunications businesses in Nebraska. The Commission's September 30, 2014 Annual Report to the Legislature regarding telecommunications shows that as of December 31, 2013, RCTC served approximately 720 voice lines.

Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

A. My testimony is provided to support the application filed with the Commission by RCTC 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 Bassett, 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 Bassett, Nebraska. The proposed project service area consists of 120.73 square miles and 28 whole or partial census blocks in the Bassett exchange. There are 35 households in the proposed project area. Specifically, this project will include installing 35.23 miles of new fiber optic cable and 7 DLC sites. The proposed infrastructure will provide at least 4 Mbps download and 1 Mbps upload speed capability as required by the Commission for NUSF Broadband Program grant consideration. The initial investment into this proposed project service area will yield increased broadband speeds and availability; however, an additional benefit to the proposed infrastructure is that it is upgradable to Fiber-to-the-Home ("FTTH") infrastructure with the installation of additional fiber optic cable/drops and electronic cards so that RCTC can be more readily prepared to meet the future broadband needs and usage trends.

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.

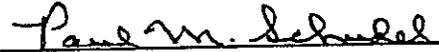
Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

A. Yes.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 16th day of June, 2015, the original, five copies, and an electronic copy of the foregoing pleading was delivered to:

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