

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-92.01  
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 )  
Arapahoe Telephone Company. )  
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In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-92.02  
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 )  
Cable TV Company of Stanton. )  
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In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-92.03  
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 )  
Cambridge Telephone Company. )  
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In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-92.04  
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 )  
CenturyLink. )  
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In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-92.05  
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 )  
Consolidate Telephone Company. )  
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In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-92.06  
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 )  
Eastern Nebraska Telephone )  
Company. )  
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In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-92.07  
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 )  
Glenwood Telephone Company. )  
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In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-92.08  
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 )  
Great Plains Communications. )  
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In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-92.09  
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 )  
Inventive Wireless of Nebraska, )  
LLC d/b/a Vistabeam. )  
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In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-92.10  
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 )  
Nebraska Central Telephone )  
Company. )  
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In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-92.11  
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 )  
N.E. Colorado Cellular, Inc., )  
d/b/a Viaero Wireless. )  
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In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-92.12  
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 )  
Pinpoint Wireless d/b/a Blaze )  
Wireless. )  
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In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-92.13  
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 )  
Raicom, Inc. )  
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In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-92.14  
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. )  
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In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-92.15  
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 )  
United State Cellular Corporation. )  
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In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. NUSF-92.16  
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 )  
Windstream Communications of )  
Nebraska. )  
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**PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF SUE VANICEK**

**Q: Please state your name for the record.**

A: Sue Vanicek, V-A-N-I-C-E-K

**Q: Where are you employed and in what capacity?**

A: I am the Director of the Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission which administers the Nebraska Universal Service Fund. I have been employed by the Commission as Director since August 14, 2008.

**Q: What Was Your Experience Prior To Your Current Position?**

A: For 14 years I was employed by Lincoln Telephone/Aliant Communications. I held a variety of positions specializing in regulatory and legislative analysis and strategic planning. There I also served as Economic Costs and Analysis Manager. In that position I was responsible for managing the development of cost information, both forward-looking and historical. After leaving Aliant, I was employed as a Senior Consultant at TELEC Consulting Resources now known as Consortia Consulting.

**Q: What Is Your Educational Background?**

A: I have Master of Arts degree in Economics and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, both from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?**

A: To make recommendations and to discuss the Department's opinion regarding the applications docketed as NUSF-92.01 through NUSF-92.16. Specifically, my testimony is related to the general adjustments made to the cost estimates filed by the companies in their applications.

**Q: What steps did the Department take when reviewing these applications?**

Staff and the Department first reviewed each application to determine whether the eligibility requirements had been met. The Commission identified seven requirements each applicant must adhere to in order to be eligible to receive NEBP program support.<sup>1</sup> In addition, staff and the Department reviewed each application to determine whether all application requirements were fulfilled. The Commission adopted fourteen application

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<sup>1</sup> See *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 No. NUSF-77 Progression Order No. 5, ORDER (November 21, 2011) ("P.O. 5") at 9.

requirements, demonstrating the requisite information for project consideration.<sup>2</sup>

The Department contacted each applicant and asked each applicant for explanation and/or to provide additional information. After preliminary internal review, staff and the Department held individual phone conferences with each applicant as necessary seeking clarification of various application specific issues. Pursuant to these discussions, application supplements were provided by applicants as needed.

**Q: In general what are the Department's recommended modifications?**

All applications were reviewed to determine whether they contained requests for ongoing operating expenses and/or categories of expenditures that the Department recommends should not be funded. The Department identified sales taxes. The Department recommends these costs be removed. Consistent with the recommendation of the Department, staff used the adjusted amounts in the methodology described by Mr. Frost in his testimony.

Based upon the application supplements received and the adjustments recommended above, the Department recommends the Commission find each application to be in conformance with the Commission's application requirements and eligible for consideration of support subject to the

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<sup>2</sup> See *In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its Own Motion, to Administer the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program*, Application No. NUSF-92, ORDER (December 10, 2013) ("NUSF-92") at Appendix A.

modifications made by the Department and the methodology described by Mr. Frost in his testimony.

**Q: Do you have anything further to add at this time?**

A: Not at this time.