

COMMUNICATIONS & NEBRASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND AGENDA

November 19, 2024

10:00 AM

- C-5600 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Precision Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program in the 2024-2025 program year.
- C-5569 In the Matter of the Application of Stratus Networks, Inc., Peoria, Illinois, seeking authority to provide competitive local exchange telecommunications services within the State of Nebraska.
- C-5605 In the Matter of the Application of Keenan Wieseler, St. Helena, seeking authority to receive telecommunications service from the Hartington Exchange of Hartington Telecommunications, Co., Inc.
- C-5608 In the Matter of the Application of Sheila Schieffer, Mike Stevens, and Rita Schumacher, Crofton, each seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Hartington Exchange of Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.

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INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

- NUSF-33 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate the audit requirements related to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund.
- NUSF-92.59 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program; application to the Nebraska Broadband Program received from N.E. Colorado Cellular, Inc., d/b/a Viaero Wireless.
- NUSF-131,
PO #3 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to establish reverse auction procedures and requirements

NUSF/TRS LATE-FILED CARRIERS

PNG Telecommunications, Inc., Gabb Wireless, Inc. and Ooma, Inc.

REPORTS

NUSF Fund Status Report

DISCUSSION

Communications Pending Applications

Filed	Appl #	Summary	Att	Protest	Hearing	Officer
7/9/2024	911-78/DC-104/C-5596	Windstream	Sara Hulac			
2/7/2017	C-4892	Show Cause for Centurylink	Shana Knutson	3/13/2017	3/28/2017	Tim Schram
2/22/2017	C-4893/PI-207	Redundancy and testing investigation	Shana Knutson	3/27/2017		
2/5/2019	C-5037/PI-223	NPSC/CenturyLink/Service Quality	Shana Knutson	3/9/2019	8/19/2020	Mary Ridder
8/6/2019	C-5069/PI-226	LB 641	Jonathan Smith	9/9/2019		
6/8/2021	C-5272	Broadband Bridge Act Program	Sallie Dietrich		6/7/2023	Dan Watermeier
1/4/2022	C-5368	Broadband Bridge Act Program 2022	Sallie Dietrich		3/22/2022	Tim Schram
12/6/2022	C-5461/PI-244	Dark fiber	Sallie Dietrich		9/19/2023	Eric Kamler
3/7/2023	C-5484	Broadband Bridge Act Program 2023	Sallie Dietrich		9/17/2024	Dan Watermeier
3/21/2023	C-5493/PI-245	FCC Prohibited Communications Equipment Attestations	Jonathan Smith		5/10/2023	Christian Mirch
7/5/2023	C-5520/PI-246	FCC Prohibited Communications Equipment Attestations to all Communications Providers	Jonathan Smith			
8/29/2023	C-5529	Precision Agriculture Grant Act	Sallie Dietrich		10/26/2023	Eric Kamler
2/6/2024	C-5561	Broadband Bridge Act Program 2024	Sallie Dietrich		3/26/2024	Dan Watermeier
4/3/2024	C-5564/PI-250	Service outage reporting requirements	Sallie Dietrich		9/30/2024	Christian Mirch
3/21/2024	C-5569	CLEC Authority/Stratus Networks, Inc.	Jonathan Smith	4/29/2024		Christian Mirch
8/6/2024	C-5600	Precision Agriculture Grant Act 2024-2025	Sallie Dietrich		10/1/2024	Eric Kamler
7/19/2024	C-5601	Boundary change/Michael and Bethany Hansmire/Windstream/Great Plains	Shana Knutson	8/23/2024		
7/25/2024	C-5602	Boundary change/Cindy Melcher/Windstream/Great Plains	Jonathan Smith	8/29/2024		
8/27/2024	C-5605	Boundary change/Keenan Wieseler/Hartington/Great Plains	Shana Knutson	9/30/2024		
9/11/2024	C-5607	IXC Authority/Applied Connective Technologies, LLC	Sallie Dietrich	10/21/2024		
9/16/2024	C-5608	Boundary change/Schieffer/Stevens/Schumacher/Hartington/Great Plains	Shana Knutson	10/28/2024		
10/9/2024	C-5609	IXC & CLEC Authority/ImOn Communications, LLC	Jonathan Smith	11/13/2024		Christian Mirch
10/15/2024	C-5610	IXC & CLEC Withdrawal/Windstream IT-Comm, LLC	Sallie Dietrich	11/21/2024		
10/29/2024	C-5611	Boundary change/Sandra Roes/Hemingford/CenturyLink	Sallie Dietrich	12/4/2024		
10/29/2024	C-5612	Boundary change/Curtis Nixon/Hemingford/CenturyLink	Sallie Dietrich	12/4/2024		
10/29/2024	C-5613	Boundary change/Scott and Caitlin Schaefer/Hemingford/CenturyLink	Sallie Dietrich	12/4/2024		
10/29/2024	C-5614	Boundary change/Nancy Nixon/Hemingford/CenturyLink	Sallie Dietrich	12/4/2024		
10/29/2024	C-5615	Boundary change/Rick and Betsy Horstman/Hemingford/CenturyLink	Sallie Dietrich	12/4/2024		
11/7/2024	C-5616	CLEC & IXC authority/Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	Shana Knutson	12/14/2024		
Filed	Appl #	Summary	Att	Protest	Hearing	Officer
2/6/2018	ADC-14	Complaint aganst Central Marketing Services	Sallie Dietrich			
Filed	Appl #	Summary	Att	Protest	Hearing	Officer
12/13/2022	CPF-1	Capital Projects Funds	Shana Knutson			Tim Schram
8/15/2023	CPF-2	Capital Project Funds	Shana Knutson			Tim Schram

Universal Service Pending Applications

<u>Docket</u>	<u>Date Opened/ Received</u>	<u>Protest Date</u>	<u>Hrg. Officer</u>	<u>Atty</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Comments</u>
NUSF-2, PO #12	7/27/2021			SD	To establish guidelines for the administration of NE Telephone Assistance Program	Pending	Comments due September 21, 2021; Reply Comments due October 5, 2021
NUSF-4, PO #30				SK	Determine level of Fund necessary to carry out NE Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act beginning 7-1-2024	Pending	Public Hearing scheduled Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 1:30 p.m./ CHR
NUSF-32.19	7/12/2022		Schram	TM	Seeking to conduct an inquiry into failure by inContact, Inc., to comply with Commission Rules or Orders and impose administrative fine	Pending	Sustaining Show Cause & Assess Civil Penalties
NUSF-33/PI-68				SK	Seeking to Investigate audit requirements related to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund	Pending	Due date extended to 2-28-2025 for those audits otherwise due on 12-31-2024
NUSF-37.448	8/6/2024			JS	Cullen Robbins, Director, Complainant, v CallTower, Inc., Respondent, for late-filing of the NUSF worksheets/payments	Pending	
NUSF-37.451	10/29/2024			JS	Cullen Robbins, Director, Complainant, v Net2Phone 2.0 America, Inc., Respondent, for late-filing of the NUSF worksheets/payments	Pending	
NUSF-57, PO #9	6/27/2006		Mirch	SK	Seeking to administer the Nebraska Telehealth Program	Pending	Filing deadline extended to July 29, 2024
NUSF-91	8/13/2013			SD	To increase broadband adoption among low-income consumers through the development of a Nebraska broadband telephone assistance program	Pending	Held in abeyance
NUSF-92, PO #16	4/19/2023			SK	To administer the NUSF Broadband Program	Pending	Grant application window opens November 18, 2024 and closed January 13, 2025.
NUSF-99, PO #2	10/15/2014		Schram	SK	To administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program	Pending	Price Cap Carriers' Project Selections due 4-1-2024
NUSF-108, PO #7	10/19/2021			SK	Seeking to make adjustments to the high-cost distribution mechanism and revise reporting requirements	Pending	On-going
NUSF-131, PO #3	8/29/2021		Schram	SD	To establish reverse auction procedures and requirements	Pending	Post-Auction Commitment Forms due 10-25-2024 @ 5:00 p.m.
NUSF-133	3/15/2022		Watermeier	SD	To implement standards of verification of broadband service coverage/speed data	Pending	Waivers of speed testing requirements due February 28th @ year testing is required.
NUSF-139	8/29/2023		Schram	SK	Consider modification to high-cost distribution of NUSF in light of federal/state infrastructure grants	Pending	Comments on proposed 2025 transitional high-cost distribution mechanism are due November 26, 2024. A Hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, 12-5-2024 at 10:00 a.m. / CHR

11/7/2024

Tariffs

<i>Carrier Name</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Date Filed</i>	<i>Date Effective</i>
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	Reduce the nonrecurring charge and reduce the period of days offered for Basic Intercept Service.	10/23/2024	11/2/2024
Securus Technologies, LLC	Modify tariff to come into compliance with new FCC requirements.	10/23/2024	11/19/2024
Unite Private Networks, LLC	Replacement Tariff with additional name.	11/4/2024	11/14/2024
Viaero Fiber Networks	Initial Tariff	11/14/2024	11/24/2024

Monthly NUSF Snapshot

As of:

9/30/2024

NUSF Payments

Amounts in thousand of \$

	Current Month	Year to Date
High Cost	\$1,794	\$16,149
Lifeline	\$3	\$30
Telehealth	\$0	\$67
E-Rate	\$0	\$24
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Grant	\$689	\$29,355
NUSF-92	\$257	\$4,443
NUSF-92 PO10	\$0	\$0
NUSF-99	\$0	\$11,632
NUSF-108	\$412	\$2,776
E-Rate	\$20	\$24
NUSF-131	\$0	\$10,481
Grand Total	\$2,486	\$45,626

NUSF Remittances

Amounts in thousand of \$

	Current Month	Year to Date
Reported Remittances	\$3,984	\$35,665
Prepaid Remittances	\$275	\$2,467
Grand Total	\$4,259	\$38,132

Committed and Outstanding Grants

Amounts in thousand of \$

		Committed Balance
92	92-2016: Broadband Adoption	\$48
	92-2016: NEBP	\$129
	92-2019: Wireless	\$446
	92-2020: Wireless	\$2,853
	92-2021: Wireless	\$1,967
	92-2022: Wireless	\$4,409
	92-2023: Wireless	\$2,014
92 Committed	92 Committed-2020: BB Adoption/COVID	\$772
99	99-2018: NEBP	\$9,632
	99-2020: NEBP	\$3,993
	99-2021: NEBP	\$5,555
	99-2022: NEBP	\$18,703
	99-2023: NEBP	\$13,687
99 Committed	99 Committed-2023: NEBP	\$2,292
	99 Committed-2024: NEBP	-\$4,725
108	108-2021: NEBP	\$869
	108-2022: NEBP	\$2,735
	108-2023: NEBP	\$5,241
	108-2024: NEBP	\$2,646
108 Committed	108 Committed-2022: NEBP	\$340
	108 Committed-2023: NEBP	\$3,042
	108 Committed-2024: NEBP	\$950
131 Committed	131 Committed-2023: NEBP-RO	\$880
	131 Committed-2024: NEBP-RO	\$18,405
Grand Total		\$96,886

NUSF Balance

Amounts in thousand of \$

as of

9/30/2024	EOP Adjusted Balance	\$	123,575
	Committed Balance	\$	107,390
	Uncommitted Balance	\$	16,186