## COMMUNICATIONS & NEBRASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND AGENDA

# December 17, 2024 10:00 AM

### BROADBAND

| CPF-1       | In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the federal Capital Projects Funds for broadband development in Nebraska.                          |
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| NUSF-37.448 | Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund<br>Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant,<br>v. CallTower, Inc., Respondent.                           |
| NUSF-37.451 | Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund<br>Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant,<br>v. Net2Phone 2.0 America, Inc., Respondent.               |
| NUSF-37.454 | Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund<br>Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant,<br>v. Ooma, Inc., Respondent.                                |
| NUSF-108    | In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to make adjustments to its high-cost distribution mechanism and to make revisions to its reporting requirements. |

## REPORTS

## 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 |  |
| 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  |            |                 |  |
| 10/9/2024  | C-5609               | IXC & CLEC Authority/ImOn Communications, LLC  | Jonathan Smith  | 11/13/2024 |            | Christian Mirch |  |
| 11/7/2024  | C-5616               | CLEC & IXC authority/Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company                            | Shana Knutson   | 12/14/2024 |            |                 |  |
| 11/18/2024 | C-5617               | Boundary change/Alan & Jeanette Koelling/Nebraska Central Telephone Company/Frontier | Jonathan Smith  | 12/30/2024 |            |                 |  |
| 11/18/2024 | C-5618               | Boundary change/Chris Tramp/Hartington/Great Plains Shana Knuts                      |                 | 12/27/2024 |            |                 |  |
| 11/21/2024 | C-5619               | Boundary change/Brian Samuelson/Hamilton/Windstream Sallie Dietrich                  |                 | 12/30/2024 |            |                 |  |
| 11/21/2024 | C-5620               | Boundary change/Jared & Kelli Hodgson/Glenwood Telephone/Windstream                  | Jonathan Smith  | 12/30/2024 |            |                 |  |
| 11/25/2024 | C-5621               | FiberComm, L.C. to add trade name ImOn Shana Knutson                                 |                 | 1/2/2025   |            |                 |  |
| 11/26/2024 | C-5622               | Boundary change/John Schwader/Hartington/Great Plains Sallie Dietrich                |                 | 1/6/2025   |            |                 |  |
| 12/3/2024  | C-5623               | CLEC Authority/TJ Cable & Underground Services LLC                                   | Jonathan Smith  | 1/8/2025   |            |                 |  |
| 12/4/2024  | C-5624               | CLEC withdrawal/Sirius Computer Solutions, LLC                                       | Shana Knutson   | 1/9/2025   |            |                 |  |
| 12/5/2024  | C-5626               | Boundary change/Anne Bohan/Hamilton/CenturyLink                                      | Sallie Dietrich |            |            |                 |  |
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| 2/6/2018   | ADC-14               | Complaint aganst Central Marketing Services  | Sallie Dietrich |            |            |                 |  |
|            |                      |  |                 |            |            |                 |  |
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| 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>      | Date Opened/<br>Received | Protest Hrg. Of Date | icer Atty | <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                | Schra                | m TM      | Seeking to conduct an inquiry into failure by inContact, Inc., to comply with<br>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-<br>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-37.453        | 11/19/2024               |                      | JS        | Cullen Robbins, Director, Complainant, v Gabb Wireless, Inc., Respondent, for late-filling of the NUSF worksheets/payments                 | Pending       |  |
| NUSF-37.454        | 11/19/2024               |                      | JS        | Cullen Robbins, Director, Complainant, v Ooma, Inc., Respondent, for late-filing of the NUSF worksheets/payments                           | Pending       |  |
| NUSF-57, PO #9     | 6/27/2006                | Mirc                 | n 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 opensNovember 18, 2024 and closed January 13, 2025.   |
| NUSF-99, PO #2     | 10/15/2014               | Schra                | m SK      | To administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program   | Pending       | Price Cap Carriers' Project Selections due 4-1-2024  |
| NUSF-108, PO<br>#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                | Schra                | m 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                | Waterm               | eier 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                | Schra                | m 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 forThursday, 12-5-2024 at 10:00 a.m. / CHR |

12/10/2024