

**COMMUNICATIONS & NEBRASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND AGENDA**

**January 14, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

- C-5561 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program in the 2024 program year.
- C-5564/  
PI-250 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to review and consider modifications to the Commission's service outage reporting requirements.
- C-5618 In the Matter of the Application of Chris Tramp, Crofton, seeking authority to receive telecommunications service from the Hartington Exchange of Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.
- C-5621 In the Matter of the Application of FiberComm, L.C., Charlotte, North Carolina, seeking authority to add the trade name ImOn.
- C-5622 In the Matter of the Application of John Schwader, Crofton, seeking authority to receive telecommunications service from the Hartington Exchange of Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.

**BROADBAND**

**UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND**

- NUSF-37.448 In the Matter of Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. CallTower, Inc., Respondent.
- NUSF-139 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to consider appropriate modifications to the high-cost distribution and reporting mechanisms in its Universal Service Fund program, in light of federal and state infrastructure grants.

**REPORTS**

NUSF Fund Status 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		
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 Knutson	12/27/2024		
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		
12/19/2024	C-5626	Boundary change/Anne Bohan/Hamilton/CenturyLink	Sallie Dietrich	1/22/2025		
12/10/2024	C-5627	Transfer of control/Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska d/b/a Frontier Communications of Nebraska, Inc./Verizon Communications, Inc.	Sallie Dietrich	1/17/2025		
1/6/2025	C-5628	Boundary change/Matthew Green/Hamilton/CenturyLink	Shana Knutson			
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-37.453	11/19/2024			JS	Cullen Robbins, Director, Complainant, v Gabb Wireless, 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

1/8/2025

# Monthly NUSF Snapshot

As of:

10/31/2024

## NUSF Payments

Amounts in thousand of \$

	Current Month	Year to Date
<b>High Cost</b>	<b>\$1,794</b>	<b>\$17,943</b>
<b>Lifeline</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>Telehealth</b>	<b>\$1</b>	<b>\$68</b>
<b>E-Rate</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$24</b>
E-Rate	\$0	\$24
<b>Grant</b>	<b>\$1,482</b>	<b>\$30,837</b>
NUSF-92	\$1,482	\$5,924
NUSF-92 PO10	\$0	\$0
NUSF-99	\$0	\$11,632
NUSF-108	\$0	\$2,776
E-Rate	\$0	\$24
NUSF-131	\$0	\$10,481
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,276</b>	<b>\$48,902</b>

## NUSF Remittances

Amounts in thousand of \$

	Current Month	Year to Date
Reported Remittances	\$3,951	\$39,647
Prepaid Remittances	\$278	\$2,746
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$4,229</b>	<b>\$42,392</b>

## Committed and Outstanding Grants

Amounts in thousand of \$

		Committed Balance
<b>92</b>	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	\$4,301
	92-2023: Wireless	\$2,014
	92-2024: Wireless	\$4,120
<b>92 Committed</b>	92 Committed-2020: BB Adoption/COVID	\$772
<b>99</b>	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
<b>99 Committed</b>	99 Committed-2023: NEBP	\$2,292
	99 Committed-2024: NEBP	-\$3,150
<b>108</b>	108-2021: NEBP	\$869
	108-2022: NEBP	\$2,735
	108-2023: NEBP	\$5,241
	108-2024: NEBP	\$2,646
<b>108 Committed</b>	108 Committed-2022: NEBP	\$340
	108 Committed-2023: NEBP	\$3,042
	108 Committed-2024: NEBP	\$1,344
<b>131 Committed</b>	131 Committed-2023: NEBP-RO	\$880
	131 Committed-2024: NEBP-RO	\$18,405
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$102,866</b>

## NUSF Balance

Amounts in thousand of \$

as of

<b>10/31/2024</b>	EOP Adjusted Balance	\$	124,396
	Committed Balance	\$	113,370
	<b>Uncommitted Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,026</b>

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As of:

11/30/2024

## NUSF Payments

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<b>High Cost</b>	<b>\$1,794</b>	<b>\$19,737</b>
<b>Lifeline</b>	<b>\$3</b>	<b>\$33</b>
<b>Telehealth</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$68</b>
<b>E-Rate</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$24</b>
E-Rate	\$0	\$24
<b>Grant</b>	<b>\$8,274</b>	<b>\$39,111</b>
NUSF-92	\$418	\$6,343
NUSF-92 PO10	\$0	\$0
NUSF-99	\$0	\$11,632
NUSF-108	\$341	\$3,116
E-Rate	\$0	\$24
NUSF-131	\$7,515	\$17,996
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$10,071</b>	<b>\$58,973</b>

## NUSF Remittances

Amounts in thousand of \$

	Current Month	Year to Date
Reported Remittances	\$3,911	\$43,558
Prepaid Remittances	\$278	\$3,023
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$4,189</b>	<b>\$46,581</b>

## Committed and Outstanding Grants

Amounts in thousand of \$

		Committed Balance
<b>92</b>	92-2016: Broadband Adoption	\$48
	92-2016: NEBP	\$129
	92-2019: Wireless	\$446
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	92-2021: Wireless	\$1,967
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	99-2021: NEBP	\$5,555
	99-2022: NEBP	\$18,703
	99-2023: NEBP	\$13,687
<b>99 Committed</b>	99 Committed-2023: NEBP	\$2,292
	99 Committed-2024: NEBP	-\$1,575
<b>108</b>	108-2021: NEBP	\$869
	108-2022: NEBP	\$896
	108-2023: NEBP	\$5,012
	108-2024: NEBP	\$2,646
<b>108 Committed</b>	108 Committed-2023: NEBP	\$3,042
	108 Committed-2024: NEBP	\$1,713
<b>131 Committed</b>	131 Committed-2023: NEBP-RO	\$880
	131 Committed-2024: NEBP-RO	\$3,375
<b>131</b>	131-2022: NEBP-RO	\$23
	131-2024: NEBP-RO	\$17,996
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$104,973</b>

## NUSF Balance

Amounts in thousand of \$

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<b>11/30/2024</b>	EOP Adjusted Balance	\$	118,760
	Committed Balance	\$	104,973
	<b>Uncommitted Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,786</b>