

COMMUNICATIONS & NEBRASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND AGENDA

March 11, 2025

10:00 AM

- C-5631 In the Matter of the Application of Mona Buschelman, Fordyce, Nebraska, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications capability service from the Hartington Exchange of Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.
- C-5634 In the Matter of the Application of Laura Steffen, Fordyce, Nebraska, seeking authority to receive telecommunications service from the Hartington Exchange of Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.
- C-5636 In the Matter of the Joint Application of FiberComm, L.C. and ImOn Communications, LLC, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, seeking approval of a transfer of control.

BROADBAND

- 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.

AUTO DIALERS

- ADC-14 In the Matter of Cullen Robbins, Director of the Communications Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, complainant, v. Central Marketing Services, Respondent.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

- NUSF-1,
PO #7 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own Motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Mitel Cloud Services

NUSF Advisory Board New Appointments:

- NUSF-133 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement standards for the verification of broadband service provider coverage and speed data.

NUSF/TRS LATE-FILED CARRIERS

REPORTS

NUSF Fund Status Report

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		
12/3/2024	C-5623	CLEC Authority/TJ Cable & Underground Services LLC	Jonathan Smith	1/8/2025		
1/22/2025	C-5625	TRS Surcharge 2025	Jonathan Smith		3/11/2025	Tim Schram
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	3/25/2025	Eric Kamler
1/16/2025	C-5631	Boundary change/Mona Buschelman/Hartington/Great Plains	Shana Knutson	2/21/2025		
1/21/2025	C-5634	Boundary change/Laura Steffen/Hartington/Great Plains	Shana Knutson	2/28/2025		
1/29/2025	C-5635	Debt financing/Arlington Telephone Company, The Blair Telephone Company, Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company, Rock County Telephone Company and HunTel Cablevision Inc. d/b/a American Broadband Nebraska Communications, Inc., all d/b/a Fastwyre Broadband	Sallie Dietrich	3/5/2025		
1/31/2025	C-5636	Transfer of control/FiberComm, L.C./ImOn Communications, LLC	Jonathan Smith	3/7/2025		
2/3/2025	C-5637	Boundary change/Andy Reinhardt, Zach Zimmer & Sandra Messersmith/Hartington/Great Plains	Shana Knutson	3/12/2025		
2/27/2025	C-5638	Discontinue provisioning of long-distance voice services/Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc.	Sallie Dietrich	4/7/2025		
3/4/2025	C-5640	Broadband Bridge Act Program 2025	Sallie Dietrich			
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	SK	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-32.22			Schram	SK	Seeking to conduct an inquiry into failure by various companies, to comply with Commission Rules or Orders and impose administrative fine	Pending	Schedule Show Cause Hearing for April 15, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., Commission Hearing Room,
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-37.455	1/28/2025			JS	Cullen Robbins, Director, Complainant, v Estech Systems Inc., Respondent, for late-filing of the NUSF worksheets/payments	Pending	
NUSF-37.456	1/28/2025			JS	Cullen Robbins, Director, Complainant, v Skye Telecom, LLC, Respondent, for late-filing of the NUSF worksheets/payments	Pending	
NUSF-37.457	1/28/2025			JS	Cullen Robbins, Director, Complainant, v Greenfly Networks, 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	
NUSF-143	2/4/2025			SK	Seeking to implement policies related to dedicated universal service support for wireless telecommunications services	Pending	Initial Comments due March 3, 2025 with reply comments due March 28, 2025

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Monthly NUSF Snapshot

As of:

12/31/2024

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NUSF Payments		
Amounts in thousand of \$		
	Current Month	Year to Date
High Cost	\$1,794	\$21,531
Lifeline	\$3	\$35
Telehealth	\$6	\$74
E-Rate	\$0	\$24
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Grant	\$5,189	\$44,300
NUSF-92	\$0	\$6,343
NUSF-92 PO10	\$0	\$0
NUSF-99	\$4,898	\$16,530
NUSF-108	\$291	\$3,407
E-Rate	\$0	\$24
NUSF-131	\$0	\$17,996
Grand Total	\$6,992	\$65,966

NUSF Remittances		
Amounts in thousand of \$		
	Current Month	Year to Date
Reported Remittances	\$3,955	\$47,518
Prepaid Remittances	\$281	\$3,304
Grand Total	\$4,235	\$50,822

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	\$3,883
	92-2023: Wireless	\$2,014
	92-2024: Wireless	\$4,120
92 Committed	92 Committed-2020: BB Adoption/COVID	\$772
99	99-2018: NEBP	\$4,735
	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
108	108-2021: NEBP	\$869
	108-2022: NEBP	\$896
	108-2023: NEBP	\$5,012
	108-2024: NEBP	\$2,646
108 Committed	108 Committed-2023: NEBP	\$3,042
	108 Committed-2024: NEBP	\$2,107
131 Committed	131 Committed-2023: NEBP-RO	\$880
	131 Committed-2024: NEBP-RO	\$3,375
131	131-2022: NEBP-RO	\$23
	131-2024: NEBP-RO	\$17,996
Grand Total		\$102,044

NUSF Balance

Amounts in thousand of \$

as of

12/31/2024	EOP Adjusted Balance	\$	115,773
	Committed Balance	\$	102,044
	Uncommitted Balance	\$	13,728