

COMMUNICATIONS & NEBRASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND AGENDA

March 25, 2025

10:00 AM

C-5637

In the Matter of the Application of Andy Reinhardt, Zach Zimmer, and Sandra Messersmith, of Crofton, Nebraska, each seeking authority to receive telecommunications service from the Hartington Exchange of Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.

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NUSF/TRS LATE-FILED REMITTANCES

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REPORTS

DISCUSSION

Communications Pending Applications

| Filed | Appl # | Summary | Att | Protest | Hearing | Officer |
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| 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 |
| 1/29/2025 | 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 | | Eric Kamler |
| 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 | | |
| 3/6/2025 | C-5639/NUSF-144 | ETC Lifeline & NTAP/TracFone Wireless, Inc. | Shana Knutson | 4/18/2025 | | |
| 3/4/2025 | C-5640 | Broadband Bridge Act Program 2025 | Sallie Dietrich | | 4/7/2025 | Dan Watermeier |
| 3/6/2025 | C-5641 | IXC & CLEC Authority/Zayo Northeast, LLC | Jonathan Smith | 4/10/2025 | | |
| 3/6/2025 | C-5642 | Transfer of control/Zayo Group, LLC/Zayo Northeast, LLC | Jonathan Smith | 4/10/2025 | | |
| 3/12/2025 | C-5643 | Boundary change/Abel Martinez/Hartington/Great Plains | Sallie Dietrich | 4/16/2025 | | |
| 3/18/2025 | C-5644 | IXC & CLEC Withdrawal/HunTel Communications, Inc. | Shana Knutson | 4/21/2025 | | |
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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> | <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> |
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| 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-37.458 | 3/18/2025 | | | JS | Cullen Robbins, Director, Complainant, v CallShaper, LLC, Respondent, for late-filing of the NUSF worksheets/payments | Pending | |
| NUSF-37.459 | 3/18/2025 | | | JS | Cullen Robbins, Director, Complainant, v Zultys Inc., Respondent, for late-filing of the NUSF worksheets/payments | Pending | |
| NUSF-37.460 | 3/18/2025 | | | JS | Cullen Robbins, Director, Complainant, v Dagobah System, Inc., Respondent, for late-filing of the NUSF worksheets/payments | Pending | |
| NUSF-37.461 | 3/18/2025 | | | JS | Cullen Robbins, Director, Complainant, v Discount Long Distance, Respondent, for late-filing of the NUSF worksheets/payments | Pending | |
| NUSF-37.462 | 3/18/2025 | | | JS | Cullen Robbins, Director, Complainant, v Hyp0ercube Networks, LLC., Respondent, for late-filing of the NUSF worksheets/payments | Pending | |
| NUSF-37.463 | 3/18/2025 | | | 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-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 |