

COMMUNICATIONS & NEBRASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND AGENDA

April 29, 2025

10:00 AM

C-5600 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motions, to administer the Precision Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program in the 2024-2025 program year.

C-5643 In the Matter of the Application of Abel Martinez, Fordyce, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Hartington Exchange of Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.

C-5644 In the Matter of the Application of HunTel Communications, Inc., Blair, Nebraska, seeking authority to withdraw its local and interexchange certificates of authority and cancel its tariffs.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

NUSF-37.455 In the Matter of Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Estech Systems, Inc., Respondent.

NUSF-37.462 In the Matter of Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. HyperCube Networks, LLC, Respondent.

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		
12/3/2024	C-5623	CLEC Authority/TJ Cable & Underground Services LLC	Jonathan Smith	1/8/2025		
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	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	6/2/2025	Eric Kamler
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		
4/8/2025	C-5647	Withdraw IXC & CLEC Authority/FiberComm, L.C.	Shana Knutson	5/12/2025		
4/8/2025	C-5648	Boundary change/Dean Jansen/Hartington/Great Plains	Jonathan Smith	5/12/2025		
4/11/2025	C-5649/NUSF-145	ETC Withdrawal/United States Cellular Corporation	Sallie Dietrich	5/16/2025		
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-4, PO 31				SK	Determine level of funding necessary to carry out the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act beginning 7-1-2025		Order setting Hearing May 6, 2025 at 1:30 in Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln.
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-37.460	3/18/2025			JS	Cullen Robbins, Director, Complainant, v Dagobah System, Inc., Respondent, for late-filing of the NUSF worksheets/payments	Pending	
NUSF-37.462	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 #10	6/27/2006		Mirch	SK	Seeking to administer the Nebraska Telehealth Program	Pending	FY2025 filing dealdine extended 60 days
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-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	Order seeking comments due May 6, 2025 and, setting a hearing for May 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
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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Tariffs

<i>Carrier Name</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Date Filed</i>	<i>Date Effective</i>
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	Change conditions and increase the rate for Vacation Get Away Service.	4/14/2025	4/25/2025