

**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 |            |                 |
|            |                      |   |                 |           |            |                 |
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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/<br/>Received</u> | <u>Protest<br/>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><b>Carrier Name</b></i>                         | <i><b>Description</b></i>   | <i><b>Date<br/>Filed</b></i> | <i><b>Date<br/>Effective</b></i> |
|--|---|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Citizens Telecommunications<br>Company of Nebraska | Change conditions and increase the rate for<br>Vacation Get Away Service. | 4/14/2025                    | 4/25/2025                        |