

COMMUNICATIONS & NEBRASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND AGENDA

June 16, 2026

10:00 AM

- C-5706 In the Matter of the Application of Nebraska Central Telecom, Inc. d/b/a NCTC Long Distance, Inc., Aurora, Nebraska, seeking authority to withdraw its interexchange certificate of authority and cancel its tariff.
- C-5707 In the Matter of the Application of AccessLine Communications Corporation d/b/a Voice Telco Services, Inc., Sunnyvale, California, seeking authority to withdraw its interexchange certificate of authority and cancel its tariff

BROADBAND

- C-5484 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program in the 2023 program year. **Pinpoint Communications, Inc.**
Rural Beatrice 2 Project.
- C-5484 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program in the 2023 program year. **Allo Communications, LLC**
- C-5484 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program in the 2023 program year. **Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc ("Hartelco")**
- C-5529 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement the Precision Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Act. **Ference Agronomy**
- CPF-1 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the federal Capital Projects Funds for broadband development in Nebraska. **Allo**
- CPF-2 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the federal Capital Projects Funds for broadband development in Nebraska. **Allo**

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- NUSF-4 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to determine the level of the fund necessary to carry out the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act beginning July 1, 2026.
- NUSF-57 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer the Nebraska Telehealth Program.
- NUSF-108 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to make adjustments to its high-cost distribution mechanism and to make revisions to its reporting requirements. **Pierce Telephone Company, Inc.**

NUSF/TRS REMITTANCE COMPLAINTS

- NUSF-37.480 Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Tube Inc., Respondent.
- NUSF-37.481 Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Unitas Global Inc., Respondent.
- TRS-40 Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Tube Inc., Respondent.

REPORTS

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Tariff Summary

DISCUSSION

Report on Telecommunications Complaints and Outages received by the Communications Department during the preceding month:

Communications Pending Applications

Filed	Appl #	Summary	Att	Protest	Hearing	Officer
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		
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		3/31/2026	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		
8/7/2025	C-5667/PI-255	Review of pending Lumen/AT&T merger	Sallie Dietrich		3/3/2026	Tim Schram
8/11/2025	C-5669	Boundary change/Haleigh Eschliman/Nebraska Central Telephone Company/CenturyLink	Shana Knutson	9/15/2025		
11/8/2025	C-5682/PI-257	Review of merger between Windstream entities and Uniti Group, LLC	Sallie Dietrich		5/5/2026	Dan Watermeier
12/16/2025	C-5685/PI-259	Investigation of railroad crossing fees	Shana Knutson			
12/19/2025	C-5687	Transfer of Control/Anacoco Capital Partners, LLC and ABC Parent Holdings LP/American Broadband Holding Company/Fastwyre Broadband	Sallie Dietrich	1/26/2026	4/27/2026	Eric Kamler
2/3/2026	C-5692/NUSF-151	ETC Lifeline & NTAP/LTE Wireless, Inc.	Joselyn Luedtke	3/11/2026		Tim Schram
4/27/2026	C-5698	Transfer of control/Dish Wireless LLC/Neyland Networks, L.L.C.	Sallie Dietrich	6/1/2026		
4/10/2026	C-5699	IXC & CLEC Authority/NextCity Networks Nebraska, LLC	Sallie Dietrich	5/20/2026		
6/2/2026	C-5701/DC-106	2025 Annual Reports	Joselyn Luedtke		7/15/2026	Eric Kamler
5/1/2026	C-5705	Windstream Nebraska, Inc./Seeking to deregulate its Lincoln exchange	Sallie Dietrich	6/8/2026	6/29/2026	Dan Watermeier
5/6/2026	C-5706	IXC Withdrawal/Nebraska Central Telecom, Inc. d/b/a NCTC Long Distance, Inc.	Jonathan Smith	6/10/2026		
5/7/2026	C-5707	IXC Withdrawal/AccessLine Communications Corporation	Sallie Dietrich	6/11/2026		
5/26/2026	C-5708	Transfer of control/Spectrotel Ultimate Holdings, LLC/Airespring, Inc./Spectrum Aggregator, LP/Spectrotel of the West, LLC	Sallie Dietrich	6/29/2026		
5/26/2026	C-5709	Transfer of control/Great Plains Communications, LLC/American Broadband Holding Company/Blair Telephone Company, Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company, Rock County Telephone Company, and HunTel Cablevision Inc., dba Fastwyre Broadband.	Sallie Dietrich	6/29/2026		Eric Kamler
5/27/2026	C-5710/NUSF-153	ETC expansion/Consolidated Telephone Company	Sallie Dietrich	7/1/2026		
6/3/2026	C-5711	IXC & CLEC withdrawal/Broadvox-CLEC, LLC	Jonathan Smith	7/8/2026		
Filed	Appl #	Summary	Att	Protest	Hearing	Officer
5/7/2026	W-17	Water Rate Increase/Bow Valley Waterworks	Shana Knutson	8/30/2026		
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

NUSF Pending List - 6.19.26

Filed	Docket	Summary	Att	Status	Hearing Officer
3/4/2025	NUSF-32.22 Audit Complaints	Seeking to conduct an inquiry into the failure by certain telecommunications companies to comply with Commission Rules or Orders and impose an administrative Fine.	Shana	Ongoing	n/a
3/19/2026	NUSF 37.469-37.482 & TRS 31-40 Remittance Complaints	Pending: 37.475 Magna5 LLC., 37.479 Troomi Wireless, Inc., 37.480 Tube, Inc., 37.481 Unitas Global Inc., TRS-34 Global Connection Inc. of America., TRS-40 Tube.	Jon	Pending	n/a
4/28/2026	NUSF-139 PO#11 Modification High-Cost Federal-State Grants	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. Hearing: Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., Central Time. Published in the Daily Record on 5/1/2026	Shana	Pending	Schram
2/4/2025	NUSF-143 Wireless Program	Seeking to implement policies related to dedicated universal service support for wireless telecommunications services.	Shana	Ongoing	
6/5/2026	NUSF-148.10-148.11-148.12 Transition Support Applications	HO Order Granting Motion to Re-Establish Progression Schedule & Order Setting Hearings Pre-filed testimony and exhibits due on or before Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Central Time. The hearings in the above-captioned applications will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2026 beginning at 3:00 p.m., Central Time	Shana	Ongoing	Schram
5/8/2026	NUSF-148.10-148.11-148.12 Transition Support Applications	Applicant's Motion to RE-Establish Progression Schedule.	Shana	Ongoing	
4/7/2026	NUSF-148.09 Transition Support Applications	In the Matter of Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc., seeking transition of ongoing high-cost Nebraska Universal Service Support for eligible served locations in Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska territory. HO Orders Modifying Procedural Schedule.	Shana	Ongoing	Schram
11/3/2025	NUSF-148.10-148.12 Transition Support Applications	Seeking transition of ongoing high-cost Nebraska Universal Service Support for eligible served locations.	Shana	Suspended	Schram
10/7/2025	NUSF-148.01-148.09 Transition Support Applications	Seeking transition of ongoing high-cost Nebraska Universal Service Support for eligible served locations.	Shana	Ongoing	Schram
5/19/2026	NUSF-150 TeleHealth Program	In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to explore additional funding opportunities in the Telehealth Program. To enter an Order to Adopt a Telehealth Pilot Program and set the Program Window for Filing . IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that data responsive to this order can be filed for consideration on or before July 15, 2026, in the manner prescribed herein.	Shana	Ongoing	Mirch
2/3/2026	NUSF-151/C-5692 LTE Wireless Providing NTAP & Lifeline	In the Matter of the Application of LTE Wireless, Inc., New York, New York, seeking statewide designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Nebraska for the limited purpose of providing Lifeline and Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program services to qualifying customers.	Sallie	Ongoing	

Summary of Telecommunications Complaints

May, 2026

Total complaints this month - 61

Fiscal year to date - 509

Service Category	Total	Complaint Issue	Company
Wireline	Total: 21	Service Quality - 9 Miscellaneous - 3 Customer Service - 3 Carrier to Carrier - 3 Billing - 3	Windstream - 7 Qwest - 7 Cox - 2 Blair - 2 Vyve Business Services, LLC - 1 NTT - 1 ATTE - 1
Cellular	Total: 11	Telemarketing - 3 Service Quality - 3 Customer Service - 2 Slamming - 1 Miscellaneous - 1 Billing - 1	Verizon - 5 T-Mobile - 4 Viaero - 1 Time Warner Cable - 1
Internet	Total: 20	Service Quality - 9 Miscellaneous - 4 Billing - 4 Broadband - 2 Carrier to Carrier - 1	Qwest - 6 Windstream - 4 ATTE - 4 Metro - 3 Time Warner Cable - 1 Great Plains - 1 Blair - 1
Cable TV	Total: 1	- 1	dishNET - 1
	Total: 8	Miscellaneous - 7 Carrier to Carrier - 1	Qwest - 3 ATTE - 3 Windstream - 1 UPN - 1

Savings to date
Wireline: \$14,918.29
Cellular: \$5,315.54
Voice over IP: \$0.00
Transmission Line: \$0.00
Internet: \$10,857.45
Cable TV: \$1,039.21
: \$92.90
Total: \$32,223.39

Outages for May 2026

Short Name	Area	Time of Outage	Time Service Restored	Outage Duration	Count of Affected Lines	Primary Cause	Comments
Windstream	Beatrice, De Witt, Western, Fairbury, Hebron, Swanton	2026-05-17 00:45:00	2026-05-17 18:41:00	0 days 17 hours 56 minutes	176	Damaged Cable	Flooding damaged two buried cables in De Witt. Fiber was ribbon spliced.
Windstream	Lincoln, Garland, Milford, Shelby, Polk, Stromsburg, Osceola	2026-05-15 00:06:00	2026-05-15 07:46:00	0 days 7 hours 40 minutes	237	Other	Maintenance to relocate two cables from conflict with dam rehab work in Garland. Unplanned impact occurred for 59 lines and went past the maintenance window due to incorrect records. Services restored as maintenance splicing completed. 2026-05-15 05:28 for 178 lines, 07:40 for 17 lines and 07:46 for 42 lines.
Glenwood NS	Keystone and Lemoyne	2026-05-26 08:41:00	2026-05-26 14:04:00	0 days 5 hours 23 minutes	514	Other	Issue with OPTK connection. OPTK experienced a power outage on their network affecting our network, service was restored
HTC	Hooper & Uehling Nebraska exchanges	2026-05-27 11:30:00	2026-05-27 12:05:00	0 days 0 hours 35 minutes	327	Equipment	Software configuration issue. Ribbon switch that provides our backbone traffic had a software configuration issue.