

COMMUNICATIONS & NEBRASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND AGENDA

July 28, 2026

10:00 AM

C-5712 In the Matter of the Application of Ruth Bender, St. Helena, seeking authority to receive telecommunications capability service from the Hartington Exchange of the Hartington Telephone Company.

AUTODIALERS

AD-751r In the Matter of the Application of Niche Markets, Iowa City, Iowa, seeking authority to register the connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device in Reston, Virginia.

BROADBAND

CPF-1 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer federal Capital Projects Funds for broadband development in Nebraska.

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.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

NUSF-92.49 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its Own Motion, to Administer the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program: Application to the Nebraska Broadband Program received from Allo Communications, LLC and Lincoln Public Schools.

REPORTS

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DISCUSSION

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska, et al., FCC Section 214 Application

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		
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			
2/3/2026	C-5692/NUSF-151	ETC Lifeline & NTAP/LTE Wireless, Inc.	Joselyn Luedtke	3/11/2026	7/13/2026	Tim Schram
4/27/2026	C-5698	Transfer of control/Dish Wireless LLC/Neyland Networks, L.L.C.	Sallie Dietrich	6/1/2026		
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
5/26/2026	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
6/15/2026	C-5712	Boundary change/Ruth Bender/Hartington/Great Plains	Jonathan Smith	7/20/2026		
6/22/2026	C-5713	Boundary change/Kathryn Schmidt/Hartington/Great Plains	Sallie Dietrich	7/27/2026		
6/23/2026	C-5714	IXC & CLEC Authority/Kinetic ABS NE LLC	Sallie Dietrich	7/29/2026		
7/2/2026	C-5715	Transfer of Control/Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC, CenturyLink Communications, LLC, United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a CenturyLink, and Lumen Technologies, Inc.	Sallie Dietrich	8/7/2026		
7/6/2026	C-5716	Indirect transfer of control/Great Plains Communications, LLC/Great Plains Communications Broadband LLC/Great Plains Communications Long Distance LLC/Rightfiber Holdings, LLC	Sallie Dietrich	8/12/2026		
7/17/2026	C-5717/NUSF-154	ETC Expansion/Hamilton Telephone Company	Sallie Dietrich			
7/17/2026	C-5718/NUSF-155	ETC Expansion/Nebraska Central Telephone Company	Sallie Dietrich			
Filed	Appl #	Summary	Att	Protest	Hearing	Officer
6/23/2026	FC-1371	Formal Complaint/Gail Anderson/Windstream	Shana Knutson	8/20/2026		
Filed	Appl #	Summary	Att	Protest	Hearing	Officer
5/7/2026	W-17	Water Rate Increase/Bow Valley Waterworks	Shana Knutson	8/30/2026		
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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

NUSF Pending List					
Filed	Application #	Summary	Att	Hearing	Hearing Officer
4/14/2026	NUSF-108 Adjust to High Cost Mechanism	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.	Sallie Dietrich		
3/4/2025	NUSF-32.22 Audit Complaints Administrative Fines	In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to conduct an inquiry into the failure by certain telecommunications companies to comply with Commission Rules or Orders and to impose administrative fines.	Shana Knutson	4/15/2025	n/a
3/19/2026	NUSF 37.475 Remittance Complaints	Pending: 37.475 Magna5 LLC.	Joselyn Luedtke	n/a	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.	Shana Knutson	6/16/2026	Tim Schram
2/4/2025	NUSF-143 Wireless Program	Seeking to implement policies related to dedicated universal service support for wireless telecommunications services. Comments due March 28, 2025.	Shana Knutson	n/a	
6/5/2026	NUSF-148.10 Transition of High Cost NUSF Support	In the Matter of Great Plains Communications, LLC, seeking transition of ongoing high-cost Nebraska Universal Service Support for eligible served locations in Citizens Telecommunications of Nebraska d/b/a Frontier Communications of Nebraska Support Areas.	Shana Knutson	6/25/2026	Tim Schram
6/5/2026	NUSF-148.11 Transition of High Cost NUSF Support	In the Matter of Great Plains Communications, LLC, seeking transition of ongoing high-cost Nebraska Universal Service Support for eligible served locations in Windstream Nebraska, Inc. Support Areas.	Shana Knutson	6/25/2026	Tim Schram
6/5/2026	NUSF- 148.12 Transition of High Cost NUSF Support	In the Matter of Great Plains Communications, LLC, seeking transition of ongoing high-cost Nebraska Universal Service Support for eligible served locations in Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC or United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a CenturyLink Support Areas.	Shana Knutson	6/25/2026	Tim Schram
5/19/2026	NUSF-150 TeleHealth Program Funding Opportunities	In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to explore additional funding opportunities in the Telehealth Program. Applications due on or before July 15, 2026.	Shana Knutson	n/a	Christian Mirch
2/3/2026	NUSF-151/C-5692 LTE Wireless Providing NTAP & Lifeline Program Services	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.	Joselyn Luedtke	7/13/2026	Tim Schram