

COMMUNICATIONS & NEBRASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND AGENDA

August 18, 2026

10:00 AM

- C-5709 In the matter of the joint application of Great Plains Communications, LLC, Blair, Nebraska, and American Broadband Holding Company, Overland Park, Kansas, seeking approval of a transfer of control of American Broadband Holding Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries in Nebraska, including Arlington Telephone Company, Blair Telephone Company, Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company, Rock County Telephone Company, and HunTel Cablevision Inc., each doing business as Fastwyre Broadband.
- C-5714 In the Matter of the Application of Kinetic ABS NE LLC, Little Rock, Arkansas, seeking authority to provide competitive local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services within the State of Nebraska.

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.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

- NUSF-1, PO #7 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate the audit requirements related to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund.
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- NUSF-148.10 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.

NUSF-148.11	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.
NUSF-148.12	In the Matter of Great Plains Communications LLC, seeking transition of ongoing high-cost Nebraska Universal Service Support for eligible served locations in Qwest Corporations d/b/a CenturyLink QC or United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a CenturyLink support areas.
TRS-34	Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Global Connection Inc., Respondent.

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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		
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
6/23/2026	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	8/26/2026		
7/17/2026	C-5718/NUSF-155	ETC Expansion/Nebraska Central Telephone Company	Sallie Dietrich	8/26/2026		
7/22/2026	C-5719	IXC/CLEC/ETC Withdrawal/Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications, Inc.	Jonathan Smith	8/28/2026		
7/27/2026	C-5720	Name change/Broadview Networks, Inc./Broadview Networks, LLC	Jonathan Smith	8/31/2026		
8/4/2026	C-5721	Transfer of control/Hooper Telephone Company/Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	Jonathan Smith	9/8/2026		
7/31/2026	C-5722	Name change/Crown Castle Fiber LLC/Arium Networks LLC	Sallie Dietrich	9/9/2026		
8/6/2026	C-5723	Boundary change/Bryan Thoene/Hartington/Great Plains	Jonathan Smith	9/10/2026		
Filed	Appl #	Summary	Att	Protest	Hearing	Officer
6/23/2026	FC-1371	Formal Complaint/Gail Anderson/Windstream	Shana Knutson	8/20/2026		Dan Watermeier
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

Summary of Telecommunications Complaints

July, 2026

Total complaints this month - 68

Fiscal year to date - 68

Service Category	Total	Complaint Issue	Company
Wireline	Total: 20	Service Quality - 12 Billing - 3 Telemarketing - 2 Customer Service - 1 Broadband - 1 - 1	Qwest - 11 Citizens - 3 NTT - 2 Blair - 2 Windstream - 1 Verizon - 1
Cellular	Total: 10	Service Quality - 7 Billing - 2 Telemarketing - 1	T-Mobile - 5 Verizon - 4 ATTE - 1
Transmission Line	Total: 10	Miscellaneous - 9 Broadband - 1	ATTE - 7 Qwest - 1 Metro - 1 AMG Technology - 1
Internet	Total: 26	Service Quality - 15 Billing - 5 Customer Service - 2 Broadband - 2 Miscellaneous - 1 Carrier to Carrier - 1	ATTE - 14 Qwest - 6 Windstream - 2 Verizon - 1 Google Fiber - 1 Eagle Broadband Investment, LLC - 1 Cox - 1
Cable TV	Total: 1	Service Quality - 1	Time Warner Cable - 1
	Total: 1	Miscellaneous - 1	ATTE - 1

Savings to date
Wireline: \$327.08
Cellular: \$160.00
Transmission Line: \$0.00
Internet: \$238.08
Cable TV: \$0.00
: \$0.00
Total: \$725.16

Outages for July 2026

Short Name	Area	Time of Outage	Time Service Restored	Outage Duration	Count of Affected Lines	Primary Cause	Secondary Cause	Comments
Cox	Omaha 68104	2026-07-03 00:55:00	2026-07-03 02:44:00	0 days 1 hours 49 minutes	187	Damaged Cable	Vandalism	Fiber impairment (possible vandalism). Fiber cut due to vandalism. Fiber was excavated (concrete and dirt had to be removed) and spliced back into the aerial fiber span to complete the restoration.
Windstream	Lincoln, Ashland, Plattsmouth, Nebraska City, Bennet, Syracuse, Tecumseh. ASLD, NBCY, BNNT, SYRC, TCMS, PLTS	2026-07-20 10:36:00	2026-07-20 18:44:00	0 days 8 hours 8 minutes	1047	Damaged Cable		Buried fiber damage from an unknown cause in Ashland. Slack was pulled and spliced to repair the fiber. Completion time as follows 7-20 18:44 for 10 users; 7-20 16:08 for 631 users; 7-20 16:04 for 406 users
Citizens	Newman Grove	2026-07-22 14:08:00			455	Damaged Cable		Span failure