

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. NUSF-139
Public Service Commission, on its)
own Motion, to consider)
appropriate modifications to the) ORDER ESTABLISHING
high-cost distribution and) PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND
reporting mechanisms in its) SETTING HEARING
Universal Service Fund program in)
light of federal and state)
infrastructure grants.) Entered: January 22, 2024

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

The Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") initiated this proceeding, on its own motion, on August 29, 2023 ("August 29, 2023 Order"), to consider appropriate modifications to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund ("NUSF") high-cost distribution mechanism and associated reporting requirements.

On January 9, 2024, I entered an order scheduling a procedural conference in this proceeding. On January 16, 2024, a procedural conference was held in the Commission Hearing Room and via WebEx. Appearances were entered as follows: Mr. Paul Schudel, on behalf of the Rural Independent Companies ("RIC"); Mrs. Mary Vaggalis and Mr. Trent Fellers, on behalf of Windstream; Mr. Kevin Saltzman and Mr. Tim Goodwin on behalf of Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC and Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC ("Charter"); Mr. Russell Westerhold, on behalf of the Rural Telecommunications Coalition of Nebraska ("RTCN"); Mrs. Deonne Bruning on behalf of Cox Nebraska Telcom LLC ("Cox"); Mr. Matt DeTura on behalf of CTIA; Ms. Sarah Meier on behalf of the Nebraska Rural Broadband Alliance ("NRBA"); and Shana Knutson on behalf of the Commission.

The parties attending the conference agreed upon the case progression schedule detailed below:

Table with 2 columns: Event, Deadline. Row 1: Interested parties invited to identify and prioritize issues for Commission consideration; and recommend issues for discussion in a workshop. February 2, 2024

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Commission Order entered to February 13, 2024
identify issues for further
investigation in NUSF-139,
identify issues for workshop
discussion, schedule the
workshop, and address and other
procedural and substantive
matters relevant to the
progression of this proceeding.

Workshop Held March 6, 2024

Hearing Held March 20, 2024

A public workshop will be held on **Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., Central Time**, in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 and via WebEx at <https://sonvideo.webex.com/meet/PSCWebex>. Voice access will be available by dialing 469-210-7159, Access Code 146 153 5285. If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at the meeting, please call the Commission at (402) 471-3101. For people with hearing/speech impairments, please call the Commission at (402) 471-0213 (TDD) or the Nebraska Relay System at (800) 833-7352(TDD) or (800) 833-0920 (Voice). Advance notice of at least seven (7) days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

A hearing in this matter will be held on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., Central Time**, in the in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 and via WebEx at <https://sonvideo.webex.com/meet/PSCWebex>. Voice access will be available by dialing 469-210-7159, Access Code 146 153 5285. If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at the meeting, please call the Commission at (402) 471-3101. For people with hearing/speech impairments, please call the Commission at (402) 471-0213 (TDD) or the Nebraska Relay System at (800) 833-7352(TDD) or (800) 833-0920 (Voice). Advance notice of at least seven (7) days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

Service on the Commission may be effectuated by electronic submission to psc.nusf@nebraska.gov. Parties filing documents with the Commission should also electronically serve the other interested parties known to be participating in this proceeding.

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For reference, attached hereto as "Attachment A" is a service list of the parties filing comments and otherwise participating in this proceeding.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer in the above-captioned matter that the schedule set forth above be, and it is hereby, adopted. All filings shall be made in accordance therewith.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a public workshop will be held on **Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., Central Time**, in the in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508, and via WebEx at <https://sonvideo.webex.com/meet/PSCWebex>.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing will be held on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., Central Time**, in the in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508, and via WebEx at <https://sonvideo.webex.com/meet/PSCWebex>.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 22nd day of January, 2024.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

By:



Tim Schram
Hearing Officer

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