

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. C-5561
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, to administer) ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION
the Nebraska Broadband Bridge) OF DEADLINE
Program in the 2024 program)
year.) Entered: January 30, 2024

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On February 6, 2024, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") initiated this proceeding on its own motion to administer the 2024 program year of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program ("NBBP"). On May 14, 2024, the Commission released an order adopting the 2024 grant application procedural schedule and application materials ("May 14 Order"). The Program Guide was then adjusted via Commission order dated June 25, 2024.

Awards in the 2024 NBBP program year were issued by order of the Commission on January 14, 2025 ("Jan. 14 Order"). This order further required that awardees must submit to the Commission a completed Grantee Acknowledgement and Attestation Form by January 28, 2025. Also pursuant to that order, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("Qwest") was awarded \$135,125 to provide broadband service in the Valley Waterloo area ("Valley Waterloo Project").

On January 28, 2025, Qwest filed a motion seeking an extension of the deadline to submit its Grantee Acknowledgement and Attestation Form for the Valley Waterloo Project. In support of its motion, Qwest states that the ownership of the fiber and the provision of broadband services for the Valley Waterloo Project are under internal review, and the results of that review may impact Qwest's ability to accept the grant award. Qwest therefore requests a 30-day extension of the deadline to submit the Grantee Acknowledgement and Attestation Form.

Based on the foregoing information, I find that good cause exists for the requested extension to be granted. Qwest will be granted an additional 30 days to submit its Grantee Acknowledgement and Attestation Form for the Valley Waterloo Project, until **Friday, February 28, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Central Time**. If Qwest's Grantee Acknowledgement and Attestation Form is not received by that time, the grant award will be considered rescinded.

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All other deadlines and requirements previously set forth in this docket shall remain unmodified. If the Grantee Acknowledgement and Attestation Form is received prior to the February 28, 2025 deadline, Qwest will be required to complete the Valley Waterloo project as previously approved and subject to all program requirements.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer in this proceeding that Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC shall be granted an extension of 30 days' time to submit its Grantee Acknowledgement and Attestation Form for the Valley Waterloo Project to the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC must submit the Grantee Acknowledgement and Attestation Form on or before **Friday, February 28, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Central Time**. If Qwest does not submit the Grantee Acknowledgement and Attestation Form by this date, the Valley Waterloo grant will be considered rescinded.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that all other deadlines and program requirements previously set forth in this proceeding shall remain in place and unmodified.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 30th day of January, 2025.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BY:



Dan Watermeier
Hearing Officer