

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 High-cost Distribution and) ORDER SCHEDULING WORKSHOP
Reporting Mechanisms in its)
Universal Service Fund program)
in light of Federal and State)
Infrastructure Grants.) Entered: February 4, 2025

BY THE COMMISSION:

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.

The Commission finds a workshop should be scheduled for a discussion of the following issues:

- 1) The potential framework for the porting of or otherwise transitioning NUSF support to competitive carriers who have deployed broadband and offer service at speeds of at least 100/20 Mbps to rural subscriber locations;
2) To determine any accompanying obligations which should be imposed as a condition of receipt of such high-cost support such as:
a. An NETC/ETC Requirement
b. A requirement to provide certain supported services upon request, including 911 and TRS
c. A requirement that support is only provided to locations that are served at 100/20 Mbps
3) The Commission's proposal to use BDC data to establish broadband service availability and speeds;
4) The Commission's proposal to update cost model with carrier agnostic serving areas;
5) The Commission's proposal that potential recipients would need to affirmatively opt-in to receiving NUSF support;
6) To discuss the NUSF-25/66 process for high-cost support re-certification and the NUSF-64 process to review expense caps; and to determine whether any requirements should be modified or eliminated;
7) To determine what changes to the agreed upon procedures will need to be made in light of changes to the manner in which high-cost support is calculated;

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- 8) The transitioning of carrier of last resort obligations;
- 9) The continued use of or replacement mechanism for the NUSF EARN Form after 2025; and
- 10) Consideration for whether an NUSF minimum support amount should be implemented, and if so, what conditions should apply.
 - a. Discuss possible requirements and evidence needed from a carrier to demonstrate that NUSF support is needed in cases where federal support exceeds what modeled support shows is necessary.

The workshop will be held on **Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 10:00 a.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 408-418-9388, Access Code 2485 596 7539. 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.

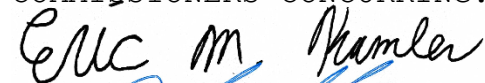
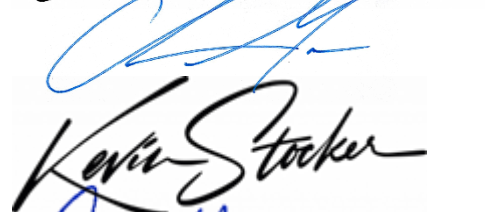

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission in this matter that a workshop be scheduled for **March 5, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Central Time**, in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 and via WebEx to discuss the issues identified herein.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 4th day of February, 2025.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


Chair

ATTEST:


Deputy Director