BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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.	)	Application No. NUSF-139 ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR CHANGE IN PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE Entered: April 29, 2025

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 April 8, 2025, the Commission issued Progression Order No. 6, releasing a proposal, allowing for a comment period, and scheduling a hearing for May 14, 2025.

On April 24, 2025, the Rural Telecommunications Coalition of Nebraska ("RTCN") and the Nebraska Rural Broadband Association ("NRBA")(collectively "movants") filed a Motion seeking to modify the progression schedule set forth in the Commission's April 8, 2025 Order. In the Motion, the RTCN and NRBA jointly request that the Commission schedule a workshop in lieu of a hearing on May 14th. The movants stated that they have had considerable discussions about the issues raised in the Order, and they believe further information is needed before they can provide comments and hearing testimony that will be meaningful to the Commission's consideration of the important issues the Commission raised in its order.

In consideration of the Motion and the statements made therein, I am of the opinion and find that it should be granted. As such, the Hearing currently scheduled for May 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., shall be changed to a workshop. The agenda for the workshop will be an open question and answer session to allow interested parties to ask questions about, or to discuss, the Commission's proposal released in its April 8th Order.

Thereafter, comments responsive to the Commission's April 8, 2025 Order may be filed on or before **June 3, 2025**, no later than 5:00 p.m. Central Time. Commenting parties should electronically submit their comments to psc.nusf@nebraska.gov. Parties should also electronically serve a copy of their comments on those parties that have previously filed comments and/or testimony in Docket NUSF-139.

The hearing will be held on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. Central Time**, in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, and via WebEx. 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 Nebraska Relay System at (800) 833-7352 (TDD) or (800) 833-0920 (Voice). Advance notice of at least seven days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer in this matter that the Motion for Change in Progression Schedule shall be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a Workshop will be held on **May 14, 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that interested parties may file comments on the issues and proposals outlined herein on or before **June 3, 2025**, in the manner prescribed above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that that a Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., Central Time**, in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 and via WebEx.
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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 29th day of April, 2025.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BY: Tim Schram

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HEARING OFFICER