BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program in the 2023 program year.	)))))))	Application No. C-5484 ORDER SCHEDULING HEARING Entered: March 3, 2026

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On March 7, 2023, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") opened the above-captioned docket to administer the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program ("NBBP") in the 2023 program year. On May 16, 2023, the Commission entered an order adopting the 2023 grant application schedule and issuing program materials, including the 2023 NBBP Program Guide ("Program Guide").

Also in this docket, on January 9, 2024, the Commission entered an order issuing grant awards and the results of challenges ("Jan. 9 Order"). Pursuant to this Order, Cox Nebraska Telecom, LLC ("Cox") was awarded $1,004,336.00 to provide service in the Douglas and Washington, Nebraska area ("Douglas Washington Project"). As part of its application for the Douglas Washington Project, Cox submitted a shapefile polygon identifying the geographic project area. Cox also included a location shapefile identifying 112 locations to be served by the Douglas Washington project. However, the Federal Communications Commission's Broadband Data Collection map currently indicates the geographic project area of the Douglas Washington Project includes approximately 1,482 serviceable locations.

On July 8, 2025, Cox filed a Project Completion Report with the Commission indicating construction of the Douglas Washington Project was finished and service was available in the project area. Reimbursement for the final 50% of the project award for the Douglas Washington Project has not been completed.

On February 9, 2026, Cox filed a motion seeking to modify the Douglas Washington Project area. In its motion, Cox states that it seeks to clarify the Douglas Washington project area and the addresses to be included within the polygon shape of the project area for the grant. Cox seeks approval to modify the geographic scope of the Douglas Washington Project to include the 112 locations built by Cox with NBBP funding, as well as other locations in the geographic area which are currently able to

receive 100/100 Mbps service from Cox. Cox further identified 25 additional locations which Cox will build out through private funding. Cox submitted a map depicting a revised geographic project area which would serve 662 locations, and 24 additional incremental build locations.

Upon consideration of the circumstances, I find that a hearing on this matter should be held to gather additional testimony and evidence regarding Cox's motion. A hearing on this matter will therefore be held on **Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. Central Time** in the Commission Hearing Room, 1200 N Street, Suite 300, Lincoln Nebraska. Witness lists, exhibit lists, prefiled testimony, and any motions should be submitted to the Commission at psc.broadband@nebraska.gov no later than **Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time.**

Remote access to the hearing will be available via WebEx at the following link: https://psc.nebraska.gov/stream (case sensitive). If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at the hearing, 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 days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that hearing on this matter is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., Central Time,** in the Commission Hearing Room, 1200 N Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, Nebraska.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all witness lists, exhibit lists, prefiled testimony, and prehearing motions should be submitted to the Commission no later than **Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time** as described above.
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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 3rd day of March 2026.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

By: _____

Commissioner Dan Watermeier
Hearing Officer