

SECRETARY’S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska Public)	Application No. NUSF-131
Service Commission, on its own motion,)	Progression Order No. 2
to establish reverse auction procedures)	
and requirements.)	ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION
)	REQUEST
)	
)	Entered: March 3, 2026

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (“Commission”) initiated this proceeding on June 29, 2021, to establish reverse auction procedures and requirements in order to carry out Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-330. On November 7, 2023, the Commission entered an order (“Nov. 7 Order”) revising the reverse auction procedures and issuing a procedural schedule for the 2024 reverse auction (“2024 Auction”). The Commission then held its second reverse auction beginning on January 22, 2024 (“2024 Auction”).

The Commission entered an order on March 26, 2024 issuing the initial auction results for the 2024 Auction (“March 26 Order”). Pursuant to the March 26 Order, Pinpoint Communications, Inc. (“Pinpoint”) received multiple auction awards for minimum bidding units (“MBU”s). Pinpoint then submitted Post-Auction Commitment Forms, pursuant to which Pinpoint identified groups of MBUs to be consolidated into projects. In its Post-Auction Commitment Forms, Pinpoint identified eight projects to be completed: Frontier Cares Region, Frontier-CPF Region, Frontier Harlan Naponee Region, Windstream ATC Region, Windstream Beatrice Region, Windstream Central Otoe Region, Windstream Cook Talmage Region, and Windstream Nemaha Co Region. Final auction awards for Pinpoint’s projects were issued on May 14, 2024 (“May 14 Order”). Pursuant to the March 26 Order, all projects were required to be completed by March 26, 2026.

On February 20, 2026, Pinpoint submitted a request for a six-month extension for five of its projects awarded pursuant to the March 26 and May 14 Orders. Pinpoint seeks a revised completion deadline of September 26, 2026 for the following projects: Frontier Cares Region, Windstream ATC Region, Windstream Central Otoe Region, Windstream Cook-Talmage Region, and Windstream Nemaha Co Region. In support of its request, Pinpoint states that it has encountered unforeseen construction challenges, including delays on other projects and weather-related delays. Pinpoint also states that as it also received additional awards in the NUSF-131 PO#3 reverse auction which are

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due to be completed on September 30, 2026,¹ Pinpoint seeks to maximize construction efficiency and reduce mobilization costs by keeping its equipment in contiguous service areas between both groups of reverse auction projects. Pinpoint states that it is confident that it will be able to complete its Frontier Harlan Naponee, Frontier CPF Region, and Windstream Beatrice projects completed prior to March 26, 2026.

The Commission finds that this request is reasonable and for good cause. The Commission therefore finds that a six-month extension of the Frontier Cares Region, Windstream ATC Region, Windstream Central Otoe Region, Windstream Cook-Talmage Region, and Windstream Nemaha Co Region projects shall be granted, and the deadline for Pinpoint to complete these projects shall be **Wednesday, September 30, 2026**.

Pinpoint must comply with all other requirements applying to the above-listed projects previously set forth in this docket and in the March 26 Order, and must submit to the Commission on or before **September 30, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Central Time** a certification that the broadband network described in its application has been completed. Pinpoint must further conduct speed testing of its reverse auction projects as required by Commission Docket No. NUSF-133 within thirty days of project completion.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the request for an extension of the completion deadline for the Frontier Cares Region, Windstream ATC Region, Windstream Central Otoe Region, Windstream Cook-Talmage Region, and Windstream Nemaha Co Region reverse auction projects awarded to Pinpoint Communications, Inc. shall be granted, and the deadline for each of these projects shall be extended to **Wednesday, September 30, 2026**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Pinpoint Communications, Inc. shall remain subject to all other terms and conditions previously set forth in this docket and as described above.

¹ See *In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to establish reverse auction procedures and requirements*, Commission Docket No. NUSF-131 P.O. #3, Order Issuing Initial Auction Results (Sept. 24, 2024).

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 3rd day of March, 2026.

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