

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska Public)	Application No. NUSF-117
Service Commission, on its own motion,)	Progression Order No. 1
to consider implementing a program to)	
incentivize new fiber construction for)	April 11, 2023
E-Rate eligible entities.)	

**REPLY COMMENTS OF CHARTER FIBERLINK – NEBRASKA, LLC
AND TIME WARNER CABLE INFORMATION SERVICES (NEBRASKA), LLC**

In accordance with the Nebraska Public Service Commission’s *Order Seeking Comment*, entered April 11, 2023, Charter Fiberlink – Nebraska, LLC and Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska), LLC (collectively, “Charter”) hereby submit the following reply comments:

For the past two decades, Charter has proudly provided services to K-12 schools, districts, and libraries of all sizes. Our teams are trained and certified on the E-rate program and have worked with schools and libraries in Nebraska and nationally to successfully offer and provide E-rate funded services over our wholly owned fiber network with local presence and nationwide reach to offer secure, fast, and reliable connectivity to support digital learning. Aligned to the latest industry standards, our solutions provide the performance needed for requesting libraries, schools and school districts throughout our 41-state footprint.

Charter has reviewed the comments submitted in response to the Commission’s Order Seeking Comment by entities, including many Nebraska libraries, and appreciates that Nebraska has established its own E-Rate program to supplement support for schools and libraries in the federal program. The Commission asked whether the state program should be continued. Like

every commenter who addressed this, Charter agrees that the state program is helpful to Nebraska schools and libraries and supports the Commission's continuing the program.

As noted in comments filed in this proceeding, Special Construction costs continue to present a significant hurdle for schools and libraries to overcome. As an experienced E-Rate service provider with services provided or offered in Nebraska and 40 other states, Charter appreciates these concerns and agrees that continued support for special construction costs will increase access to needed high speed Internet services for Nebraska's schools, school districts, and libraries. To the extent that continued support for other E-Rate eligible cost categories is required, Charter is supportive, however, it agrees with commenters that additional funding for Special Construction is a key consideration to increasing deployment of fiber optic services statewide.

Charter appreciates the opportunity to participate in this proceeding.

Dated: June 16, 2023

Charter Fiberlink – Nebraska, LLC and Time Warner
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 16th day of June, 2023, the above Reply Comments of Charter Fiberlink – Nebraska, LLC and Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska), LLC, in Application No. NUSF-117 was delivered via electronic mail to the following:

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