BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of the Nebraska Telecommunications Association for Investigation and Review of Processes and Procedures Regarding the Nebraska Universal Service Fund.

Application No. NUSF-77, P.O. 9

COMMENTS OF COX

NEBRASKA TELCOM, LLC

Cox Nebraska Telcom, LLC ("Cox") hereby files these comments for the Nebraska Public Service Commission’s ("Commission") consideration in the above-captioned docket, NUSF-77, Progression Order No. 9. These comments are being filed pursuant to the Commission Order entered herein on October 1, 2013.

The Commission posed several questions for comment regarding the reasonableness of setting monetary caps on the amount of support that may be distributed from the Nebraska Broadband Pilot Program ("NEBP") related to a single company, a single project and by household. Cox supports the implementation of monetary caps in all instances.

Cox indicated its support for the implementation of a NEBP monetary cap previously. In response to Commission inquiry in NUSF-77, Progression Order No. 6 (August 15, 2012) Cox encouraged the Commission to establish a cap to prevent the NEBP fund from potentially being awarded to a single carrier. Cox supports the Commission’s expanded suggestion herein, by not only establishing a cap per company, but also per project and per household. This approach will ensure the NEBP is distributed amongst a variety of carriers and projects, thereby benefiting Nebraskans across the state.

In conclusion, Cox encourages the Commission to proceed with creating caps that
would be applicable to 2014 NEBP applications.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of October, 2013.

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