

WINSTREAM NEBRASKA, INC.

NUSF-99 PRICE CAP APPLICATION – SUTTON EXCHANGE

Checklist Item No. 1:

A description of the proposed broadband project including download/upload speed capabilities which can be provided and a description of the proposed network infrastructure to be deployed. Minimum speed standards should be 4 mbps download and 1 mbps upload.

Windstream's Response:

Windstream submits the following project for the Commission's consideration of NUSF-99 broadband funding, to be constructed in the current year, using funding available from the 2016 funding allocation.

- Fixed Wireless to serve Northern area of Sutton, NE ILEC Exchange (Partial funding requested)

The Central Office for Sutton is currently connected with interoffice fiber facilities. Customers within reach of the office are qualified for 4Mbps down / 1Mbps upload broadband or better (up to 100Mbps), depending on the copper loop length from the equipment. This project intends to address those customers in the Northern area of the exchange that have exceptionally long loop lengths and therefore are not broadband qualified by providing a Fixed Wireless solution.

- The project will place two sites, one at the Central Office and another remote Base Station approximately six miles north of the Central Office.
- The remote Base Station will provide the broadband connection to the customers, and have wireless backhaul to the Central Office location.

These network upgrades will enable a network capable of minimum speeds of 10Mbps download and 1Mbps upload for all impacted customers, and depending upon the distance from the remote Base Station, the majority of customers will have speeds of 25Mbps and up to 100Mbps available.

Windstream projects the total deployment costs for this project is \$89,910 and Windstream is requesting Nebraska Universal Service Funding of \$64,357, the difference between the total project costs and the requested funding is because Windstream is not seeking funding for the areas funded by the FCC's Connect America Fund Phase 2 program. Windstream is requesting that the funding for this project be applied against the \$1,038,338 remaining 2016 funds allotted to Windstream.

Checklist Item No. 2:

A list in Excel Format of all the census blocks where broadband facilities would be deployed for the proposed project, which shall include 2010 Census Block identification number of service area, by project.

Windstream's Response:

See Attached Checklist Item #2.

Checklist Item No. 3:

An estimate of the number of potential new broadband subscribers for each project.

Windstream's Response:

See Attached Checklist Item #3

Checklist Item No. 4:

An estimated schedule for broadband deployment.

Windstream Response:

Windstream stands ready to begin project work immediately upon approval of the application, the deployment schedule will be as indicated in the Attached Checklist Item #4.

Checklist Item No. 5:

A proposed budget, showing total project costs, in electronic format, with a detailed breakdown of the cost elements and a depreciation schedule showing the life of the investment.

Windstream Response:

Please see Attached Checklist Item #5 which also includes the depreciation schedule showing the life of investment for the major plant categories associated with these projects.

Checklist Item No. 6:

Proposed retail pricing, including both monthly recurring costs and nonrecurring costs for the new broadband service(s) to be offered. At a minimum the pricing should reflect the stand alone price for the speeds to be offered to the customer.

Windstream Response:

Attached Checklist Item #6 provides a listing of the retail pricing for the broadband services Windstream will be offering in the proposed service areas. This price list is consistent with Windstream pricing for similar services in other Nebraska exchanges.

Checklist Item No. 7:

The company's commitment to offer broadband services to all households within the service area of the project for a minimum of five (5) years.

Windstream Response:

If approved for funding, Windstream commits to offer broadband service to all households within the service area of the project for a minimum of five (5) years.

Checklist Item No. 8:

An affidavit from the company attesting 1) (a) that the area of the proposed project is a CAF II eligible area and have not refused CAF II funding, or (b) that the area of the proposed project is ineligible for CAF II funding. 2) That the company has done its due diligence to verify that comparable broadband does not already exist in the area of the proposed project. 3) The truth and accuracy of all information included in the project filing.

Windstream Response:

The Affidavit of Brad Brannon is provided in Attached Checklist Item #8.

CHECK LIST #2 CENSUS BLOCKS

| <u>Census Blocks</u> | <u>Ineligible for Funding</u> | <u>Reason</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 310359621001000 | | |
| 310359621001001 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310359621001002 | | |
| 310359621001003 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310359621001004 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310359621001005 | | |
| 310359621001006 | | |
| 310359621001007 | | |
| 310359621001008 | | |
| 310359621001009 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310359621001010 | | |
| 310359621001011 | | |
| 310359621001061 | | |
| 310359621001062 | | |
| 310359621001063 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310359621001064 | | |
| 310359621001065 | | |
| 310359621001066 | | |
| 310359621001067 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310359621001068 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310359621001069 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310359621001070 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310359621001071 | | |
| 310359621001072 | | |
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| 310359621001074 | | |
| 310359621001075 | | |
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| 310359621001090 | | |
| 310359621001091 | | |
| 310359621001092 | | |
| 310359621001116 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310359621001117 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310359621001278 | | |
| 310359621003000 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310359621003002 | | |
| 310359621003003 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310359621003004 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310359621003005 | | |
| 310359621003006 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310359621003007 | | |
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| 310359621003010 | | |
| 310359621003011 | | |
| 310359621003012 | | |
| 310359621003013 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310359621003016 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310359621003020 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310359621003031 | | |
| 310359621003032 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310359621003033 | | |
| 310359621003126 | | |
| 310359621003127 | | |
| 310359621003128 | | |
| 310359621004039 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310359621004040 | | |
| 310819691001259 | | |

| <u>Summary</u> | <u># Census Blocks</u> | <u>%</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| CAF2 | 27 | 28% |
| Fixed Wireline Competitor | 0 | 0% |
| Eligible for Funding | 68 | 72% |
| Total | 95 | 100% |

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| 310819691001260 | | |
| 310819691001261 | | |
| 310819691001262 | | |
| 310819691001264 | | |
| 310819691001266 | | |
| 310819691001267 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310819691001268 | | |
| 310819691001269 | | |
| 310819691001270 | | |
| 310819691001281 | | |
| 310819691001285 | | |
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| 310819691001334 | | |
| 310819691001341 | | |
| 310819691001342 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310819691001343 | | |
| 310819691001344 | | |
| 310819691001345 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310819691001346 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310819691001348 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310819691001350 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310819691001351 | | |
| 310819691001352 | | |
| 310819691001355 | Y | CAF2 |
| 310819691001357 | | |
| 310819691001358 | | |
| 310819691001359 | | |

Checklist Item #4 Estimated Schedule

Proposed Schedule: Work at the two sites will work concurrently, so total time for project is 90 to 120 days:

| | <u>Central Office Site</u> | <u>Remote Base Station Site</u> |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Engineering design & approval | 30 Calendar Days | 30 Calendar Days |
| Permitting & material acquisition | 30 Calendar Days | 30 Calendar Days |
| Equipment deployment, testing, and turn-up | 30 to 60 Calendar Days | 30 to 60 Calendar Days |

*Assuming prompt approval of the application there should be no seasonal limitations regarding when construction can commence.

AFFIDAVIT OF BRAD BRANNON

I, Brad Brannon, being first duly sworn upon oath, state as follows:

1. I am currently employed by Windstream as the Vice President Consumer & Small Business - Business Intelligence. In that capacity, I am personally familiar with the company's network structure in Nebraska.
2. I have reviewed the foregoing project filing and certify that (a) the areas of the proposed project are CAF II eligible areas and have not refused CAF II funding, or the areas of the proposed project are ineligible for CAF II funding; (b) Windstream has done its due diligence to verify that comparable broadband does not already exist in the areas of the proposed project that we are requesting funding; and (c) all information included in the project filing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Brad Brannon

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF ARKANSAS)

Notary Public



COUNTY OF ~~PULASKI~~ Lonoke

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me on this 26th day of March, 2018
by Brad Brannon



Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

09-15-2024