

WINSTREAM NEBRASKA, INC.

NUSF-99 PRICE CAP APPLICATION – WYMORE EXCHANGE COA

**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 upon funding approval, using funding available from the 2018 funding allocation.

- Fiber fed DSLAMs to serve a portion of the Northern area of the Wymore, NE ILEC Exchange (partial funding requested)

Customers in this area of the Wymore Exchange are not currently offered broadband service above 20Mbps, and most are limited to less than 20Mbps. This project intends to address these customers by placing a fiber fed DSLAM within an appropriate distance to provide a minimum of 25Mbps up to 100Mbps download speeds.

- The project will place a DSLAM site at a remote location approximately 1 mile north of the Central Office, along with fiber cable placed from the nearest available existing fiber splice.
- The remote DSLAM will provide the broadband connection to the customers, and have fiber backhaul to the Central Office location.

Windstream projects the total deployment costs for this project is \$41,190 and Windstream is requesting Nebraska Universal Service Funding of \$14,258, not including ROW and IDC. 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, areas where Windstream already provides broadband service up to 10Mbps download speeds, or areas where a terrestrial competitor already provides broadband service up to 10Mbps download speeds. Windstream is requesting that the funding for this project be applied against the remaining 2018 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:

Due to the challenges of working remotely in response to the Covid-19 virus, Windstream will provide the affidavit upon request at a future date.

CHECK LIST #2 CENSUS BLOCKS - WYMORE EXCHANGE COA

Criteria for Determining NUSF Eligibility for Census Blocks in Priority Order for Projects Using DSLAM Technology:

- 1) If Census Block is CAF 2 - Not Eligible
- 2) If Census Block has Wireline Competitor with at least 10/1 broadband - Not Eligible
- 3) If Census Block Wireline Competitor is a Neighboring ILEC Sharing Service in the Census Block - Eligible
- 4) If Census Block has a Fixed Wireless Competitor with at least 10/1 Broadband but Does Not Provide Voice - Eligible
- 5) If Census Block has a Fixed Wireless Competitor that receives federal USF - Eligible
- 6) If proposal is for a wireline solution, then Fixed Wireless census blocks are counted - Eligible

Census Blocks	CAF 2 and Form 477 Status	Is Wireline Competitor a Neighboring ILEC?	Does Fixed Wireless Competitor Qualify as Competitor? *	NUSF Eligibility	Summary	# Census Blocks	%
310679652001077	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible	CAF2	0	0.0%
310679652001101	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only	NE BB Eligible	27	34.6%
310679652001074	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible	Competition - FW	0	0.0%
310679652001078	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible	Competition - Other	11	14.1%
310679652001079	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible	WIN Only	40	51.3%
310679652001103	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible	Total	78	100.0%
310679652001104	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001106	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible	Eligible for Funding	27	34.6%
310679652001107	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001108	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001109	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other			
310679652001110	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001112	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001115	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001120	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001121	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001150	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001151	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001152	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001157	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001162	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001163	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other			
310679652001164	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001170	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001171	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001172	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001173	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001174	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001175	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001176	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001177	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001187	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other			
310679652001188	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001189	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001190	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001191	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001192	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001203	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001270	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001271	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001272	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001273	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001111	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001113	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001119	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001122	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001123	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001124	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001125	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001126	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
310679652001142	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001143	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other			
310679652001144	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other			
310679652001145	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001146	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001147	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001148	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other			
310679652001149	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001153	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other			
310679652001154	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001155	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001156	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001158	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001159	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other			
310679652001160	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001161	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other			
310679652001168	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001169	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001178	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001179	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001180	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001181	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other			
310679652001182	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001183	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001184	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001185	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
310679652001186	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other			
310679652001269	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			

Footnote:

\* All of the fixed wireless providers that reflect service in these census blocks per the FCC Form 477 data do not qualify as a competitor for NUSF eligibility purposes. The fixed wireless providers either do not provide voice service, do not provide broadband speeds greater than or equal to 10/1 or receive Federal USF support.

Check List #3 Subscribers - WYMORE EXCHANGE COA

Exchange	# Locations in Deployment Area
Wymore	195

Estimated Broadband Take Rate                      50%  
New Broadband Subscribers                              98

50% Take Rate assumption is likely low since broadband is generally not available due to long loop lengths

**Checklist Item #4 Estimated Schedule – WYMORE EXCHANGE COA**

Proposed Schedule: Total time for project is 120 to 150 days:

	<u>DSLAM Site</u>
Engineering design & approval	30 Calendar Days
Permitting & material acquisition	30 Calendar Days
Equipment deployment, testing, and turn-up	60 to 90 Calendar Days

Schedule is subject to seasonal limitations regarding when construction can commence or be completed.

Check List #5 Budget & Depreciation - WYMORE EXCHANGE COA

**Budget**

**Fiber Build**

Item	Labor	Material	Item Total	Quantity	Mat Total	Total	Notes
Fiber Buildout	\$14,000	\$6,000	\$20,000	1	\$6,000	\$20,000	Placement of 5575 ft of fiber cable
Site Work	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$5,000	1	\$1,000	\$5,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>			<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	

**Remote Site**

Item	Labor	Material	Item Total	Quantity	Mat Total	Total	Notes
Remote Equipment	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$7,500	2	\$10,000	\$15,000	2-TA1148VXPs AC powered
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>			<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	

Tax \$17,000 7.0% \$1,190

**Grand Total \$20,500 \$12,000 \$17,000 \$41,190**

**Excluded Costs**

ROW \$0 0 \$0  
 IDC \$17,000 5.0% \$850

**Total Project Costs \$41,190**

**% of Eligible Census Blocks from Checklist #2 35%**

**Requested Funding Amount \$14,258**

**Depreciation Lives**

**Life in Years**

Digital Circuit - ADSL 8  
 Poles 25  
 Buried Cable - Fiberoptic 25

**Check List #6 Pricing - WYMORE EXCHANGE COA**

**Price for Internet Only (HSI Simple or Solo Internet)**

Speed		Standard Price	Current Promo	Net Price
Up to 25Mb		\$50	\$17 off for 12 months	\$34
50Mb		\$60	\$17 off for 12 months	\$44
100Mb		\$60	\$17 off for 12 months	\$44

**Price for Internet + Bundle Phone Adder**

Speed		Standard Price	Current Promo	Net Price
Up to 25Mb		\$70	\$16 off for 12 months	\$54
50Mb		\$80	\$16 off for 12 months	\$64
100Mb		\$80	\$16 off for 12 months	\$64

\$50 Activation Fee and Free Professional Installation