

WINSTREAM NEBRASKA, INC.

NUSF-99 PRICE CAP APPLICATION – West Lincoln EXCHANGE – RL07

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.

- Fixed Wireless to serve the Western area of Lincoln, NE ILEC Exchange (Partial funding requested)

The Central Office for Lincoln is currently connected with interoffice fiber facilities. Customers within reach of the office are qualified for 4Mbps down / 1Mbps upload broadband or better, 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 one remote Base Station approximately 9 miles west of the Lincoln (LNC1) Central Office where fiber back haul is nearby.
- The Lincoln remote Base Station will provide the broadband connection to the customers, and have fiber backhaul to the Lincoln Central Office.

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 \$258,492, and Windstream is requesting Nebraska Universal Service Funding of \$65,024, 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, have a wireline competitor, or Windstream currently offers broadband of at least 10Mbps. 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:

Upon approval of the application, the deployment schedule will be as indicated in the Attached Checklist Item #4 with the caveat that given the time of year, construction may be delayed due to weather conditions.

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 shows the proposed budget and the depreciation schedule showing the life of investment for the major plant categories associated with this project.

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 - WEST LINCOLN - RL07

Criteria for Determining NUSF Eligibility for Census Blocks in Priority Order for Projects Using Fixed Wireless 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	%
311090102021025	CAF2	N	N	CAF2	CAF2	66	20%
311090102021026	CAF2	N	N	CAF2	NE BB Eligible	81	25%
311090102021031	CAF2	N	N	CAF2	Competition - FW	-	0%
311090102021032	CAF2	N	N	CAF2	Competition - Other	147	46%
311090102021036	CAF2	N	N	CAF2	WIN Only	28	9%
311090102021037	CAF2	N	N	CAF2	Total	322	100%
311090102021038	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021040	CAF2	N	N	CAF2	Eligible for Funding	81	25%
311090102021041	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021042	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021045	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021046	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021048	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021058	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021059	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021070	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021071	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021072	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021073	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021075	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only			
311090102021076	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021077	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021081	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021082	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021083	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021089	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021090	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021092	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021093	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021095	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021096	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021097	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021098	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021099	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021103	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021104	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021118	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021119	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021122	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021125	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021126	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021152	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021153	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
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311090103001009	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
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311090103001011	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
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311599601001280	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311599601001282	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311599601001283	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311599601001284	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311599601001286	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311599601001287	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311599601001289	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
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311599604001012	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311599604001013	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311599604001014	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311599604001029	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311599604001033	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311599604001071	CAF2	N	N	CAF2			
311090102021027	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
311090102021028	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
311090102021035	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
311090102021039	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
311090102021044	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
311090102021047	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
311090102021055	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
311090102021056	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
311090102021057	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
311090102021078	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
311090102021079	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			
311090102021080	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible			

311099832001019	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only
311099832001020	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001021	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001022	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001024	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001025	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001026	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001027	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001028	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001031	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001032	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001033	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other
311099832001035	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other
311099832001036	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001037	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other
311099832001038	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other
311099832001042	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other
311099832001045	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001046	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only
311099832001047	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other
311099832001048	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other
311099832001050	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other
311099832001054	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001055	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001059	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other
311099832001062	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001063	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001064	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001070	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other
311099832001079	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other
311099832001080	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other
311099832001081	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other
311099832001082	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other
311099832001084	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001085	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other
311099832001086	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other
311099832001087	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001088	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only
311099832001089	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001090	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001092	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other
311099832001093	Competition - Other	N	N	Competition - Other
311099832001099	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only
311099832001100	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only
311099832001101	WIN Only	N	N	WIN Only
311099832001102	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001103	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001104	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001105	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001106	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible
311099832001108	Competition - FW	N	N	NE BB Eligible

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 - West Lincoln - RL07

Exchange	# Locations in Deployment Area
Lincoln	320

Estimated Broadband Take Rate	50%
New Broadband Subscribers	160

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

Checklist Item #4 Estimated Schedule – West Lincoln – RL07

Proposed Schedule:

Engineering design & approval	30 Calendar Days
Site Acquisition, permitting & material acquisition	90 to 120 Calendar Days
Equipment deployment, testing, and turn-up	30 Calendar Days

Notes:

If multiple sites are involved, work activities will be conducted concurrently, so that total time for the project is 150 to 180 days

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

Check List #6 Pricing - West Lincoln - RL07

Price for Internet Only (HSI Simple or Solo Internet)				
Speed		Standard Price	Current Promo	Net Price
Up to 25Mb		\$45	\$9 off for 12 months	\$36
50Mb		\$45	\$9 off for 12 months	\$36
100Mb		\$45	\$9 off for 12 months	\$36

Price for Internet + Bundle Phone Adder				
Speed		Standard Price	Current Promo	Net Price
Up to 25Mb		\$65	\$9 off for 12 months	\$56
50Mb		\$65	\$9 off for 12 months	\$56
100Mb		\$65	\$9 off for 12 months	\$56

\$50 Activation Fee and Free Professional Installation