

**NEBRASKA UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND**

**NUSF-99 2016 BROADBAND APPLICATION**

**UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE WEST d/b/a CENTURYLINK**

**MITCHELL – COUNTY ROAD 13 AND COUNTY ROAD F**

- 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.**

This project would provide broadband service at speeds ranging up to 40 Mbps to approximately 14 living units in 25 census blocks in an area around County Road 13 and County Road F in CenturyLink's Mitchell exchange. The project will involve deploying the fiber and the electronics necessary to allow these speeds.

- 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 numbers of service area, by project.**

Please see Attachment A.

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

Approximately 14 households will be impacted by this project. None of these households can receive broadband service from CenturyLink at sufficient speeds currently. CenturyLink believes that no other wireline internet service provider is providing service in the project area.

- 4. An estimated schedule for broadband deployment.**

CenturyLink would start construction on this project 90 days after approval from the Commission, weather permitting, and complete the project within 24 months.

- 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.**

Please see confidential Attachment B.

- 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.**

The retail pricing for the proposed project area will be the same as the retail pricing for broadband services in CenturyLink's service territory in Nebraska. The pricing will vary depending on the speed the subscriber chooses as well as any other services the subscriber may wish to bundle with the broadband service.

CenturyLink's current pricing internet only service is as follows:

<b>Speed Tier</b>	<b>Price</b>
Up to 15 Meg	\$45.00
20 Meg to 39 Meg	\$50.00
40 Meg to 99 Meg	\$55.00

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A modem is required and can be leased from the company for \$10.00 per month, or purchased for a one-time cost of \$100.00, plus shipping and handling charges. If the subscriber chooses to have a technician install the service, there is a one-time charge of \$60.00.

- 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.

CenturyLink commits to offering broadband service to all households in the project area for a minimum of five years.

- 8. An affidavit from the company attesting 1) (a) that the area of the proposed project is a CAF II eligible area and has 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.

State of Kansas )  
 ) ss.  
County of Johnson )

I, Al Lubeck, being duly sworn on oath, state that (1) the area of the proposed project is not in a CAF II eligible area; (2) upon information and belief, comparable broadband service is not available from another wireline provider; and (3) the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

*Al Lubeck*  
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Al Lubeck

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.



*Linda K. Joseph*  
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Notary Public

**MITCHELL - COUNTY ROAD 13 AND COUNTY ROAD F  
ATTACHMENT A**

<b>CLLI</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Census Block</b>
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001114
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001116
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001121
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001124
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001286
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001287
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001289
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001290
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001293
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001294
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001298
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001300
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001301
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001303
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001304
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001334
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001335
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001336
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001340
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001341
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001344
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001346
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001348
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001349
MTCHNEXU	CR 13 and CR F	311579531001350

## ATTACHMENT B

**United Telephone Company of the West - Nebraska d/b/a CenturyLink**  
**2019 NUSF 99 - Broadband Grant Application**  
**Proposed Budget & Depreciation Schedule**  
**Wire Center: Mitchell**  
**Location: CR 13 and CR F**  
**May 9, 2019**

**Proposed Annual Budget:**

Description of Costs	Investment Category	Year 2020 (1)	Year 2021	Year 2022	Year 2023	Year 2024	Year 2025
Plant Investment (1):							
Access Electronics	Circuit Equipment (2232)						
Copper Cable Deployment	Buried Cable - Metallic (2423)						
Fiber Deployment	Buried Cable - Non Met (2423)						
Total Plant Investment		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Maintenance & Direct Expense (1),(2):							
Circuit Equipment		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Buried Cable - Metallic		-	-	-	-	-	-
Buried Cable - Non Metallic		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Maintenance & Direct Expense		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Property Taxes (3)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cost of Capital(4)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Annual Costs		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Depreciation Schedule: Investment Category	Investment Life	Depr. Rate (5)	Year (1) 2020	Year 2021	Year 2022	Year 2023	Year 2024	Year 2025
Circuit Equipment (1)	13.5 yrs	3.7%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Buried Cable - Metallic (1)	15 yrs	5.1%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Buried Cable - Non Metallic (1)	21 yrs	4.6%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Projected Depreciation Expense			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Plant Investment			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Footnotes:

- (1) Assumes plant in-service date of January 1, 2020.
- (2) Maintenance & Direct Expense Factors:  
 Circuit Equipment: 4.64%  
 Buried Cable - Metallic: 6.83%  
 Buried Cable - NonMetallic: 2.05%
- (3) Property Taxes Rate: 0.32%
- (4) Based on 6.54% cost of capital rate times net capital investment.
- (5) Nebraska Commission approved depreciation rates for United Telephone Company of the West - Nebraska.

**PUBLIC DOCUMENT**  
**CONFIDENTIAL DATA HAS BEEN EXCISED**