



**Northeast Nebraska
Telephone Company**
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October 12, 2022

Patty VanGerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st floor
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Ms. VanGerpen,

In accordance with the Commission's requirements in granting waiver of the South Dakota ETC Filing requirements, attached with this letter is verification that Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company received its ETC Certification from Nebraska in 2022.

Yours truly,

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA TELEPHONE COMPANY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angie Urwiler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

Angie Urwiler
Accountant

Enclosure

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) APPLICATION NO. NUSF-25
Public Service Commission, on its) Progression Order No. 44
own motion, seeking to establish)
guidelines for the purpose of)
certifying the use of federal)
universal service support.)

In the Matter of the Nebraska) APPLICATION NO. NUSF-66
Public Service Commission, on its)
own motion, seeking to establish)
guidelines for the purpose of) ORDER CERTIFYING CARRIERS
certifying the use of state)
universal service support.)
Entered: October 4, 2022

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

On May 15, 2007, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") established a detailed process for verifying whether all federal high-cost support was, in the preceding year, and in the next calendar year, used for the intended purpose pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; and whether all state high-cost support was and would be used for its intended purpose pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-324. See Application Nos. NUSF-25/NUSF-66, Progression Order #18 (May 15, 2007). Consistent with the Commission's findings, all designated eligible telecommunications carriers ("ETCs") and all Nebraska designated eligible telecommunications carriers¹ ("NETCs") receiving high-cost support were required to file historical and prospective documentation describing their use of federal and state high-cost universal service support. These annual filings are due on June 1 of each year.

On November 18, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued its Universal Service and Intercarrier Compensation Transformation order² which, *inter alia*, modified the certification

¹ The Commission designates ETCs as eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service fund support pursuant to the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission designates NETCs as eligible to receive state high-cost universal service fund support pursuant to the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund ("NUSF") Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-316 *et seq.*

² See *Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 29 FCC Rcd 8769 (2014) ("Transformation Order").

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requirements for ETCs. State Commissions are required pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 to conduct a detailed review of each ETC's historical and prospective documentation describing the use of federal universal service support, and to determine whether universal service support was used for its intended purpose in the preceding calendar year and will be used for its intended purpose in the following calendar year.

Upon completion of its review, the Commission finds that the following carriers have filed adequate information to demonstrate that they have used all federal high-cost support in the preceding calendar year, and will continue to use all federal high-cost universal service support in the coming year for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended, pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 54.314 and WC Docket Nos. 14-58 and 10-90:

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Study Area Code (SAC)</u>
ALLO Communications, LLC	379010
AMG Technology Investment Group, LLC	379035
Arapahoe Telephone Company	371516
Arlington Telephone Company	371517
Benkelman Telephone Company, Inc.	372455
Blair Telephone Company	371524
Cambridge Telephone Company	371526
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	371128
Consolidated Telco, Inc.	371530
Consolidated Telecom, Inc.	371562
Consolidated Telephone Company	371532
Cox Nebraska Telcom, LLC	379001
Cozad Telephone Company	371534
Curtis Telephone Company	371536
Dalton Telephone Company, LLC	371537
Diller Telephone Company	371540
Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company	371542
Elsie Communications, LLC	371518
Glenwood Network Services, Inc	371567
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	N/A
Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation	371553

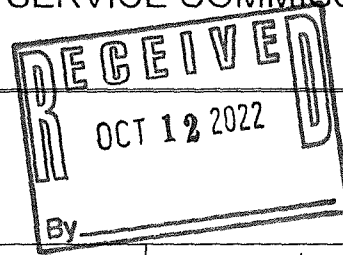
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Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative	391659
Great Plains Communications, LLC	371577
Hamilton Long Distance Company	379038
Hamilton Telephone Company	371555
Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.	371556
Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc.	371557
Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company	371558
Henderson Cooperative Telephone Co.	371559
Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company	371561
Hooper Telephone Company	371563
HunTel CableVision, Inc.	379016
Inventive Wireless of Nebraska, LLC	379037
K & M Telephone Company, Inc.	371565
Midstates Data Transport	N/A
Mobius Communications Company	379014
NE Colorado Cellular, Inc.	379008
NE Colorado Cellular, Inc.	379036
Nebraska Central Telephone Company	371574
Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications, Inc	379004
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	371576
Pierce Telephone Company, Inc.	371581
Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	379003
Plainview Telephone Company, Inc.	371582
Qwest Corporation	375143
Rock County Telephone Company	371586
Skybeam, LLC	376137
Skybeam, LLC	376138
Skywave Wireless, Inc.	379040
Sodtown Communications, Inc.	371590
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc.	371591
Stanton Telecom, Inc.	371592
Three River Communications	379015
Three River Telco	371525
United Telephone Company of the West	371595
USCOC of Nebraska/Kansas LLC	379019
Vivian Telephone Company	391686
Wauneta Telephone Company	371597

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Windstream Communications, LLC	N/A
Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	371568

Accordingly, the Commission will provide certification to the Administrator of the federal high-cost universal service support mechanisms and the FCC, that the above-listed carriers have used federal high-cost support in the preceding calendar year (2021) and will continue to use federal high-cost universal service support in the coming year (2023) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and/or service for which the support is intended in accordance with § 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended.

Certification in this Order shall not be construed as precedent as to the sufficiency of the information considered acceptable by the Commission in subsequent years.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Department certify to the Administrator of the federal high-cost universal service support mechanisms and the Federal Communications Commission, that the above-listed eligible telecommunications carriers have used and will continue to use in the coming year federal high-cost support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and/or service for which the support is intended in accordance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 4th day of October, 2022.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Rod Johnson
Mary Kadden
Tom Schram

Dee Watson
Chair

ATTEST:

Thomas W. Golden
Executive Director