



**Northeast Nebraska
Telephone Company**
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October 2, 2024

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 2024.

Yours truly,

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA TELEPHONE COMPANY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angie Urwiler". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

Angie Urwiler
Accountant

Enclosure

NEBRASKA

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Office of the Secretary



September 25, 2024

CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Thomas W. Golden, Executive Director of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, hereby certify that the enclosed is a true and correct copy of the original Order made and entered in the proceeding docketed as Application No. NUSF-25, Progression Order No. 46, NUSF-66 on the 24th day of September, 2024. The original Order is filed and recorded in the official records of the Commission.

Please direct any questions concerning this Order to Cullen Robbins, Director, at 402-471-3101.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Lincoln, Nebraska, this 25th day of September, 2024.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Golden
Executive Director

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cc: Marlene Dortch, Federal Communications Commission – Office of the Secretary,
9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701
USAC, Vice President-High Cost Division, 700 12th Street NW, Suite #900, Washington DC 20005
Nebraska ETCs / Interested Parties

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SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for the purpose of certifying the use of federal universal service support.)	Application No. NUSF-25
)	Progression Order No. 46
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In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for the purpose of certifying the use of state universal service support.)	Application No. NUSF-66
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)	ORDER CERTIFYING CARRIERS
)	
)	Entered: September 24, 2024

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 carriers ("NETCs")¹ 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 1st of each year.

On November 18, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") issued its Universal Service and Inter-carrier

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 Act ("NUSF Act").

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Compensation Transformation Order ("Transformation Order")² which, inter alia, modified the certification requirements for ETCs. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, state commissions are required to conduct a detailed review of each ETC's historical and prospective documentation describing the use of federal universal service support. State commissions are then required 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.³

Upon completion of its review, the Commission hereby 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 (2015) 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	379035
Arapahoe Telephone Company	371516
Arlington Telephone Company	371517
Benkelman Telephone Company	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 Co.	371536

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).

³ See 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

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Dalton Telephone Company, LLC	371537
Diller Telephone Company	371540
Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company	371542
Elsie Communications, LLC	371518
Glenwood Membership Corporation	371553
Glenwood Network Services, Inc.	371567
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 Company	371559
Hershey Cooperative Telephone	371561
Hooper Telephone Company	371563
Huntel Cablevision, Inc. dba Fastwyre	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
	379036
Nebraska Central Telephone Company	371574
Nebraska Technology and Telecommunications	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
	376138
Skywave Wireless, Inc.	379040
Sodtown Communications, Inc.	371590
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc.	371591
Stanton Telecom, Inc.	371592
Three River Communications, LLC	379015
Three River Telco	371525
United States Cellular Corporation (USCOC of Nebraska/Kansas)	379019

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United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a CenturyLink	371595
Vivian Telephone Company	391686
Wauneta Telephone Company	371597
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 (2023) and will continue to use federal high-cost universal service support in the coming year (2025) 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 § 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended.

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 24th
day of September, 2024.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Eric M. Hamler
[Signature]

Tim Schram

Keri Stocker

[Signature]
Chair

ATTEST:

Thomas W. Golden
Executive Director