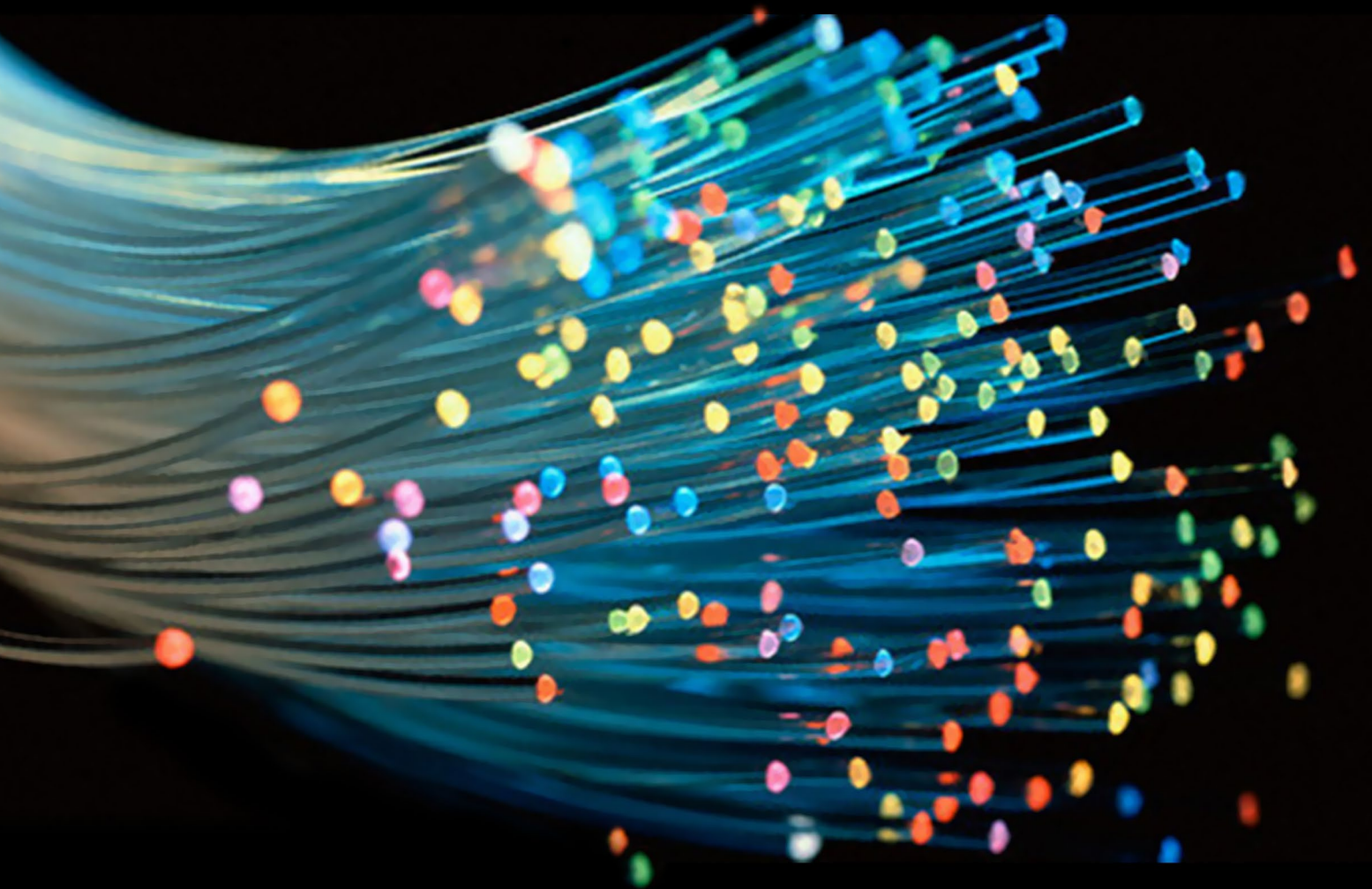
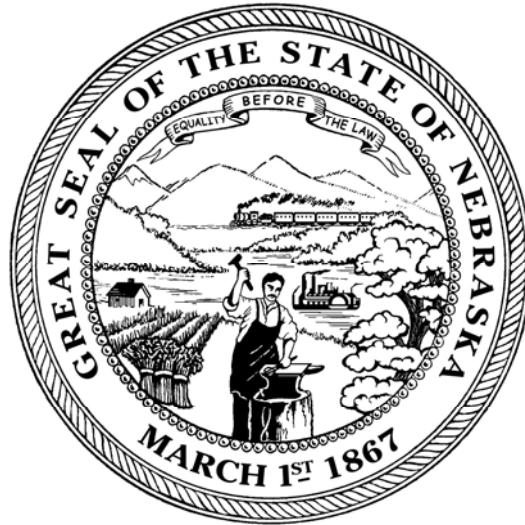


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It is with great pleasure that I submit the annual report on the status of telecommunications service in the State of Nebraska. This past year has once again been an exciting year of change and growth in the telecommunications field on every level. The transition from traditional telecommunications networks to networks capable of providing broadband services is ongoing. Our Nebraska Broadband Program funded by the Nebraska Universal Service Fund continues to advance broadband availability throughout Nebraska and we remain committed to furthering broadband access to the entire state.

The Commission's work on broadband mapping in conjunction with grants from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) continues with an eye toward wrapping up the grants at the end of 2014. Additionally, our transition from paper boundary maps for all local telephone companies to electronic maps is complete. All the maps in the state are now available electronically on the Commission's website. Citizens can search by company name and by exchange area to find a desired map. The Commission maintains the boundary maps and updates the FCC annually with any changes.

As the Legislature directed, the Commission conducted an independent, third-party study of infrastructure issues, GIS data requirements, and the cost of implementation of Next Generation 911 in Nebraska. The Commission submitted its final report including recommendations to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee in April 2014.

We continue to implement changes in the Low Income Telephone Assistance Programs to increase our outreach and raise the profile of the program. Finally, we are currently designing a new database to streamline eligibility determinations and improve responsiveness to consumer inquiries. If you have any questions, please contact our Commissioners or staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank Landis".

Frank Landis
Chairman

Executive Summary

This report includes information on a multitude of communications issues. The Commission continues its efforts to facilitate the transition to internet networks and increase the availability of broadband services across the state. A brief overview follows:

Nebraska Universal Service Fund - Broadband Program

- ✚ Over \$43.3 million for projects to construct new or upgrade existing broadband facilities across Nebraska since 2008.
- ✚ 107 broadband projects approved.
- ✚ 48,115 Nebraskans gained access to improved internet services.
- ✚ Over 60 cellular towers funded in rural areas of Nebraska.
- ✚ \$500,000 in support has been earmarked in 2015 to fund pilot broadband adoption projects.

Nebraska Universal Service Fund - Telehealth Network

- ✚ Funding for more than 76 Nebraska Hospitals.
- ✚ More than \$6.5 million in funding for the network since inception.
- ✚ The Commission recently approved additional funding over and above the annual cap for bridge upgrades and increased bandwidth on network backbone lines.

Nebraska Universal Service Fund - Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP)

- ✚ 12,543 Nebraskans receive assistance from NTAP to assist in affording basic wireless or traditional telephone service.
- ✚ Designing a new NTAP database to increase efficiency in eligibility determinations of applicants and responding to customer inquiries.

E911

- ✚ Mission Critical Partners report on the implementation of Next Generation 911 was submitted to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee in April 2014.
- ✚ The Commission continues to coordinate with other state agencies, public safety answering points and local governments to facilitate and enable emergency networks across Nebraska.

Broadband Map/Boundary Maps

- ✚ Converted all telephone company boundary maps to electronic format from hard copy maps.
- ✚ Designed a website to allow Nebraska consumers to search, view and download electronic boundary maps on the Commission website at www.psc.nebraska.gov.
- ✚ The Nebraska Broadband Map created from the Broadband Grant program is available at <http://broadbandmap.nebraska.gov>.
- ✚ In April 2014 the Commission sent its 9th broadband data submission to NTIA under the Broadband Grant program. The last data collection is ongoing and the final data submission is due to NTIA on October 1, 2014.

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PART I

Overview



Brief History of the Commission

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) is a constitutionally created executive body established under Article IV, Section 20 of the Nebraska Constitution. The Commission is comprised of five elected Commissioners serving six-year terms. The Commission was initially created by the Legislature in 1885 to regulate railroads, but was not firmly established until the passage of a constitutional amendment in 1906 creating a three member elected Railway Commission. Membership was increased to five Commissioners in 1964 and the state was divided into five districts, each to elect a commissioner. The name was changed to the current Public Service Commission by a general election vote in 1972.

Today the Commission regulates telecommunications carriers, natural gas jurisdictional utilities, railroads, household goods movers and passenger carriers, grain warehouses and dealers, construction of manufactured and modular homes and recreational vehicles, high voltage electric transmission lines, and private water company rates. The Commission also oversees and administers several statutorily created funds with specific legislative purposes and goals including the Nebraska Universal Service Fund, the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund, and the Nebraska Telecommunications Relay System Fund.

The Commission is active on local, state, and national levels and contributes on all levels to determine policy regarding the future of communications and universal service. Many Commissioners, past and present, have served on boards, committees, and advisory groups to recommend and give insight on policy matters to both state and federal agencies and legislative bodies.

History of Universal Service

Universal service is defined as providing comparable service at compatible rates in both urban and rural areas of the country. The concept of universal service began with the passage of the Federal Communications Act of 1934. The 1934 Act called for a nation-wide and world-wide wire and radio communication service at reasonable rates for all people of the United States. The telecommunications industry was noncompetitive, monopolistic, and fully regulated with AT&T being the predominant telephone company operating in the United States. Universal service was supported by a system of higher charges paid for long distance calls. In the 1980s there was a push for deregulating the telecommunications industry leading eventually to the breakup of AT&T in 1984. Universal service was still supported by a system of charges for long distance calls charged to a carrier to access the facilities of a local telephone company.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 was the first major rewrite of the Communications Act of 1934 and legislatively encouraged increased competition and universal service. The 1996 Act set out priorities for universal service, including quality and reasonably priced services for all customers including those in rural, low-income and high-cost regions, equitable and nondiscriminatory service, specific and predictable price structure, and access to service for

schools, health care institutions and libraries. The goals were to be achieved through the creation of the Universal Service Fund (USF) into which all telecommunications providers are required to contribute a percentage of their telecommunications revenue.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 further provided for competition in the local service market. The Commission implemented key provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act to further the goal of increased competition while maintaining quality and affordable service. The Commission under the 1996 Act designated companies as competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) to provide service in areas previously served by monopoly companies. CLECs served customers by using either the facilities of the existing local company for a fee similar to leasing or using their own facilities. The creation of CLECs fostered competition by giving customers more than one choice of telecommunications provider in a local market. The Commission authorized a number of CLECs to compete with the incumbent local companies for service in Nebraska.

The 1996 Act also created the Joint Federal-State Board to make recommendations to the FCC on defining federal universal services and policy. The Joint Board has explicit authority to recommend modifications to what services will be supported with USF dollars and the 1996 Act requires that the FCC act within one year on any recommendation received from the Joint Board. The Joint Board also is responsible for ensuring that federal universal service policies continue to be based on a list of principles articulated in the 1996 Act.

Nebraska Universal Service

In 1997, the Nebraska Legislature passed legislation authorizing the Commission to create the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF). The goal of the NUSF is, in conjunction with federal universal service funds, to ensure that all Nebraskans have comparable access to telecommunications services at affordable prices. To accomplish this goal, the Commission created five programs within NUSF, 1) the high cost program; 2) the low income assistance program; 3) the rural tele-health program; 4) the dedicated wireless fund program; and 5) the broadband pilot program. For more information on the NUSF, see Part III of this report.

The Changing Face of Communications

While the creation of the Federal Universal Service Fund and NUSF was specifically geared towards making telephone communications readily available to everyone, the speed with which the digital age emerged quickly made it clear that the internet was to be the next great form of communication. As technology advanced and more and more information and services became available in online formats, bringing broadband and mobile communication to rural and unserved areas began to be discussed as part of the universal service paradigm.

The FCC Connect America Fund Order

After years of debate and reform efforts, in October 2011, the FCC issued an order formally proposing a "Connect America Fund" or CAF and approving a six-year transfer process that would transition money from traditional wireline telecommunications support to a new \$4.5 billion a year CAF for broadband Internet expansion. The CAF order addressed universal service reforms as well as reforming of the payment system between local and long distance carriers, called intercarrier compensation.

Universal Service Reforms

The CAF order transitions away all existing universal service high-cost support mechanisms for traditional wireline telephone companies and will ultimately replace them with CAF money which is specifically purposed to help make broadband available in areas that do not, or would not otherwise, have fixed or mobile broadband. The CAF includes a new Mobility Fund and a Remote Areas Fund. Telecommunications companies receiving CAF money will be required to offer both voice and broadband services and to meet specific broadband performance requirements.

Inter-carrier Compensation

The CAF order also transitions the existing payment framework of access charges between companies to a bill-and-keep system for both local and long distance calls. The bill-and-keep methodology requires companies to recover the cost of providing service directly from their customers through end-user charges, which are subject to competition. In contrast, under the access charge framework, companies recover some of the costs of providing service from competing carriers through access charges, which may not be subject to competitive discipline. Thus, the FCC found bill-and-keep would give companies competitive incentives to serve their customers efficiently. The CAF order does allow for a transition period to gradually lower current access rates in the move toward bill-and-keep, but sets a date of July 1, 2020, when all companies will reduce their rates to bill-and-keep for all traffic.

The FCC CAF order represents a fundamental paradigm shift in the concept of universal service from predominantly supporting and funding traditional telephone service to a system to support the development and maintenance of broadband networks. For more information on broadband, see Part II of this report.

Looking Forward: The State Role

The preservation and advancement of universal service goals continues to be a joint enterprise between the states and the federal government. Although the federal USF collects and distributes the majority of the funding in the country, the states play an integral role in framing, overseeing, and enforcing compliance with basic obligations for telecommunications services that constitute the foundation of the concept of universal service.

State utility commissions are responsible for many regulatory tasks in cooperation with federal authorities to assist and enforce federal universal service policies. For example, states are responsible for designating telephone companies as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) whereby the company is then eligible to receive federal USF and/or CAF support. States also oversee the federally supported Lifeline services. And most important, 21 states have established their own state USFs that provide support to carriers to assist in keeping basic telecommunications services affordable for customers, especially in rural high-cost areas. Further, 22 states and the District of Columbia have state USFs to provide support for Lifeline services to low-income customers. Some states, including Nebraska, are also expanding their state USFs to include support for broadband capital investment by carriers in rural high-cost areas.

As discussed above, the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service has played an important role in the formulation of universal service principles and policies since its creation. In view of the strong and unwavering State interests in a universal service partnership with the FCC, a meaningful collaboration between the Commission and the Joint Board in this regard continues to be of paramount importance.

Federalism Task Force

The preservation and continued operation and existence of State USFs and their work in cooperation with the federal USF is critical to the advancement of universal service principles in the 21st Century. With the expansion of the federal principles in the CAF Order to include broadband and other advanced services, the role of the states have never been more important.

The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) established the Federalism in Telecommunications Task Force (FTF) in November 2012 to review changes in communications services and regulation (including the transition to Internet Protocol (IP) based services) and to determine what policies will best protect and support consumers going forward. The Task Force was composed of commissioners and staff from both states that have reduced or eliminated retail communications regulation and those that continue to regulate communications. After deliberation and input from NARUC members, industry, consumer groups, academics, and the FCC, the FTF recommended that the States and the FCC work collaboratively to determine how best to support consumers as the communications environment continues to evolve. To support this "cooperative federalism," the FTF proposed eight Principles to guide State and Federal legislation and regulation going forward. Those Principles include consumer protection, network reliability and public safety, competition, interconnection, universal service, evidence-based decision making, and broadband access, affordability, and adoption. The FTF published a white paper entitled, "Cooperative Federalism and Telecom in the 21st Century". NARUC passed a resolution adopting the white paper and endorsing the policy of cooperative federalism at its November 2013 annual meeting.

PART II

Broadband



Broadband Defined

Broadband is a generic term commonly used to refer to Internet access through some means other than a dial-up modem. The typical forms of technology used as transport for broadband are digital subscriber loop (DSL), cable-modem, wireless, optical fiber, and satellite technologies.

DSL broadband service uses telephone wiring and is typically provided by a local telephone company. The range of DSL is limited to a distance of three to five miles from the telephone company's central office depending upon the equipment utilized.

Remote or cable modem is typically provided by a local cable company and requires a connection to the cable provider. Depending upon the data transmission speed desired, DSL and cable modem service are usually similar in cost and effectiveness.

Wireless and satellite technologies continue to gain broadband market shares and provide broadband services to areas that are beyond the maximum distance for DSL or where video cable service is not available. While wireless and satellite service is typically more costly than DSL or cable modem, competition and equipment technology advances are bringing the price points closer together.

Both the FCC and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) have adopted the following broadband categories and speeds to better represent today's technologies. The following speed categories are used by the Commission in the collection of data for the Broadband Mapping initiative (See Mapping section below):

Code	Name
2	Greater than 200 kbps and less than 768 kbps
3	Greater than or equal to 768 kbps and less than 1.5 mbps
4	Greater than or equal to 1.5 mbps and less than 3 mbps
5	Greater than or equal to 3 mbps and less than 6 mbps
6	Greater than or equal to 6 mbps and less than 10 mbps
7	Greater than or equal to 10 mbps and less than 25 mbps
8	Greater than or equal to 25 mbps and less than 50 mbps
9	Greater than or equal to 50 mbps and less than 100 mbps
10	Greater than or equal to 100 mbps and less than 1 gbps
11	Greater than or equal to 1 gbps

Broadband over Power Line (BPL) is a technology used to deliver high-speed data to end-users over existing electric power networks and lines. BPL, also known as power-line communication, utilizes electric power distribution wires for the high-speed transmission of data by transmitting high-frequency data signals through the same power distribution network used

for carrying electric power to household users. Currently BPL technology is capable of carrying broadband signals along a power line for around 1,000 to 3,000 feet before it becomes too weak or distorted to be useful. Innovation and technology continue to expand the capability of BPL, however, currently it is usually not the most cost effective method of providing ubiquitous broadband in Nebraska.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) into law. The ARRA is administered by the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). RUS and NTIA were appropriated \$7.2 billion to expand access to broadband services in the United States.

The ARRA designated \$2.5 billion for RUS to establish the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP). BIP utilizes loans and grants to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas of the country. The ARRA also designated \$4.7 billion for the NTIA to provide grants for broadband initiatives to spur job creation, stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity, and narrow gaps in broadband deployment and adoption.

Broadband Mapping

The ARRA also appropriated \$350 million to establish a comprehensive nationwide inventory map of existing broadband service capability and availability in the United States that depicts the geographic extent to which broadband service capability is deployed and available from a commercial provider or public provider throughout each State. ARRA tasked the mapping project to the NTIA and the NTIA has sought help from state designated entities in completing the mapping project. The NTIA provided the opportunity for each state to apply for a grant of up to \$3.8 million to fund that state's broadband mapping project. Each state that submitted a broadband mapping application had the opportunity to seek an additional \$500,000 for broadband planning. The Governor designated the Commission as the entity to apply for a Grant from the State Broadband Data and Development Program for the mapping and planning funds. Nebraska was awarded a Grant on January 13, 2010, for a five year period. While the overall award period was from January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2014, the initial funding period for the broadband mapping activities was for the period January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2011. The Commission completed the initial two year grant with 4th round broadband data submission on September 28, 2011. A second funding period was awarded to Nebraska on September 28, 2010, for the final three year period from January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2014, and a 9th round of broadband data was submitted on April 1, 2014.

Broadband Providers

After extensive research using the Internet and telephone interviews and information from the FCC and the Commission's data bases, the Commission initially identified 124 companies providing broadband services in Nebraska. Eighty-nine companies are identified as

potential providers of data and participated in the mapping project. Two companies refused to participate and the remaining 41 were determined to be resellers of internet services and unnecessary to include in the project as reseller data is duplicative of the underlying provider.

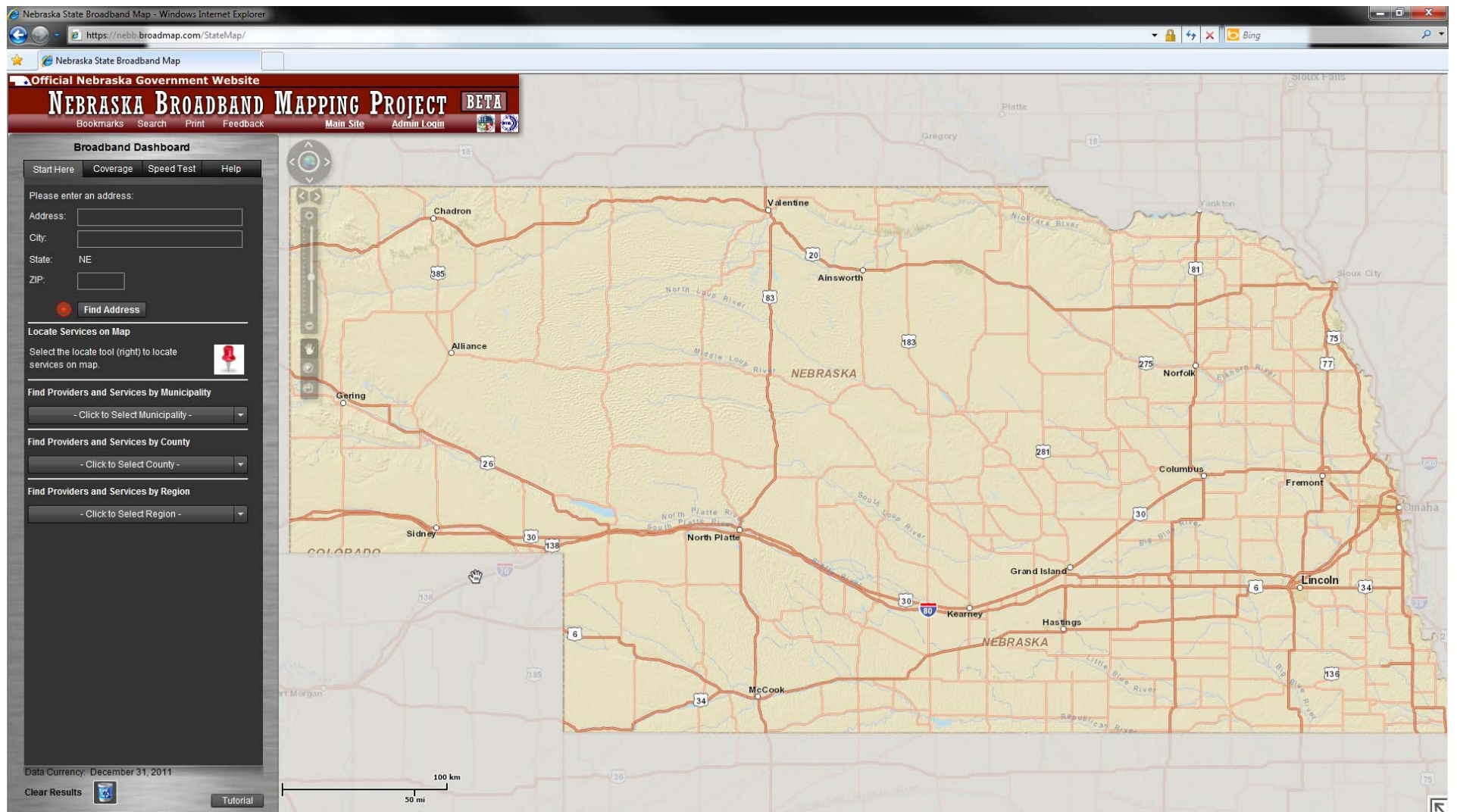
Data Collection and Modeling

Data models and input tools were initially mandated by the NTIA for the mapping project, and as the project evolved, additional requirements have been imposed on the Commission and the providers. Commission staff has developed tools and methods of collecting the required data that minimizes the burden on the providers while improving the quality and accuracy of the data submitted.

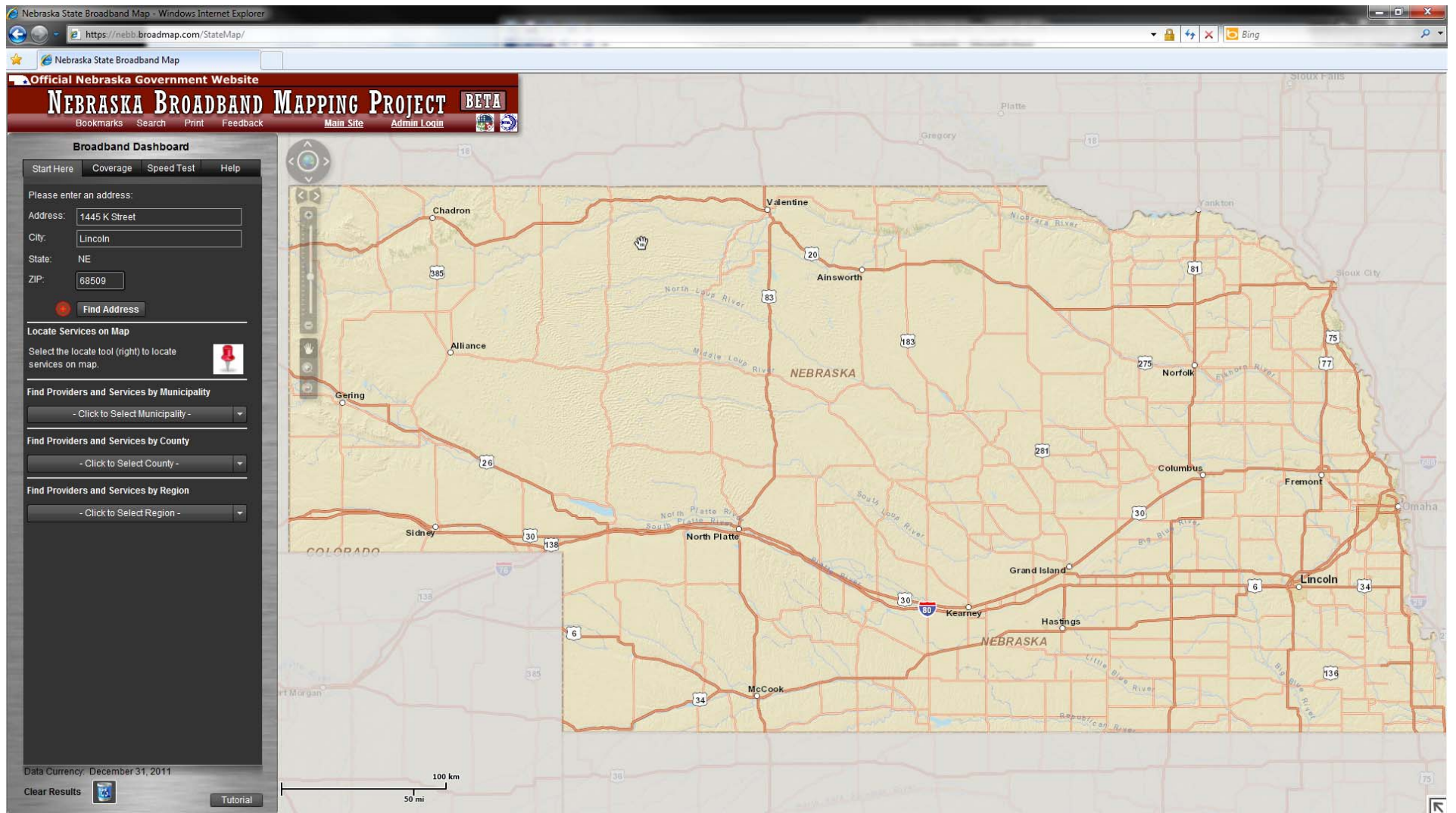
After the data is received from the providers, the Commission's Graphical Information System (GIS) provider develops a graphical representation of the data for providers review. The Commission then conducts a final review of all data before the data is transmitted to the NTIA and the Nebraska Broadband Map is updated.

The Nebraska Broadband Map can be found at: <http://broadbandmap.nebraska.gov>.

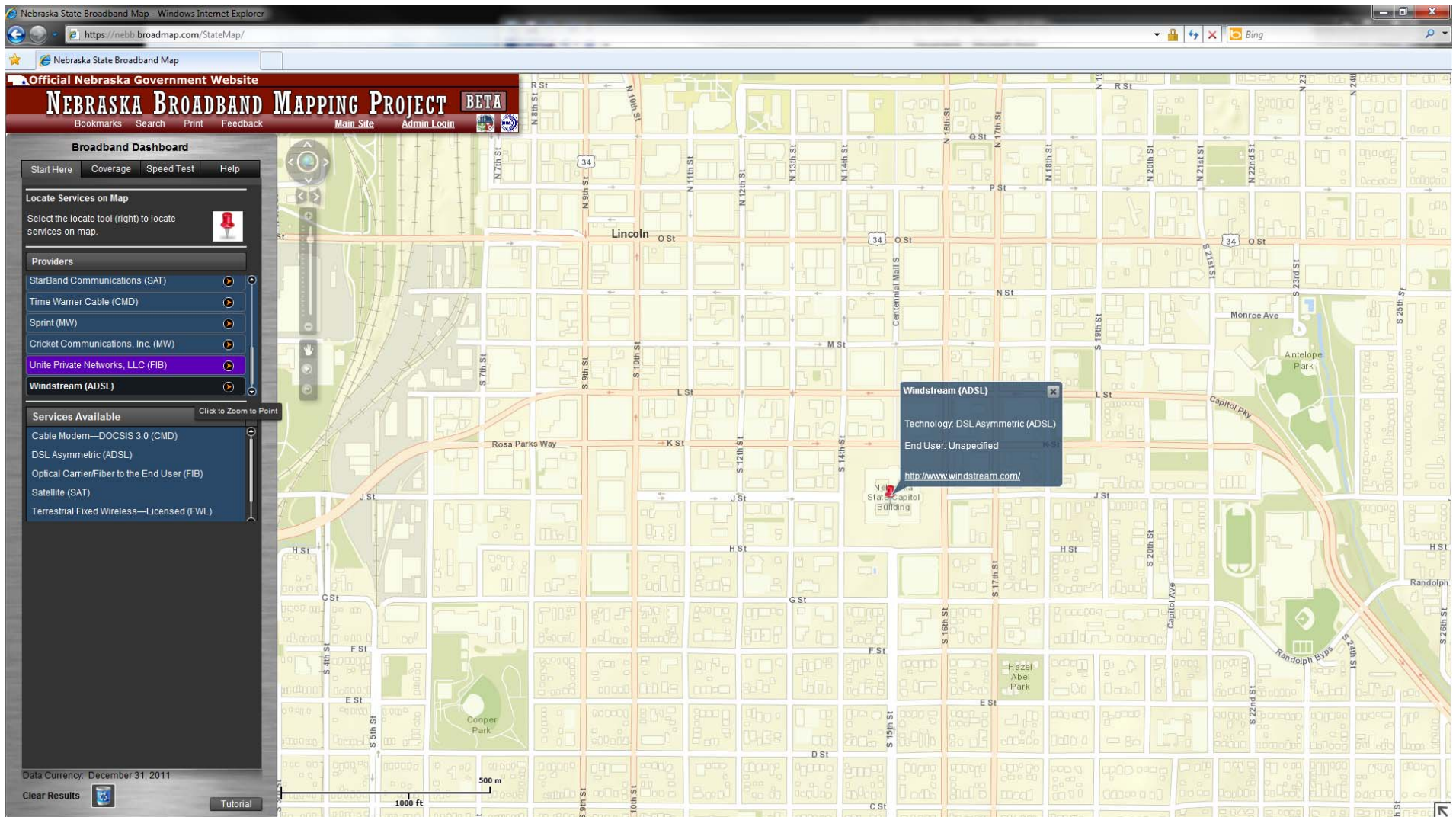
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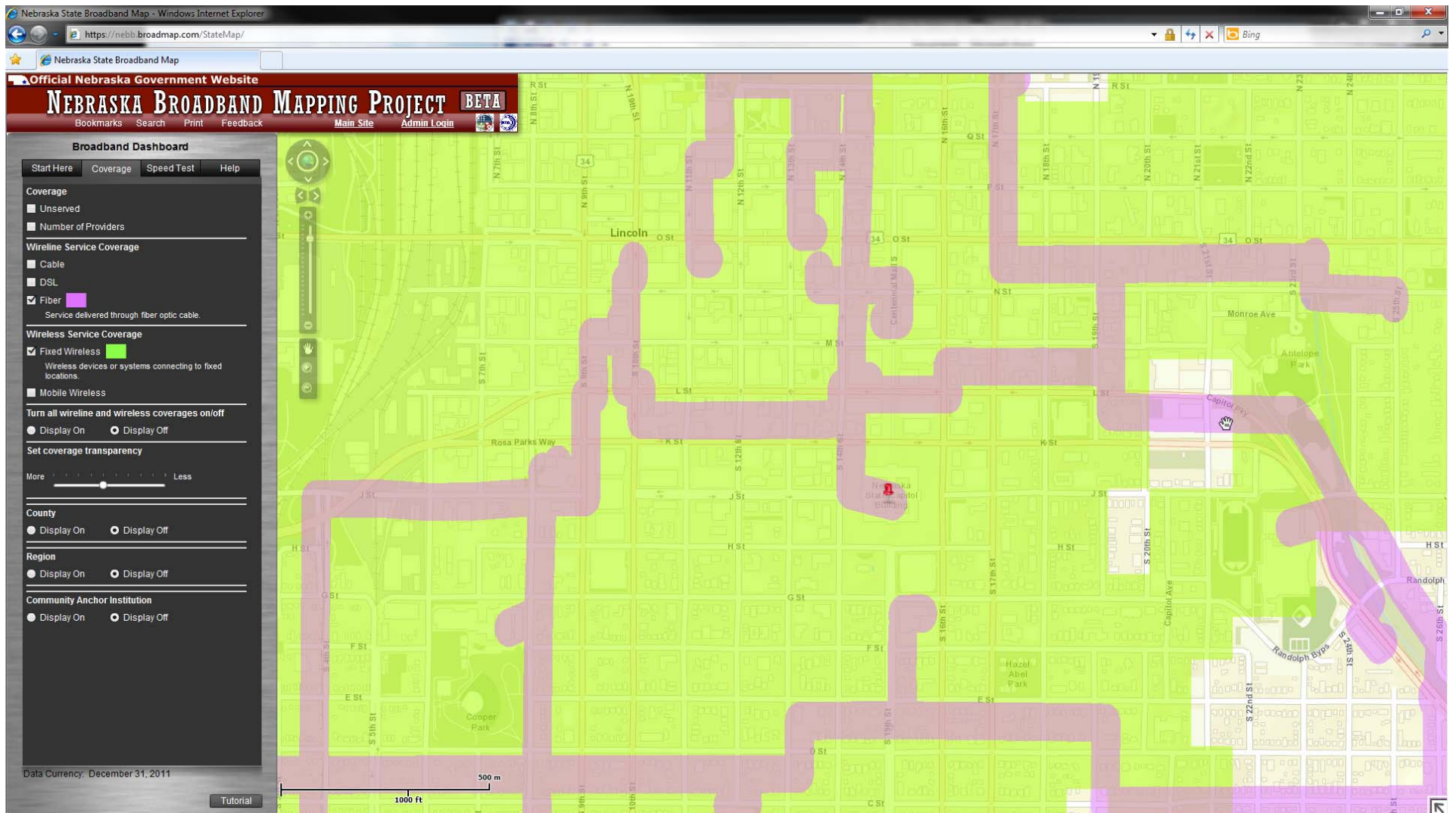
The home page of the Nebraska Broadband Map found at <http://broadbandmap.nebraska.gov>. The dashboard to begin a search of the map is located on the left-hand side of the home page.



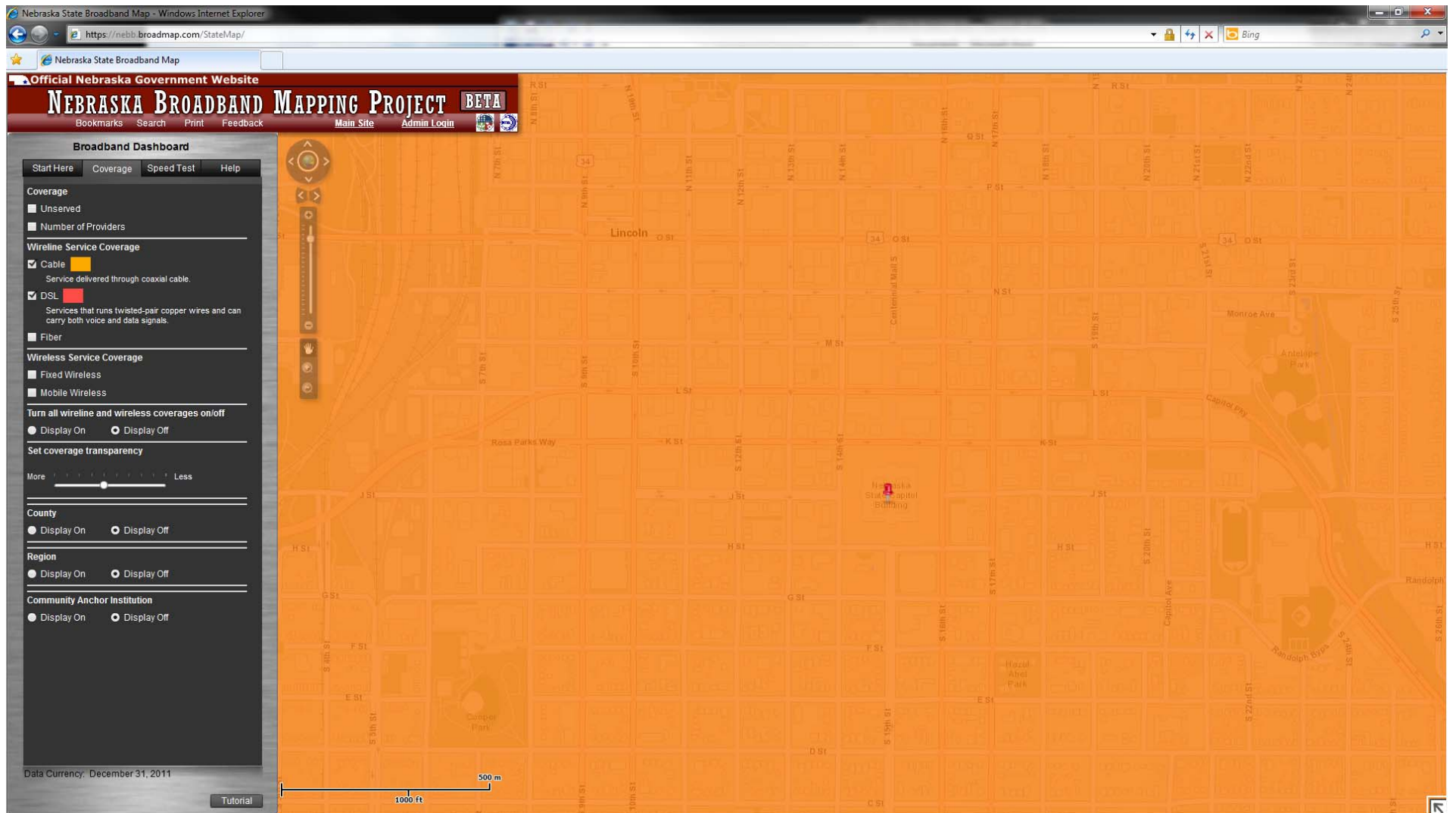
To search for broadband availability in a certain location an address is typed into the search fields. The address of the Nebraska State Capitol has been inserted above.



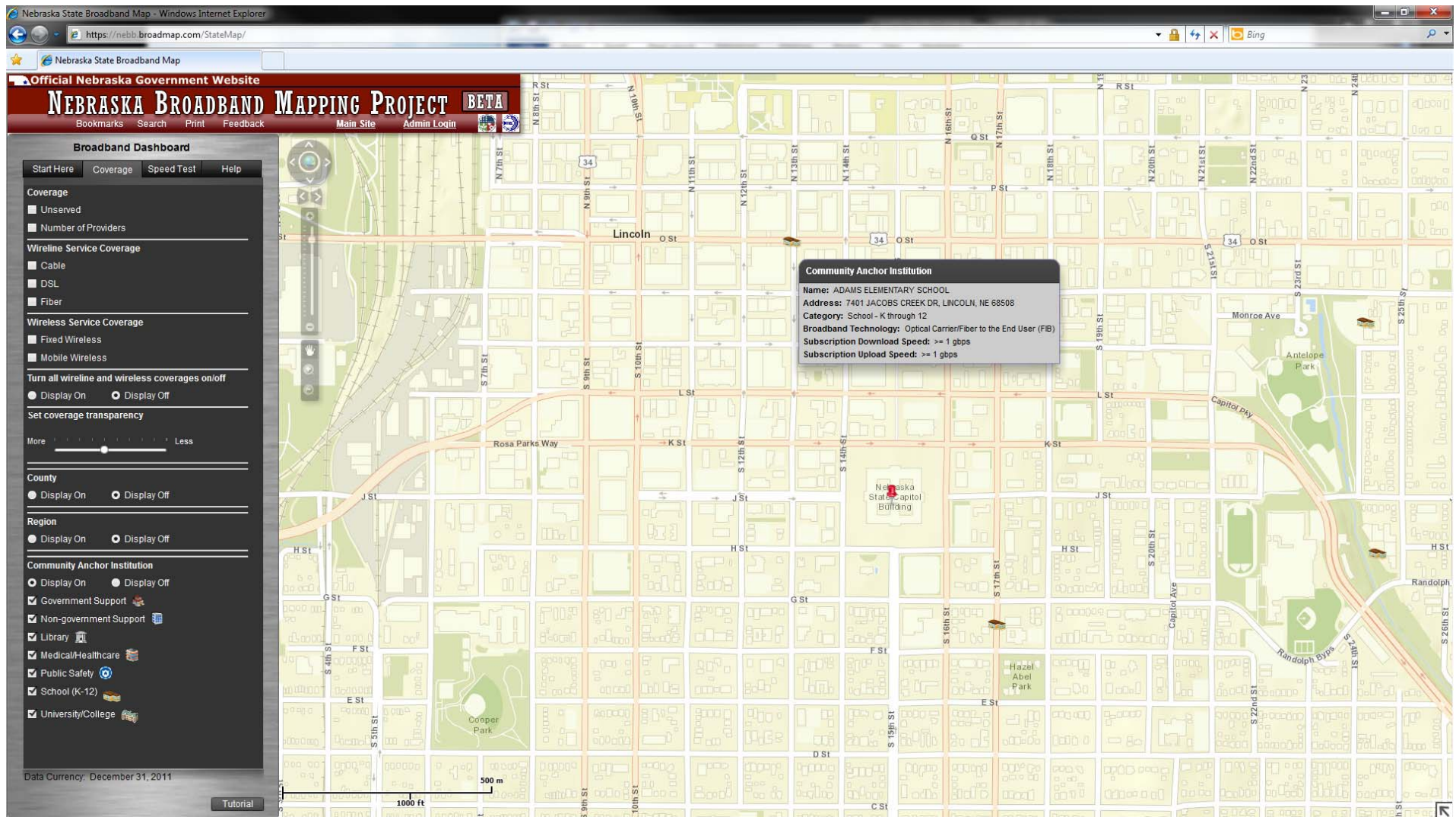
The results of searching for the address of the Capitol are displayed above. Broadband service providers reporting available service at the selected address are displayed on the left-hand side of the map. Information about the provider selected is shown over the selected address on the map. Above, Windstream was selected and shows on the map. The information included with the provider on the map identifies the technology available from the provider at the selected location and contact information to receive more information about the provider's service.



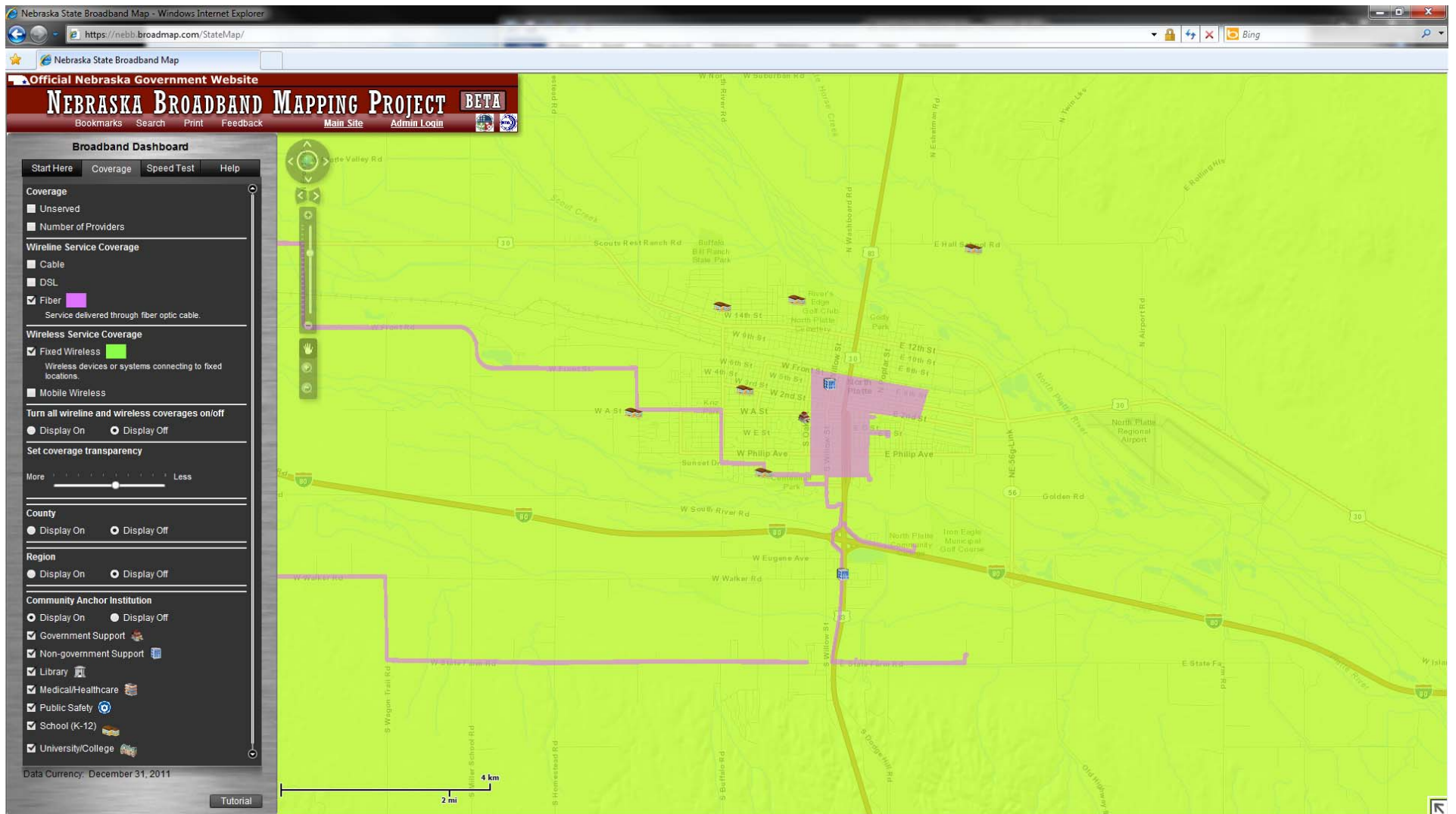
The coverage menu on the dashboard displays the types of broadband services available in the selected location. Users can check which type of service they want to see in the area or select all coverage types. Above, the wireline service delivered by fiber and the fixed wireless service available in the area around the State Capitol are displayed.



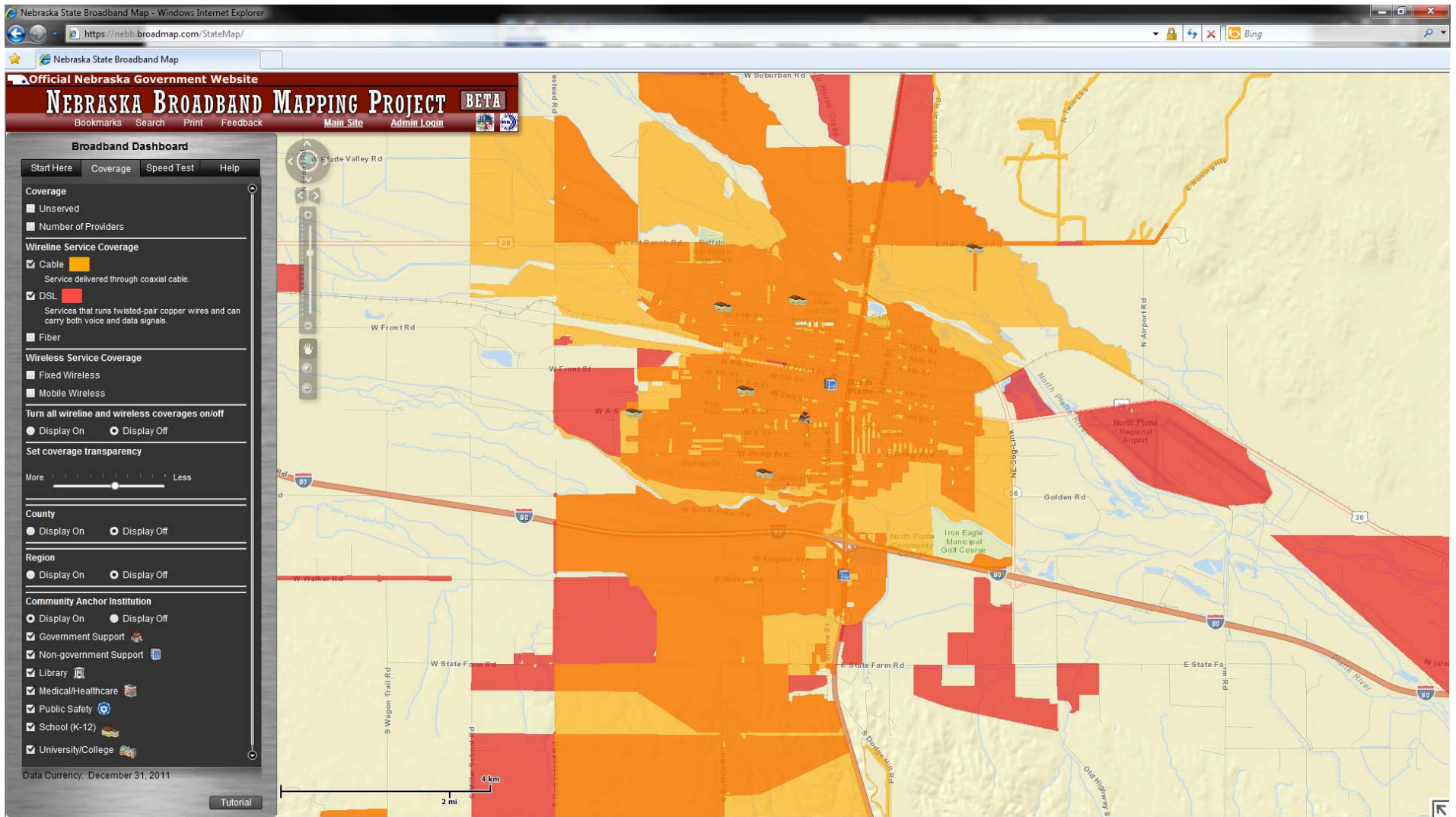
Above, the wireline cable and DSL availability in the area around the State Capitol are displayed. The solid color of the map indicates ubiquitous coverage in the area for the selected technologies.



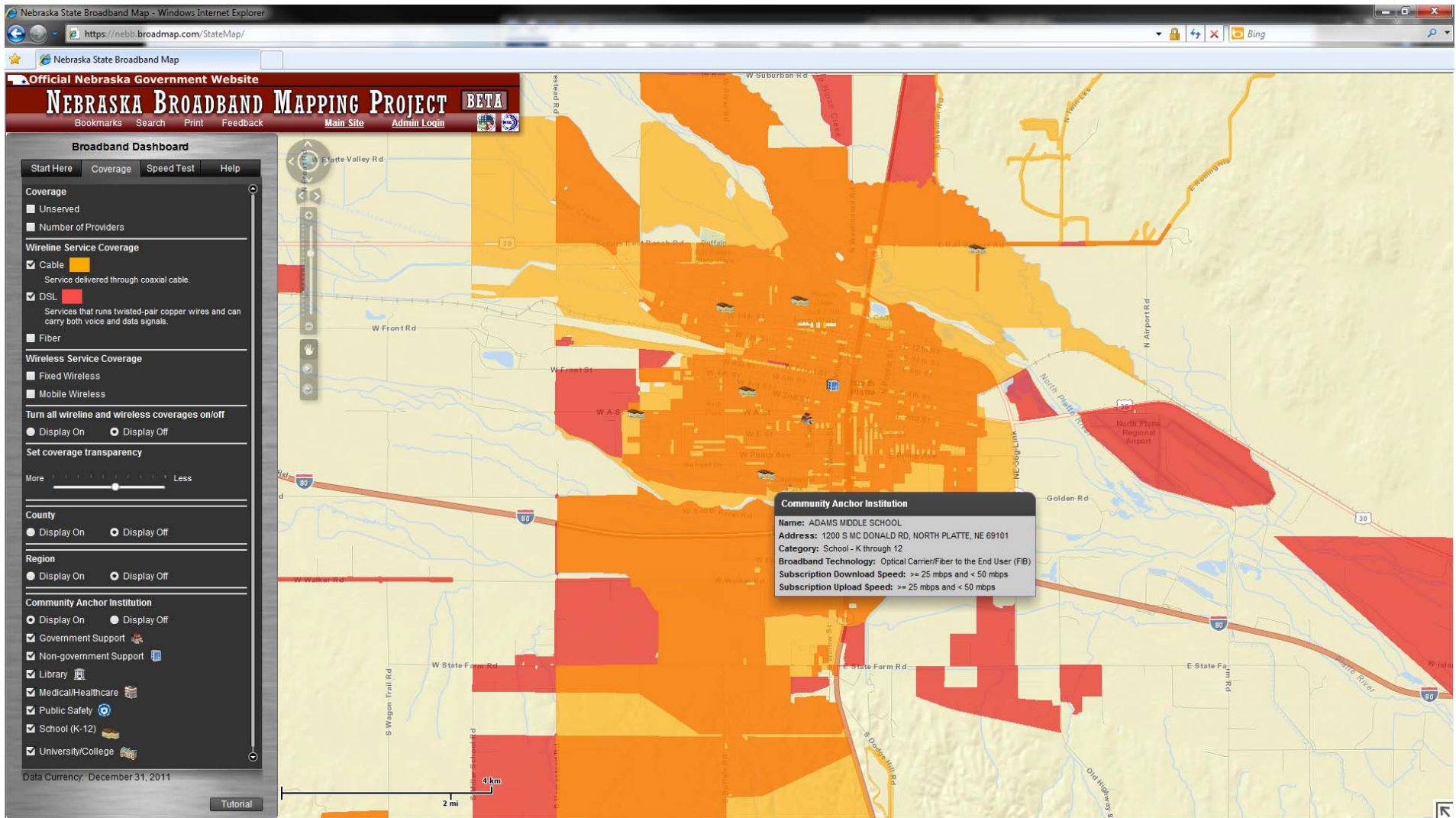
The map will also identify community anchor institutions in the selected area. At the bottom of the coverage menu on the dashboard the searchable types of community anchor institutions are listed and the map displays icons for any selected institutions in the area. Above, all institutions in the area are displayed. The institution icon for Adams Elementary School has been selected displaying the name, address, broadband service available to that institution, and other related information.



The map enables searches of communities or other larger areas not just specific street addresses. Above, the search results for North Platte, Nebraska, with the fiber and fixed wireless service available in the area being displayed along with the location of the community anchor institutions.



Above, the cable and DSL offerings available in the North Platte area are displayed.



Above, the community anchor institution icon for Adams Middle School is selected with the information on the school displayed.

Infrastructure Build-out

In January of 2010, the Commission received a Petition from the Nebraska Telecommunications Association (NTA) to conduct a review of the NUSF High-cost Program. The Petition focused on issues related to deployment of broadband-capable networks throughout the state. The Commission sought comment on the Petition and requested that interested parties brief the issue of whether supporting broadband was included in the statutory authority granted to the Commission in the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act.

On November 3, 2010, the Commission issued an order finding it possessed statutory authority to provide universal service support for broadband service. On June 14, 2011, the Commission issued a further order seeking comments and setting a hearing on a proposed Nebraska Broadband Pilot Program. The Commission's order sought comment on eligibility requirements and the application process. The Commission further studied other state broadband grant programs to gather best practices used by these states to quickly and efficiently target areas without sufficient broadband availability.

On November 21, 2011, the Commission entered an order establishing the Nebraska Broadband Pilot Program (NEBP). The NEBP was established to provide targeted support for unserved and underserved areas to close the broadband availability gap. In its order, the Commission found support should be made available for broadband capital improvement projects and determined that any type of facilities-based provider would be eligible to apply for and receive NEBP support. The Commission further created a baseline set of eligibility requirements. On December 10, 2013, the Commission entered an order assigning a new caption to the broadband program that more aptly described the subject matter. The broadband program is now docketed as NUSF-92 and is referred to as the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program. The Commission allocated \$9 million for the Broadband Program in 2014. For more information on the Broadband Program, see Part III of this report.

Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund

The Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund (NIEF) was created by state statute in 2001 to provide start-up funding for economically viable and sustainable infrastructure projects that bring internet and advanced telecommunications services to communities and counties where they are most needed. NIEF Grants are usually awarded in amounts up to \$50,000, however, larger projects of exceptional merit have been awarded, with applicants required to provide matching funds of at least 25% of the total projected cost. To date, 13 grants have been awarded, the two most recent in January of 2012 to Box Butte County and Nebraska Cooperative Government group. Various communities, counties and cooperative government groups have been awarded NIEF Grants, including the Counties of Cheyenne, Box Butte, Dawes, Nemaha, and Banner, as well as the Harlan and Furnas County Partnership. Further, Grant recipients include the communities of Broadwater, Chappell, Dix, Bushnell, and Elsie, and the Nebraska Cooperative Government group which includes the communities of Humphrey and Schuyler. NIEF grant funds awarded to date totals approximately \$660,000.

Competitive Marketplace Fund

The Competitive Marketplace Fund consists of voluntary payments made by Qwest Communications d/b/a CenturyLink QC, for failure to comply with the requirements of a Quality Performance Assurance Plan (“QPAP”) entered into by Qwest with CLECs. The QPAP became effective once the then Qwest was approved by the FCC to provide long distance service in Nebraska. There were no costs or professional/audit fees incurred during the 2013-14 fiscal year.

In 2008, the Legislature passed LB 755 which lowered the maximum balance in the fund from \$100,000 to \$30,000. If the fund balance exceeds \$30,000, the Commission is responsible for remitting such excess to the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund. Transfers from the Competitive Marketplace Fund to the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund for the fiscal year of 2013-14 amounted to \$8,559.

Low Income Pilot Programs

In an order issued in February of 2012, the FCC significantly reformed the low-income program supported by the federal and state USFs called Lifeline. In that order, the FCC also took firm steps toward expanding the Lifeline program to include broadband service. The FCC created a Pilot Program to gather data to test how the Lifeline program could be structured to promote the adoption and retention of broadband services by low-income households.

Robust, affordable broadband has become essential to access jobs, education and economic opportunity. For example, more than 80 percent of Fortune 500 companies today require online job applications. Students with broadband at home have a 7 percent higher graduation rate. According to a recent study by the Pew Research Center, the top three barriers to broadband adoption are digital literacy, relevancy and cost. Low-income households adopt broadband at much lower rates than the average household, even when access to high-speed Internet is readily available. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, fewer than 36 percent of families with incomes less than \$25,000 subscribe to broadband at home, compared to nearly 92 percent of families with incomes over \$75,000.

The FCC solicited applications from ETCs to participate in the Pilot Program and selected a small number of projects. The FCC then authorized up to \$25 million for funding of the Pilot Program for up to 12 months to provide subsidized broadband service to offset the cost to customers to purchase broadband and to test the impact on broadband adoption with variations in the monthly discount provided.

The primary goal of the Pilot Program is to gather high-quality data that will help identify effective approaches to increasing broadband adoption and retention by low-income consumers and to enable the FCC and states to evaluate how best to structure a Broadband Lifeline program in the future. By transitioning the Lifeline program to include broadband assistance, USF is moving toward helping to bridge the digital divide by reducing and removing barriers to receiving and utilizing broadband. On September 3, 2014, the Commission designated \$500,000 from the Broadband Program in 2015 to initiate a pilot broadband adoption program. This

program will be limited initially to projects submitted in the 2015 application window and will sunset after a twelve month implementation period absent affirmative action by the Commission to extend the program. For more information on the FCC Lifeline Reform Order, see Part III.

PART III

Nebraska Universal Service Fund



Overview

New This Year

In 2013, the Commission moved toward combining two programs within Nebraska Universal Service, the Dedicated Wireless Fund Program and the Nebraska Broadband Pilot Program (NEBP). The consolidation of the two programs occurred at the beginning of calendar year 2014. The NEBP was re-docketed as the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program. For the calendar year 2015, the Commission has designated \$500,000 of the Broadband Program funding to initiate a pilot broadband adoption program.

Legislative History

In 1997, the Legislature passed LB 686, authorizing the Commission to create the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF). The goal of the NUSF is, in conjunction with federal universal service funds, to ensure that all Nebraskans have comparable access to telecommunications services at affordable prices.

There have been many Legislative changes since the original passage of the bill in 1997. In 1999, LB 514 exempted Lifeline recipients from paying the NUSF surcharge. Legislative Bills 389, 1105, and 1211, passed in 2001 and 2002, clarified the Commission's NUSF authority regarding wireless companies and re-codified the applicable NUSF statutes. Legislative Bill 37 passed during the 2002 special session, allowing the State to borrow monies from the Universal Service Fund with certain restrictions. The borrowing provisions sunsetted on June 30, 2007. In 2004, LB 1004 changed the name of the Lifeline/Link-Up Program to the Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP).

In 2007, LB 661 among other things, clarified that the Commission could assess all providers of telecommunications the NUSF surcharge on intrastate telecommunications, consistent with the 1996 Act. The FCC found a distinction between providers of telecommunications and those who offer telecommunications services. Accordingly, the NUSF Act was modified to be consistent with increased flexibility in the FCC interpretations of the 1996 Act.

Purpose

To ensure that all Nebraskans have access to quality telecommunications and information services at affordable and comparable rates, the Commission created the following four programs within the NUSF:

1. Broadband Pilot Program, which supports the provision of broadband telecommunications infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas of the State.
2. Rural Tele-Health Program, which supports the provision of telecommunications services to a statewide Tele-Health network.

3. Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP), which was formerly known as the Lifeline/Link-Up Program. This program provides discounted rates to qualifying low-income Nebraskans.
4. High Cost Program, which seeks to make telecommunications and information rates generally affordable and comparable across Nebraska.

Each program will be discussed in more detail below.

Assessment

Mechanism and Revenues

The Commission, by order and after public hearing, maintained the NUSF surcharge at 6.95% of in-state retail telecommunications revenue through June 30, 2013. Interstate and Internet services are not subject to the NUSF surcharge. The Commission determines assessable services through the use of FCC federal universal service definitions in order to reduce the amount of duplicate administrative work for telecommunications providers. Specific categories of services subject to the NUSF surcharge are:

- Local service, including connection charges, enhanced service, such as Caller ID, and Extended Area Services (EAS).
- Wireless services, including cellular, PCS, and paging.
- In-state long distance services, including prepaid calling card, operator-assisted, collect, calling card and private line.
- Voice over the Internet Protocol (VoIP) service.

During Fiscal Year 2013-14, the NUSF collected \$50.2 million, and distributed \$46.1 million to telecommunication providers in Nebraska.

As of the beginning of the 2013-14 Fiscal Year, the NUSF balance was \$30.3 million. As of June 30, 2014, the balance had increased to \$34.6 million. The current balance includes \$8.6 million earmarked for the dedicated wireless program and \$13.9 million earmarked for the Nebraska Broadband Pilot Program. The earmarked support will be paid as carriers complete projects for which they were awarded funding and submit the proper documentation.

Other State Comparisons

Twenty-one states have state funds specifically dedicated to providing high-cost support and 8 states have funds dedicated to funding intrastate access rate reductions and reform. The percentage assessed by each state varies widely along with the method of assessment. Nebraska's assessment percentage falls near the middle. Alaska has the highest universal service contribution rate of 9.2%, with Oregon at the second highest assessment rate of 8.5%. Kansas has an assessment rate of 6.05%, similar to Nebraska's 6.95% assessment rate. Texas has an assessment rate of 4.3% of revenues.

The assessment rates between states may not be easily compared for reasons such as the level of basic local service rates charged to customers. In Nebraska, telecommunications

companies receiving high-cost universal service support are required to charge a rate of at least \$17.50 per month, and if they do not charge a benchmarked rate of \$19.95 per month in rural areas, the amount of support they receive from the state fund is reduced. In contrast, Wyoming, a state which assesses only 1.0% of revenues, only provides support to carriers to reduce monthly rates to \$29.71. Therefore, rural customers in Wyoming pay about 50 percent more for local services than their Nebraska neighbors.

Broadband Program

Purpose

On November 21, 2011, the Commission entered an order establishing the Nebraska Broadband Pilot Program (NEBP). The NEBP was established to provide specific and targeted broadband support to unserved and underserved areas to close the broadband availability gap. Nebraska is one of only four states in the nation with a universal service program to fund broadband deployment, and it provides the second greatest amount of total funding among the states with such programs. NEBP grants are available to regulated wireline, wireless, and unregulated communications providers wishing to participate.

The NEBP was developed through a generic proceeding docketed as NUSF-77. This docket was originally opened on January 26, 2010, to update policies and procedures related to universal service. However, the focus in that proceeding progressed towards investigating whether broadband services should be explicitly supported by the Nebraska universal service program similar to corresponding federal changes. The Commission sought numerous rounds of comments and held several public hearings to determine the legality, the policy and the potential framework of a pilot broadband program. The Commission studied other state broadband grant programs to gather best practices used by these states to quickly and efficiently target areas without sufficient broadband availability.

In its November 21, 2011 Order, the Commission found support should be made available for broadband capital improvement projects. The Commission also determined that any type of facilities-based provider would be eligible to apply for and receive NEBP support. The Commission further created a baseline set of eligibility requirements.

On December 10, 2013, the Commission entered an order assigning a new caption to the broadband program that more aptly described the subject matter. The broadband program is now docketed as NUSF-92 and is referred to as the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program. The Commission allocated \$9 million for the Broadband Program in 2014.

Application Process

Broadband Program grant recipients must commit to: 1) offer the supported broadband service upon completion of the deployment to all households within the area defined by the application for a minimum period of 5 years; 2) offer a voice grade service to customers within the service area of the broadband deployment; 3) offer access to emergency services; 4) use Broadband Program support only for the purposes intended and which have been approved by the Commission through the application process; 5) offer voice and broadband service at reasonably comparable rates for comparable services in urban areas; 6) fulfill reporting and audit requirements adopted by

the Commission for oversight of the Broadband Program; and 7) abide by all applicable Commission rules, regulations and orders.

Eligible carriers wishing to participate in the Broadband Program were required to provide broadband project applications to the Commission. Applications must include descriptions of the proposed broadband project plan and area(s) to be served listed as census blocks; potential subscribership data; a construction timeline; a budget including a description of how the Applicant will meet the minimum 25% matching requirement; financial qualifications; retail pricing data; a commitment to serve the area(s) for a minimum of 5 years; agreement to participate in Nebraska's State Broadband Initiative (SBI) effort; and include an affidavit attesting to the accuracy of the application materials.

The Commission opened the application window for the third year of the Broadband Program on December 15, 2013. February 3, 2014, was the deadline to submit applications for year-three Broadband Program support. The Commission's procedures allowed for protests or interventions in the application process. Starting in the second year of the Broadband Program, the Commission also allowed a 30-day negotiation period for carriers to restrict, but not enlarge, an application area in order to reduce areas of overlap. The Commission received applications from sixteen providers. These applications included 94 projects and collectively the Applicants requested approximately \$20.1 million in grant funds.

The Commission staff reviewed each application to determine whether it was compliant with the requirements described in the Commission's orders. A procedural schedule was established for release of staff recommendation on the proposed distribution of funds, the filing of testimony, and a hearing on all applications.

Distribution Methodology

To determine the best use of Broadband Program support in a competitive grant process, the Commission developed a robust scoring system. The scoring methodology gives highest priority to providing broadband service to areas considered to be unserved. Unserved has been defined by the Commission as any area where no facilities-based provider offers broadband, and where Internet connectivity can only be made through dial-up service. Underserved areas are also eligible for broadband support but are given less priority. The Commission has defined underserved as any area where a facilities-based provider offers Internet access at speeds greater than 56K down but not greater or equal to those speeds defined as broadband. Each criterion utilizes relative scoring and therefore ranges in value from zero (0) to one (1). Relative scoring measures a project against all others within the same priority tier. The Commission utilizes Nebraska SBI mapping data to as a starting point for review.

Group Assignment

Using data provided by Applicants and other publicly available data resources, the scoring methodology triages all projects into categories, or groups, based on the nature of the area to be served and the total cost of each project. This group assignment is used to create a priority hierarchy, or tier, within which each project is scored.

Scoring Criteria

Within each tier, the project that best fulfills the objectives of the Broadband Program is awarded the maximum point value and sets the bar for all other projects. Within each priority tier, each project is scored based on the following 6 scoring criteria. Each criterion utilizes relative scoring and therefore ranges in value from zero (0) to one (1). Relative scoring measures a project against all others within the same priority tier.

The formulas below all follow the same basic principle where each criterion equals the percentage of the highest, or lowest, where applicable, amount for that criterion out of all projects within each priority tier.

- 1) The Service criterion is determined based on the percentage of unserved and underserved area, as determined by the Nebraska SBI mapping data.

$$(\% \text{ Un/Underserved Area}_i) / \text{Max}(\% \text{ Un/Underserved Area}_i)$$

- 2) The Value criterion is determined based on the retail end-user rate and the speed of the service to be provided at said rate.

$$\text{Min}(\text{Retail Rate} / \text{Mbps}) / (\text{Retail Rate}_i / \text{Mbps}_i)$$

Retail Rate_i is equal to the summation of the residential monthly recurring rate for voice service; the broadband retail monthly recurring charge; and, where applicable, the subscriber line charge (SLC); the nonrecurring broadband activation charge, and the greater of the monthly recurring customer premise equipment (CPE) charge and the nonrecurring CPE charge. All nonrecurring charges were amortized over a period of sixty (60) months at a rate of 0.0% prior to comparison and/or summation.

- 3) The Scale criterion is based on the total adjusted grant request amount, not including match amounts, the speed of the respective broadband service, and the total number of households. Where applicable, legal expenses; including railroad easement right-of-ways and liability costs; taxes on equipment and installation; and potential liability costs were identified and removed.

$$\text{Min}(\text{Cost} / (\text{Mbps} * \text{HH})) / (\text{Cost}_i / (\text{Mbps}_i * \text{HH}_i))$$

- 4) The Cost criterion is based on the total adjusted grant request amount, not including match amounts, and the total number of households.

$$\text{Min}(\text{Cost} / \text{HH}) / (\text{Cost}_i / \text{HH}_i)$$

- 5) The Rural criterion is based on the total number of households and the area, in square miles.

$$\text{Min}(\text{HH} / \text{SqMi}) / (\text{HH}_i / \text{SqMi}_i)$$

- 6) The Scope criterion is based on the total number of households.

$$\text{HH}_i / \text{Max}(\text{HH})$$

Criteria Weights

Scoring criteria results are then weighted and summed by project to determine each project's total score. The assigned weight is the maximum number of points achievable for the criterion's value, limiting the amount each criterion can affect the total score. The weight for each criterion is dependent on all other, as the total weight is constant (100). The assigned weight is a measure of the importance, or value, of each criterion within the scoring methodology and ensures Applicants are properly incented to propose projects that best fulfill the objectives of the Broadband Program.

- 1) The Service criterion weight of twenty-five percent (25%) encourages applications targeting broadband support amounts to unserved and underserved areas.
- 2) The Value criterion weight of fifteen percent (15%) balances emphasis on the cost to the consumer and the speed of service provided; while also recognizing economies of scale may lead to diminishing returns as speeds begin to exceed consumers' needs.
- 3) The Scale criterion weight of five percent (5%) recognizes the value of providing higher broadband speeds to a larger number of households at a reasonable cost.
- 4) The Cost criterion weight of twenty-five percent (25%) encourages Applicants to reduce the cost of their proposals and heightens the probability of expanding broadband in Nebraska at an increased rate.
- 5) The Rural criterion weight of five percent (5%) recognizes the need to consider rural areas of Nebraska, those with a lower number of households per square mile. The Rural criterion, and the associated weight, is reasonable to include as the two criteria Rural and Service are not excessively correlated.
- 6) The Scope criterion weight of twenty-five percent (25%) encourages Applicants to provide balanced projects that expand broadband service availability to the greatest number of Nebraskans.

Awarding Grants

Using the results of the scoring system, Broadband Program grant support amounts are assigned based on a project's total score, within each priority tier, and subject to Broadband Program funding availability.

The Commission requires capital expenditures be made prior to any Broadband Program support being provided to an awardee. Grant recipients submit invoices and additional information for verification as needed, in arrears to the Commission for review. Subsequent to successful review, the Commission provides approved Broadband Program grant support amounts based on invoice cost. If necessary and appropriate, the Commission may require an audit of Broadband Program support as well as verification of broadband speeds, plant improvements, and commitments met.

Funds Distributed

On November 5, 2013, the Commission held a hearing on all of the applications received for the 2013 funding year. On November 25, 2013, the Commission granted support for eleven applications received for the 2013 funding year to fund 30 projects for a total of \$ 3.4 million.

On June 10, 2014, the Commission held a hearing on all of the applications received for the 2014 funding year. On June 24, 2014, the Commission granted support for fifteen applications received for the 2014 funding year to fund 60 projects for a total of \$ 8.5 million.

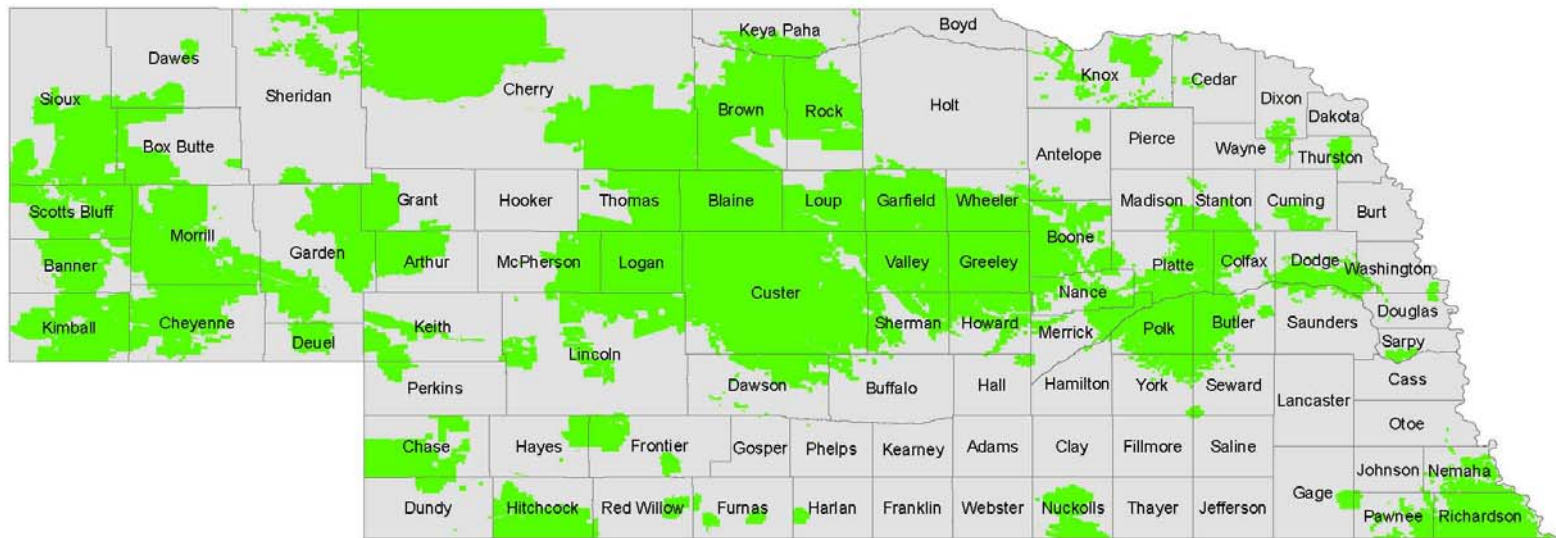
Consolidation with the Dedicated Wireless Program

On January 15, 2013, the Commission found that the support used for the dedicated wireless fund program should be transitioned over a four-year period into the NEBP. The Commission decided this transition should begin during the 2014 calendar year.

In April 23, 2013, the Commission sought comment on whether it should reconsider its decision to transition this support over four years, and instead, accelerate the combination of these programs. The Commission solicited comments from interested parties on whether to combine both programs in 2014.

After reviewing comments and conducting a hearing, the Commission entered an order on September 4, 2013, finding it should accelerate the consolidation of Dedicated Wireless Fund program support with the NEBP program support. The NEBP will be the surviving program with wireless capital costs being eligible costs under the grant program. Further, the Commission found the 25 percent match requirement should be retained. The consolidation occurred in the 2014 calendar year. More information on the Dedicated Wireless Program can be found below.

Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Grant Locations Nebraska Broadband Pilot Program (2012-2014)



NEBP Grant Locations

■ 2012-2014

Telehealth Network

Purpose

In September of 2004, the Commission approved funding for the Nebraska Statewide Telehealth Network (NSTN). The NSTN connects 68 rural and critical access hospitals across the state to hub hospitals in Grand Island, Kearney, Lincoln, Norfolk, North Platte, Omaha, and Scottsbluff. The NSTN allows the rural and critical access hospitals to remotely connect to urban facilities that have specialists in many diverse fields including trauma, radiology, and endocrinology. The existence of the NSTN allows rural facilities to provide expanded healthcare services in their communities, saving patients in rural areas the time, cost and inconvenience of traveling long distances for their specialized healthcare needs.

The NSTN also provides a video conference resource for both rural and urban facilities for education, training and administrative meetings, saving substantial amounts of time and expense involved with those activities. Telehealth has become a vital part of healthcare in Nebraska, and the NSTN is a national leader in recognizing and realizing the beneficial impact of a vital telehealth network on rural healthcare services.

Funding

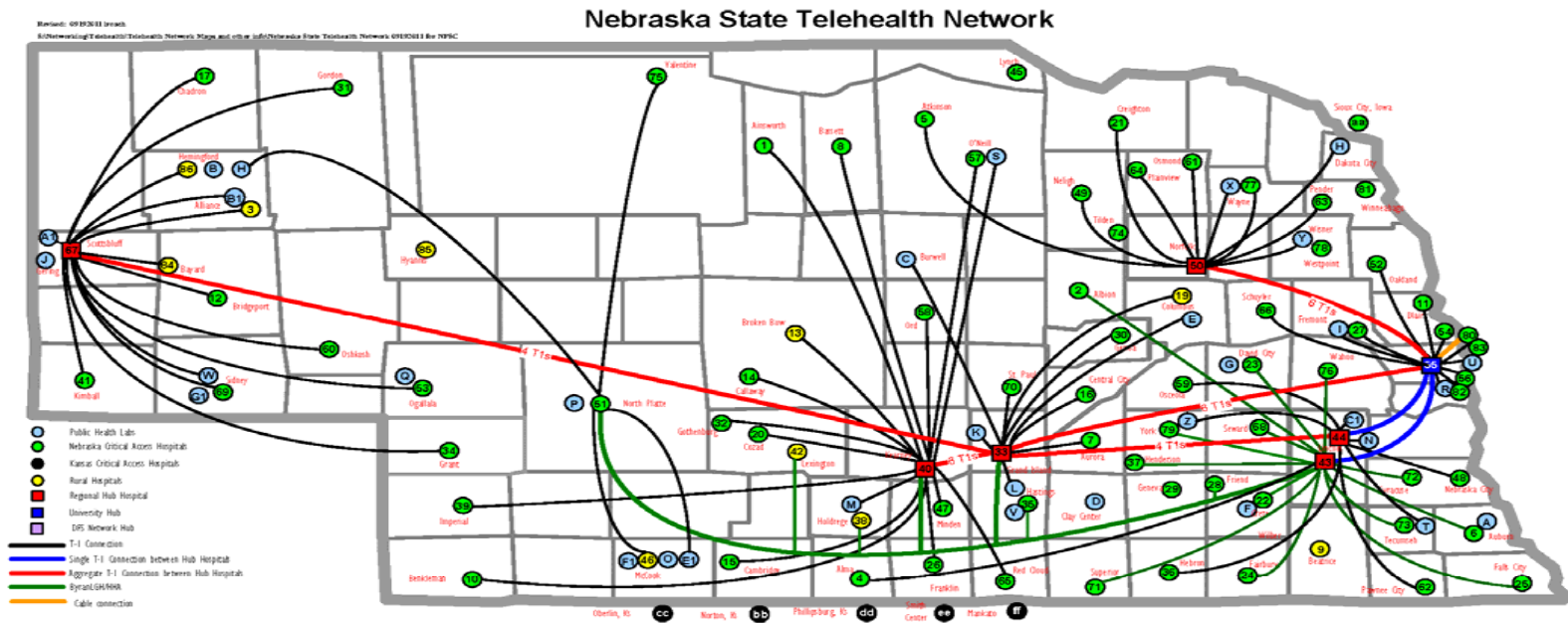
In Fiscal Year 2013-14, the Commission provided more than \$1.2 million in funding for the NSTN. Since the inception of the NSTN in 2004, the Commission has provided funding to 76 Nebraska hospitals, delivering in excess of \$6.5 million to the NSTN.

In late June 2013, the NSTN filed a request seeking changes to the structure and funding amount allocated to the Nebraska Telehealth Program. The Commission held a hearing on this matter in October 2013 and approved additional funding for necessary bridge upgrades and increased bandwidth on network backbone lines, allowing the NSTN to go over the annual cap for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Funding for the NSTN is provided to hospitals eligible for NUSF funding pursuant to preapproved funding amounts. The Commission capped total funding to the NSTN at \$900,000 per fiscal year. NUSF funding is provided as a supplemental and secondary source to the federal telehealth funding sources. Eligible hospitals and facilities must first avail themselves of federal funding before seeking NUSF funding.

Federal funding to rural hospitals is used to offset the cost differential between urban and rural facilities of acquiring a digital transmission high-capacity link called a T-1 line, which is required to connect to the NSTN. Rural hospitals are further responsible for \$100 per month of the monthly provider cost to connect the T-1 line, with the remainder of the monthly service cost is paid directly to the telecommunications carrier providing the service to the hospital from the NUSF. Telecommunication companies receiving NUSF money for the provision of service to the NSTN are subject to Commission audit requirements to ensure compliance with the NUSF program rules. NUSF also provides funding for necessary components to operate the statewide network, such as routers, firewalls and bridges, which are not eligible for federal telehealth support under the rural healthcare program.

Map of Telehealth Network



Low Income Telephone Assistance Program/Lifeline

Purpose

The Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program or NTAP assists eligible low-income individuals with obtaining and keeping telephone services by lowering monthly telephone service rates. Eligible subscribers receive a monthly discount of \$12.75 on their telephone bill, which consists of \$9.25 in federal support and \$3.50 in NUSF support. NTAP assistance is available for a landline or wireless telephone service.

Eligibility

To qualify for the NTAP, a member of the subscriber's household must participate in one of the following programs:

- 1) Medicaid;
- 2) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), (formerly known as Food Stamps);
- 3) Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
- 4) Federal Public Housing Assistance;
- 5) Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);
- 6) Children's Health Insurance Programs (Kids Connection, SAM, MAC, E-MAC);
- 7) Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF, also known as Aid to Dependent Children in Nebraska); or
- 8) National School Lunch Program Free Lunch Program;

Recently the FCC also required that all states recognize any subscriber with a household income that is at or below 135% of the poverty level to qualify for NTAP. For more on the FCC reforms, see the FCC Lifeline Reform Order section below.

Only one subscriber per household unit is eligible for NTAP support and each subscriber may only receive support for one telephone line, either wireline or wireless.

Federal support of up to \$100 is available to consumers living on tribal lands to reduce the initial connections and line extension charges. Further, eligibility criteria for consumers living in tribal areas have been expanded to include the following additional federal assistance programs:

- 1) Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance;
- 2) Tribally-administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families;
- 3) Head Start (only those meeting its income qualifying standard); or
- 4) National School Lunch Program's free lunch program.

The Commission has also implemented verification and re-certification processes to ensure participant information is up to date and participants remain eligible for NTAP. The

Commission works with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and other sources to obtain information about whether an NTAP enrollee continues to qualify for the underlying programs. If the customer is no longer eligible to receive NTAP assistance, the customer is notified and given an opportunity to establish continued eligibility. Those customers that do not respond are removed from NTAP.

Number of Subscribers

Currently, approximately 12,543 Nebraskans are enrolled in the NTAP program and receive support from NUSF. This represents a decrease in enrollment of 0.9% since June 2012. The Commission has completed the re-certification of the entire subscriber base mandated by the FCC for 2013. The Commission is currently working with DHHS to mail letters to persons that are enrolled in Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, LIHEAP or the Children’s Health Insurance Program, but not enrolled in the NTAP, to inform them that they are eligible for NTAP.

The Commission continues to work with DHHS, agencies for the aging, housing authorities and other agencies and groups across the state to provide eligible subscribers information about NTAP.

The following is a statistical summary of applications processed for recent fiscal years ending June 30. Link Up, the federal program to assist with one-time connection fees, was discontinued for areas that are not Tribal lands during the Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Therefore, no applications for this program were processed during the Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

	Fiscal Year Total		Cumulative to Date	
	Total Applications Processed	One-Time Connection Applications	Total Applications Processed	One-Time Connection Applications
FY 09-10	9,173	1,400	80,101	23,389
FY 10-11	7,647	1,095	87,748	24,484
FY 11-12	8,525	614	96,273	25,098
FY 12-13	10,716	-	106,989	-
FY 13-14	7,820	-	114,809	-

Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs)

Before carriers can participate in NTAP, they must be approved and designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier. Nebraska currently has 58 ETCs participating in NTAP. The following four companies applied and received ETC designation in 2014. Two are still pending:

C-4621/
NUSF-89 *In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to conduct an inquiry into the operations of Telrite Communications d/b/a Life Wireless, an Eligible Telecommunications Provider for the limited purpose of participating in the Lifeline program within the State of Nebraska, for violations of Commission Rules and Regulations regarding Lifeline in Nebraska.*

On July 13, 2013, the Commission entered a Show Cause Order against Life Wireless for violations of Commission rules and regulations regarding the provision of Lifeline service in Nebraska. The violation occurred during an event hosted by a third party contractor of Life Wireless in Omaha, Nebraska, on or around July 12, 2013. The Commission held a hearing on August 27, 2013, for the company to demonstrate why the Commission should not revoke Life Wireless's ETC designation for participation in Lifeline and why the Commission should not impose administrative penalties against the company for violation of Commission rules and regulations and Orders. Life Wireless voluntarily ceased operations in Nebraska pending the outcome of the Commission investigation and Show Cause hearing. On September 17, 2014, the Commission entered an order revoking Life Wireless's ETC designation in Nebraska. Life Wireless appealed the Commission's order to the Court of Appeals. On April 1, 2014, the Supreme Court pulled the Life Wireless appeal from the Court of Appeals docket and placed it on the Supreme Court docket. Oral arguments in front of the Supreme Court were held on May 27, 2014. On August 22, 2014, the Supreme Court issued an order finding the Commission's sanction of revocation was excessive and remanding the issue back to the Commission for a decision regarding implementing a lesser penalty. Further Commission action is pending.

C-4622/
NUSF-90 *In the Matter of the Application of i-wireless, LLC, Newport, Kentucky, seeking limited designation as a LifeLine-Only designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Nebraska.*

On September 25, 2013, i-wireless, LLC sought ETC designation to provide prepaid wireless telephone service to low-income consumers. The Commission held a planning conference, served data requests and scheduled a hearing on this application. However, due to an interceding investigation by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), this application is being held in abeyance at the Applicant's request. The Commission will schedule a hearing on the application once the FCC's investigation has been resolved.

C-4652/
NUSF-93 *In the Matter of the Application of Sage Telecom Communications, LLC, Dallas, Texas, seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Nebraska for the limited purpose of participating in the Lifeline program.*

Sage Telecom Communications, LLC, filed an Application with the Commission seeking designation as an ETC for the limited purpose of receiving Lifeline and Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program support to serve low-income consumers in Nebraska. The Company is based out of Dallas, Texas, and its licensed area includes the areas of Nebraska served by Verizon Wireless and Sprint. Sage Telecom Communications, LLC, proposed to provide a prepaid wireless product offering customers a preset amount of monthly airtime at no charge to the customer and the option to purchase additional airtime in different increments. The Commission held a hearing on May 6, 2014. The Commission entered an order granting the application on May 28, 2014.

C-4647/ *In the Matter of the Application of PBN, LLC, Pierce, seeking designation as an*
NUSF-94 *Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in its designated service area.*

On December 2, 2013 an application was filed by PBN, LLC (PBN or Applicant), of Pierce, Nebraska, seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in its designated service area, which is statewide. The Commission held a hearing on February 4, 2014. The Commission entered an order granting the application on February 25, 2014.

C-4663/ *In the Matter of the Application of Tempo Telecom, LLC, Kansas City, Missouri,*
NUSF-96 *seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of*
Nebraska for the limited purpose of offering Lifeline service to qualified
households.

Tempo Telecom, LLC, filed an Application with the Commission seeking designation as an ETC for the limited purpose of receiving Lifeline and Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program support to serve low-income consumers in Nebraska. The Company is based out of Kansas City, Missouri, and its licensed area includes the areas of Nebraska served by Sprint. Tempo Telecom, LLC, proposed to provide a prepaid wireless product offering customers a preset amount of monthly airtime at no charge to the customer and the option to purchase additional airtime in different increments. The Commission held a hearing on July 22, 2014. The Commission entered an order granting the application on August 19, 2014.

FCC Lifeline Reform

On January 31, 2012, the FCC issued an order making several changes to the Lifeline program, known in Nebraska as NTAP. Most notably, the FCC eliminated the Link-Up program, which provided a credit of up to \$30.00 per subscriber to offset the one-time customer charge for commencing telephone service. Further, the FCC for the first time required all states use the following eligibility criteria for Lifeline:

Subscribers must participate in

- 1) Medicaid;
- 2) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps);
- 3) Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
- 4) Federal Public Housing Assistance;
- 5) Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);
- 6) Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- 7) National School Free Lunch Program; or
- 8) The household must have an income that is at or below 135% of the poverty level.

The FCC did allow States to adopt additional eligibility criteria.

Additionally, the FCC Order required all Lifeline subscribers as of June 1, 2012, to be re-certified by the end of 2012. The re-certifications must not only update subscriber information and verify eligibility, but also requires subscribers to make certifications under penalty of

perjury, including that the subscriber is eligible for the benefit and is not already receiving a Lifeline benefit. Further, the subscriber must agree to notify the carrier within 30 days if the subscriber is no longer eligible for Lifeline or moves to a new address, and the subscriber must acknowledge the re-certification obligation, which may result in de-enrollment if not completed.

Dedicated Wireless Program

Purpose

The Commission established a dedicated wireless program to promote access to wireless service in rural areas. In May 2011, the Commission considered an applicant's commitment to providing universal broadband service coverage as part of the application review process, in a continued effort to encourage the deployment of broadband. In 2014, the Commission consolidated the dedicated wireless fund and the NEBP. For more information, see the Nebraska Broadband Program section above.

Distribution Methodology

The distribution methodology utilizes a two-step process to determine the eligibility for funding for each proposed wireless tower construction project, and then scores and ranks eligible proposed tower projects to determine which towers will receive funding. The eligibility to receive funding is determined by the out-of-town household density and the households per square mile in the project area. Those proposed towers located in areas with less than 4.5 households per square mile are deemed to be serving high-cost areas and eligible for dedicated wireless program support. In order to provide benefits to the greatest number of households in high-cost areas, eligible tower projects are then ranked for funding from those serving the greatest number of out-of-town households to those serving the least number of out-of-town households. Further, additional proximity rankings are assigned to all eligible tower projects based on the distance from existing tower locations. Together, the two part process determines priority rankings for the proposed tower projects and awards funding to those projects in order of priority.

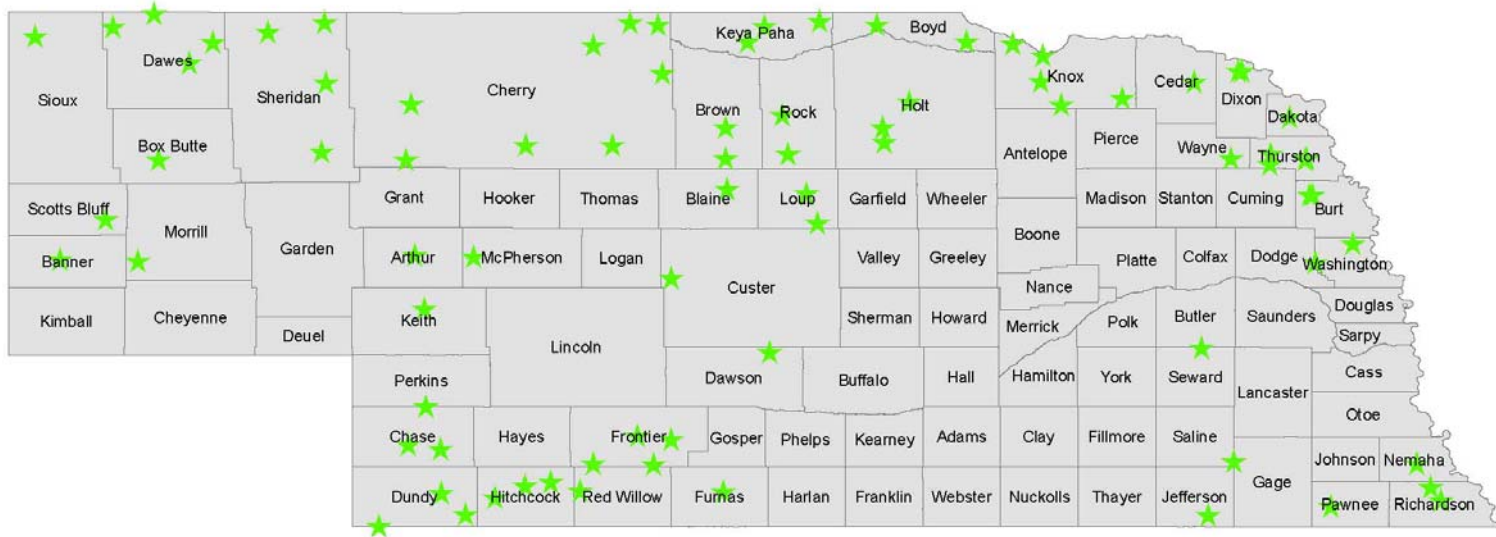
Funds Distributed

In 2013, the Commission granted support for three applications; N.E. Colorado Cellular d/b/a Viaero Wireless in the amount of \$2.3 million, U.S. Cellular in the amount of \$399,000, and Pinpoint Wireless Inc. d/b/a BLAZE Wireless in the amount of \$2.3 million for cell tower construction. The map on the next page shows the location of towers funded since the inception of the program.

Nebraska Universal Service Fund

Supported Tower Locations

Dedicated Wireless Program
(2008 - 2013)



NUSF Supported Towers

★ 2008 - 2013

High Cost Program

Purpose

In 1997, after the Legislature created the NUSF, the Commission opened an investigation and began its quest to meet the universal service obligations of the new environment. Results from the 2000 U.S. Census indicate over 84% of Nebraska's households reside in an area of less than 730 square miles, less than 1% of the landmass of the entire state. Nearly 16% of Nebraska's households are spread over more than 74,000 square miles. Providing service to households in the rural, sparsely populated areas of Nebraska has a significant cost.

In 1999, based on the findings of its investigation, the Commission implemented a multi-year transitional mechanism to reform intercarrier compensation and establish funding from NUSF. The Commission entered an order in 2001 seeking comment on a method to determine permanent funding from NUSF Nebraska ETCs, while accomplishing the policy goals of universal service. In 2002, the Commission adopted goals for the NUSF long-term support mechanism.

The Commission in June 2004 released the NUSF Support Allocation Methodology (SAM), a permanent, long-term, universal service funding mechanism to address the costs of Nebraska's universal service obligations and meet the needs of providing service in high-cost areas. The SAM is an efficient, fair, independently verifiable methodology utilized by the Commission to allocate the limited amount of universal service support available and direct that support to the highest-cost areas, fulfilling the universal service obligations of Nebraska. The methodology utilizes regression techniques to link forward-looking costs to household density. Once this relationship is determined, results are used to calculate relative need for universal service support. Available universal service support amounts are then allocated to high-cost areas based on the determination of relative need.

The mechanism is funded via a surcharge applied to revenues derived from retail end user intrastate telecommunication services. The NUSF surcharge is a flat 6.95 percent assessment on all in-state services. The Commission developed the surcharge rate after extensive research and analysis and determined the surcharge should be applied to all in-state services, including local telephone service, local calling features, in-state long distance service, wireless service, and paging service. The surcharge provides the funds necessary to support high-cost areas throughout the State of Nebraska and ensure service remains affordable.

Distribution Methodology

Summary

The SAM allocates NUSF High-Cost Program (NUSF-HCP) support to Nebraska ETCs (NETCs) providing service to high-cost service areas. The SAM provides for the allocation of NUSF-HCP support monies to NETCs based on the cost an NETC incurs in the provisioning of service, relative to the cost of service throughout the state. Thus, an NETC that provides service to many high-cost customers receives a relatively larger allocation of the fund than an NETC that

provides service to fewer high-cost customers or to customers that have only moderate costs. An NETC that serves predominantly low-cost customers should receive little or no support.

The SAM utilizes Census data to create support areas. Then utilizing the Benchmark Cost Proxy Model (BCPM), Version 3.1, and a common set of inputs, to reflect the costs of a most efficient carrier, the SAM calculates household densities and estimates forward-looking loop costs. Loop cost is the per-line measure of the average cost incurred by a telephone company to provide the local loop. Econometric regression techniques are next employed to link forward-looking loop cost to household density. Finally, with the use of the regression results and support area densities, the expected loop cost is calculated for each support area.

The SAM compares expected loop cost, for each support area, to a loop cost benchmark. When expected loop cost exceeds the loop cost benchmark, a base support amount for the support area is calculated. Results are then aggregated. Finally, each NETC's allocation of the NUSF-HCP support is calculated based on relative base support amounts.

The SAM utilizes the cost of the local loop as a proxy for the total cost of service. A high correlation between the cost of provisioning service and the cost of the local loop provides a sufficient mechanism in which to associate more closely the allocation of the NUSF with cost causation. In addition, as the cost of service in high-cost areas is also closely related to the increased cost of providing the "last mile," the SAM ensures the allocation of the NUSF-HCP is one that furthers the goals of the NUSF.

The SAM Process

The SAM utilizes Census block level household data, aggregating the state into multiple urban and rural support areas that reflect cost causation and prevent any arbitrage that may occur if high- and low-cost loops are combined into one support area.

The SAM then develops forward-looking loop costs in each support area. The process for determining forward-looking loop cost occurs in four steps. First, the SAM utilizes the BCPM and a common set of inputs for all companies to calculate household densities and estimate forward-looking loop costs in areas definable by the cost model. Second, regression techniques are then employed to link forward-looking costs to household density for those well-defined areas. Next, densities are determined in the proposed support areas. Finally, with the use of the regression results, expected loop cost as a function of measured density is calculated for each support area.

The SAM compares expected loop cost for each support area to a loop cost benchmark. When, in a particular support area, the loop cost is above the benchmark, the difference between the two is multiplied by the number of households in that support area to obtain the base support amount for that support area. Support area results are aggregated to the NETC level to get the base amount of support for each NETC. Support area results are aggregated to get the statewide base amount. The SAM then calculates each NETC's allocation of the NUSF-HCP. The allocation is calculated as the support area's base amount of the NUSF-HCP, relative to the statewide base amount. For example, suppose an NETC has a base amount of \$400,000 and the

statewide base is \$40,000,000. That NETC would receive 1/100th of the NUSF-HCP monies available.

Developing Forward-Looking Loop Cost in Each Support Area

Calculating densities and forward-looking loop costs in areas definable by a cost model is the first step in developing loop cost by support area. Forward-looking, or economic cost, is a theoretical measure of cost based on the theories and practices of economics of the industry in question and is useful in analyzing the complexities and variables of a competitive environment. Forward-looking cost is not subject to inefficiency issues, such as gold-plating and historically inefficient decision-making of other cost measures. Rather, a forward-looking measure of cost employs engineering practices, generally available data, and the most efficient technology available, to develop an independently verifiable method of determining cost.

The SAM utilizes version 3.1 of the BCPM for this purpose. The Commission reviewed version 3.1 of the BCPM when making a recommendation to the FCC regarding model choice for federal USF support. After thorough analysis supported by numerous hearings and comment periods, the Commission selected the BCPM as the most desirable model for that purpose. The Commission found the BCPM is a long-run, forward-looking economic cost model that does not impede the provision of advanced services. BCPM utilizes a reasonable method to build plant, reflects the costs an efficient company would incur in providing facilities using the latest and least-cost technologies, designs plant to efficiently serve customers at their existing locations, and employs a scorched node, total element long run incremental cost (TELRIC), forward-looking, state-specific design to determine loop investment.

Further, the Commission found that the BCPM complies with the TELRIC principles adopted by the FCC. In its pricing rules, the FCC determined rates established pursuant to the FCC's forward-looking economic cost-based methodology, called TELRIC, are just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory. The FCC's forward-looking cost method is a practical variant of the marginal cost principal. Thus, rates set via a TELRIC-compliant method are forward-looking in nature, fair and efficient, resulting in an environment that is more efficient and fair, allowing consumers to make the best buying choices.

Additionally, BCPM allows for analysis at a company-specific, density-zone level. Consequently, the BCPM, and the SAM, lead to more reliable results when allocating the NUSF-HCP. As cost and density are strongly correlated, separating support areas into regions with similar densities becomes important. This aggregation is done on a company-by-company basis. The end result is a data file containing information related to each density zone, for each wire center, for every NETC. It is worth noting that not all NETCs have investment in all zones. Small NETCs may have all of their customers in some of the least dense zones and no customers in the densest zones. In contrast, the state's largest NETCs may have customers in all density zones.

Once information is gathered at the density zone level, it is used to calculate the zone's average density and monthly loop cost. Density is calculated by dividing the aggregate number of households in the zone by the zone's total square miles.

To calculate each zone's average loop cost, investments in each loop equipment-related asset class are converted into annual expense and maintenance costs. The loop equipment related asset classes include: DLC/DS1s; aerial, underground and buried copper; aerial, underground and buried fiber; and poles. To accomplish this conversion, annual cost factors are applied to investment amounts in each of the various equipment classes. Annual cost factors are then applied to support equipment to get support equipment expenses and maintenance costs. Support equipment classes include motor vehicles, special purpose vehicles, garage work equipment, other work equipment, furniture, office and general purpose computers.

Analysis estimates, based on BCPM results, approximate that 86% of the cost associated with connecting users to the public switched network is attributable to the local loop, with the remaining costs allocated to switching, interoffice transport, and other non-loop related services.

The annual expense and maintenance costs associated with equipment and support assets are aggregated to obtain zone-wide annual costs. To calculate an annual per-line loop cost, zone-wide annual costs are divided by the number of lines served. Finally, the annual per-line loop cost is divided by twelve (12) to arrive at a monthly per-line loop cost; the per-line cost of developing plant to meet the service needs in a particular area.

Loop Cost Regression Links Cost to Density

The second step in the process determines forward-looking loop cost as a function of household density in each of the BCPM density zones. Regression analysis is used to relate loop cost to household density. Letting $LoopCost_i$ represent the loop cost in area i , and $HouseHoldDensity_i$ represent household density in area i , the functional relationship between the two can be described as:

$$LoopCost_i = \alpha e^{-\beta * HouseHoldDensity_i} \quad (1)$$

This functional form allows loop cost to decrease at a decreasing rate as household density increases. Taking natural logarithms of each side, equation (1) becomes:

$$\ln(LoopCost_i) = \ln(\alpha) - \beta * HouseHoldDensity_i, \quad (2)$$

or

$$\ln(LoopCost_i) = \gamma - \beta * HouseHoldDensity_i, \quad (3)$$

where $\ln(\bullet)$ is the natural log operator and $\gamma = \ln(\alpha)$.

The specification in equation (3) forces one curve through all of the observations in the sample, while a visual examination of the data seems to indicate that observations for moderately dense areas may lie on different curves than observations for less dense or very dense areas. Therefore, three dummy variables are created that take values of one when density falls within

certain boundaries and zero otherwise. Let $\overline{D^{Low-Middle}}$ represent the threshold between the low- and the middle-density areas. Similarly, let $\overline{D^{Middle-High}}$ represent the threshold between the middle- and the high-density areas. The following dummy variables are created:

$$D_i^{Low} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } HouseholdDensity_i \leq \overline{D^{Low-Middle}} \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad (4A)$$

$$D_i^{Middle} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \overline{D^{Low-Middle}} < HouseholdDensity_i \leq \overline{D^{Middle-High}} \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad (4B)$$

$$D_i^{High} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } HouseholdDensity_i > \overline{D^{Middle-High}} \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}. \quad (4C)$$

Using these dummy variables, equation (3) is respecified as:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ln}(\text{LoopCost}_i) = & D_i^{Low} (\gamma_L - \beta_L * \text{HouseHoldDensity}_i) \\ & + D_i^{Middle} (\gamma_M - \beta_M * \text{HouseHoldDensity}_i) \\ & + D_i^{High} (\gamma_H - \beta_H * \text{HouseHoldDensity}_i) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

For relatively sparsely populated areas, the intercept is γ_L and the slope is β_L . For medium-density areas, the intercept is γ_M and the slope is β_M . For high-density areas, the intercept is γ_H and the slope is β_H . The optimal values for $\overline{D^{Low-Middle}}$ and $\overline{D^{Middle-High}}$ are the values that maximize the log likelihood function derived from estimation.

Equation (5) is estimated using linear least squares estimation that minimizes the sum of squared errors associated with the coefficient estimates. For a discussion of least squares estimation, the properties of least squares estimators and potential estimation problems see William H. Greene, Econometric Analysis, 5th ed. (Upper Saddle River: Prentice Hall, 2003). Least square estimation has many statistically desirable attributes and is the typical method used to estimate the coefficients in an equation such as (5) above.

Results from least squares estimation of equation (5) are:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ln}(\text{LoopCost}_i) = & D_i^{Low} (6.4048 - 0.51197 * \text{HouseHoldDensity}_i) \\ & + D_i^{Middle} (4.3937 - 0.040666 * \text{HouseHoldDensity}_i) \\ & + D_i^{High} (3.0198 - 0.00026585 * \text{HouseHoldDensity}_i) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Initial statistical tests indicated the error terms generated from estimating equation (5) may be heteroscedastic. Heteroscedasticity occurs when the disturbance variances are not

constant across observations. When this occurs, the values of the least squares coefficient estimates are unbiased, but the variances associated with those coefficient estimates are biased. Unbiasedness of the coefficient estimates indicates the numbers shown in equation (6) are the best estimates of the coefficients in the equation. Biased variances indicate standard techniques cannot be used to test for the statistical significance of the coefficient estimates. Statistical methods are used to correct for heteroscedasticity, leaving the parameter estimates in equation (6) unchanged, but improving the estimated standard errors.

As the dataset sample size seems adequate to accommodate the option, the White Heteroscedasticity Consistent Covariance matrix estimation is used to correct, in the limit, the standard errors initially developed using linear least squares estimation. Correcting for heteroscedasticity, all six coefficient estimates in equation (6) have t-statistics indicating that they are statistically different than zero at the 99 percent confidence level. The equation has an R^2 of 0.95, indicating that 95 percent of the variance in the dependent variable can be explained by the regression equation, or 95 percent of the variation in the natural log of loop cost can be explained by variation in density. Given the statistical significance of the coefficients, it is valid to conclude that equation (5) fits the data better than equation (3).

This piece-wise regression, using three curved segments, explains loop cost as a function of density. One curve explains loop cost in low-density areas. The second explains loop cost in middle-density areas and the last in high-density areas. The segments meet at critical points. The critical lower and upper density levels are 4.5 and 34 households per square mile, respectively, determined as the values that maximize the log likelihood function derived from estimation. For a discussion of log likelihood see William H. Greene, Econometric Analysis, 5th ed. (Upper Saddle River: Prentice Hall, 2003).

The first curved segment indicates loop cost declines rather steeply as density increases from near zero to the first critical point of 4.5 households per square mile. The second curved segment indicates that loop cost declines more moderately as density increases beyond the first critical point and up to the second critical point of 34 households per square mile. The third curved segment indicates that loop cost declines relatively modestly as density increases beyond 34 households per square mile.

In areas below or equal to 4.5 households per square mile, expected loop cost as a function of density is:

$$E\{\ln(\text{LoopCost}_i)\} = 6.4048 - 0.51197\text{HouseHoldDensity}_i, \quad (7)$$

or, taking the exponential of both sides of equation (7),

$$E\{\text{LoopCost}_i\} = 604.74e^{-0.51197\text{HouseHoldDensity}_i} \quad (8)$$

In areas with household density above 4.5 but less than or equal to 34 households per square mile, expected loop cost as a function of density is:

$$E\{\text{LoopCost}_i\} = 80.94e^{-0.040666\text{HouseHoldDensity}_i} \quad (9)$$

In areas where there are greater than 34 households per square mile, the expected loop cost as a function of density is:

$$E\{LoopCost_i\} = 20.49e^{-0.00026585HouseHoldDensity_i} \quad (10)$$

Creating Support Areas

All support areas are created using U.S. Census data. Census blocks are aggregated, by “town” areas and “out-of-town” areas to create the support areas within each wire center and utilized by the SAM. Town areas are identified as cities, villages, or unincorporated areas with 20 or more households and densities greater than 42 households per square mile. Out-of-town areas are the remaining areas that have not been assigned to a town.

Once support areas are created, densities are determined and loop regression results are utilized to calculate the expected forward-looking loop cost in each support area. The expected loop cost is a function of density, as generated from the regression results.

Determining Support-Area Densities

The BCPM-based results link an area’s expected loop cost to its density. To use these results, densities in support areas are calculated using U.S. Census household data, by census block. A household is defined as a housing unit; a house, an apartment or other group of rooms, or a single room, when occupied as separate living quarters with direct access from the outside or through a common hall. Census block data is aggregated for each wire center’s town and out-of-town support areas, as identified above. Town and out-of-town densities are calculated as households divided by square miles.

Calculating Expected Loop Cost

Loop regression results are used to calculate the expected loop cost in each support area as a function of density.

Determining the Loop Benchmark

Benchmark Base

The Commission adopted residential loop benchmarks for NUSF purposes not including surcharges, such as, but not limited to, the federal subscriber line charge (SLC). The current urban and rural benchmarks are \$17.95 and \$19.95, respectively. The SAM utilizes the urban benchmark as the base with which to begin construction of a benchmark, applicable and useful to the SAM process, the SAM Benchmark (SAM-BM). SAM-BMs are calculated for each NETC.

Factor Adjustments

Loop Cost Versus Total Cost

As stated above, the loop represents a large majority of the total cost of providing service and is highly correlated with the cost of provisioning service and, therefore, the SAM utilizes the cost of the loop as a proxy for the total cost of service. Thus, an adjustment is needed to translate the benchmark base into an amount on par with the SAM's proxy of total cost.

The SAM adjusts the benchmark base to ensure a common unit base, using a value of 86 percent. As stated above, analysis estimates, based on BCPM results, that approximately 86% of the cost associated with connecting users to the public switched network is attributable to the local loop. This adjustment is applied to all NETCs' SAM-BM in the same manner.

Access Lines Per Household

Using regression analysis techniques, the SAM determines forward-looking loop cost as a function of household density. The SAM's use of households, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, implies no explicit support is garnered for business lines or second lines in households, thus focusing NUSF-HCP support to the primary line in each household in high-cost support areas.

However, the benchmark base is a measure of the cost of a single access line. Typically, while the additional outside plant may remain idle, a NETC engineers its network to accommodate multiple access lines per household. Thus, an adjustment must be made for the number of access lines per household. Again, similar to the Loop Cost versus Total Cost adjustment described above, the adjustment ensures unit commonality.

The SAM utilizes a value of 1.15 access lines per household for all NETCs. The Access Lines Per Household factor is calculated as the total number of Nebraska residential access lines divided by the number of Nebraska households requesting service; where households requesting service is equal to the total number of Nebraska households multiplied by the percentage of Nebraska households with telephone service; $(734,268 / [665,691 * 96\%])$.

Adder-Adjustments

The following represent additional legitimate revenue sources available to NETCs for recovery of the cost of providing the local loop. As such, adder-adjustments are made to the benchmark base to account for these sources.

Federal Subscriber Line Charge (SLC) Adder-Adjustment

The federal SLC, while differing by amount, is charged ubiquitously by all NETC's. An adder-adjustment is made to the benchmark base to account for revenues recovered through the federal SLC. NETC specific SLC rates are utilized.

Access Adder-Adjustment

In an Order, the Commission determined services, such as access service, are priced at levels that support residential service. The rates for these services that provide implicit support were to be reduced. However, reduction methods differed for rural and non-rural companies. Additionally, the initial access rates, prior to any reductions, differed significantly by company. Thus, the access rates that resulted from the Commission's rate rebalancing order differ by company.

The Access Adder-Adjustment accounts for the differences, due to differing access service rates, in monthly revenues collected from an average residential access line. The Access Adder-Adjustment is NETC-specific in its application.

The Access Adder-Adjustment is calculated, pursuant to rates effective October 1, 2005, for each NETC, as average annual access revenue in excess of annual access revenues had the lowest Nebraska average access rate been charged, stated as a monthly, per-line, amount. Formulaically, the Access Adder-Adjustment is represented as;

$$AccessAdderAdjustment_i = \frac{1}{12} \left[\frac{AccessRvn_i - (NEMinAvgAccessRate * AccessMin_i)}{AnnualAccessLines_i} \right]$$

xDSL Adder-Adjustment

Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) technologies provide a method in which a customer is able to use, the previously idle, high bandwidth portion of the copper local loop. Voice communications are carried, generally, over the 300 to 3,000 Hz range, leaving a large portion of bandwidth, not being employed for voice communications, unused. This unused bandwidth, generally above 20,000 Hz (or 20 KHz), allows a customer to utilize vastly greater speeds resulting in high-speed data transmission rates of up to several million bits per second.

The use of DSL technology allows the digital information to flow directly to the digital device, without a conversion from digital to analog and back again, thus permitting the additional bandwidth capabilities of the copper local loop to be utilized, in an efficient manner. In addition, as voice and data communications are carried over different bandwidth portions of the local loop, a carrier is able to provide voice and data communications, simultaneously, over the same loop.

The provisioning of DSL allows providers to offer high-speed access to telecommunications and information services, over the local loop. The FCC previously determined DSL to be an interstate service and therefore properly tariffed at the federal level. An adder-adjustment is made to the residential loop benchmark to account for loop revenues recovered through the provisioning of DSL service offerings.

The availability of DSL to consumers in all areas of the state, the number of consumers choosing to purchase DSL services, and the amount the DSL service contributes to recover loop

costs and are all utilized in the calculation of the xDSL Adder-Adjustment. Utilizing a DSL availability value of 80 percent, a DSL penetration value of 20 percent, and a DSL loop contribution value of \$10, the xDSL Adder-Adjustment is calculated as \$1.60 per household. The product of the values; availability, penetration, and contribution, $(0.80*0.20*\$10) = \1.60 . The xDSL Adder-Adjustment is not NETC specific.

SAM Benchmark Calculation

The SAM-BM is then calculated as the NETC-specific product of the benchmark base and the Loop Cost Versus Total Cost adjustment, plus any applicable Adder-Adjustments, adjusted by the Access Lines Per Household factor. The Access Lines Per Household adjustment is applied to the Adder-Adjustments to ensure these adjustments are also stated in terms of households. The SAM-BM is thus represented, formulaically, as:

$$\text{SAM-BM} = [(\$17.50)*(86.00\%)+\text{Adder-Adjustments}]*[1.15].$$

Calculating Support Allocations

If a support area's expected loop cost is below the SAM-BM, the support area's base support amount is zero. However, if a support area's expected loop cost is above the SAM-BM, the difference between the two is multiplied by the number of households in the support area to determine the support area's base amount of NUSF support. Support area results are compared to statewide results to determine the support area's final allocation of NUSF-HCP support.

SAM Support Amounts

The appropriate final allocation, for each support area, is applied to the finite amount of NUSF-HCP support available; to calculate the amount of NUSF-HCP support received by each NETC. Support area results are aggregated to the company level to determine each NETC's NUSF-HCP support amount. The Commission continuously monitors the NUSF surcharge remittance amounts and utilizes econometric regression techniques, historical time-series data, and known outliers, to predict available NUSF-HCP support amounts utilized within the SAM process.

Nebraska Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program Support Adjustments

Once NUSF-HCP support amounts are determined, additional review is performed to ensure NUSF-HCP support does not exceed levels required to recover reasonable costs, nor result in an excessive overall rate-of-return.

To facilitate this review, NETCs are required to annually submit investment, expense, and revenue data, to the Commission, via the NUSF-EARN Form (EARN Form). NETCs have the option of filing the EARN Form on three different jurisdictional level, total company, Nebraska, or supported services jurisdiction. Each NETC can also elect to provide EARN Form data on either a one-year or three-year average. Once selected, an NETC must seek Commission approval to alter the EARN Form jurisdiction level or averaging basis elections. Using agreed-

upon-procedures, independent auditors certify EARN Form amounts to the financial statements of the NETC.

Expense Cap Review

While the EARN Form is subject to a third-party audit, the auditor does not give an opinion as to whether those accounts are appropriate. Therefore, on June 3, 2008, the Commission adopted an expense cap model as an objective tool, appropriate for public accountability, to oversee the use of NUSF-HCP support. The expense cap model employs an objective standard and is utilized to determine the appropriateness of how NUSF-HCP support is used.

The expense cap review includes a mechanism for reviewing expenses that exceed the upper boundary of the expense cap model. The consequence of an NETC falling outside the established boundary may that NUSF-HCP support amounts for that company may be altered.

Methodology

Regression analysis is used to estimate total cost as a function of several regressors; square miles, households, access lines, and total plant-in-service.

Regression results, advanced statistical techniques, and total expenses and total plant-in-service reported on the EARN Form, are used to determine the upper boundary of total cost, an expense cap, for each NETC. All of the coefficients are statistically significant at the 95 percent confidence level using a two-tailed test. The equation has an $\bar{R}^2=0.99$ and the f-statistic is significant at the 99 percent level. The covariance matrix for the parameters of the regression model and the variance of the regression are calculated and utilized to derive the forecast standard deviation for any observation, which, along with the parameter from a standard normal distribution that creates the one sided confidence interval of $(0.5-\alpha)$, is used to determine the upper bound of total costs. Their's inequality is used to measure how closely the forecast method tracks the actual data.

Should an NETC's total expense amount exceed the expense upper boundary determined by the model, notification is given and an opportunity to provide a written explanation. Should the Commission deem the explanation to be insufficient to justify the reported expenses, a public hearing opportunity is provided. Finally, should the Commission deem it appropriate to alter the EARN Form; an order subject to judicial review will be entered by the Commission.

Federal Universal Service Fund Imputation

On December 19, 2006, the Commission implemented a mechanism to take federal universal service support into account when determining need for NUSF High-Cost Program support, accounting for any mismatch of federal universal service support and cost allocation.

In the event interstate revenues, reported on the EARN Form, exceed interstate costs, the lesser of the federal universal service support, or the amount by which interstate revenues exceed

interstate costs, is imputed into the determination of NUSF support. The imputation amount is added to the EARN Form as additional revenue for the purpose of recovering costs assigned to the state jurisdiction. Only NETCs filing on a Nebraska or supported services jurisdiction may be affected.

Earnings Test

The earnings test utilizes all investment, expense, and revenue data, submitted via the EARN Form, to ensure NUSF-HCP support does not result in earnings that exceed the level required by NETCs to recover costs.

Methodology

All NETCs begin with the population of investment, expense, and revenue data at a total company level, averaged over a three-year or one-year period, depending on the option selected by the individual NETC and approved by the Commission. Data submitted at a total company level should be consistent with the Form M financial data submission filed for the relevant year.

Total Company Jurisdiction

For those NETCs filing on a total company jurisdiction, no further data is required. Earnings test calculations are performed at the total company level.

State Jurisdiction

NETCs filing on a Nebraska jurisdiction will, additionally, provide investment, expense, and revenue data on an interstate jurisdiction. Interstate amounts are removed from total company amounts prior to the earnings test. Earnings test calculations are performed at the state jurisdiction.

Supported Services Jurisdiction

NETCs filing on a supported services jurisdiction will, in addition to providing total company and interstate jurisdiction data, as described above, will provide investment, expense, and revenue data for all excluded services. Excluded service and interstate amounts are removed from total company amounts prior to the earnings test. An NETC must provide adequate supporting documentation to verify the accuracy of amounts identified as excluded services. Earnings test calculations are performed at the supported services jurisdiction.

Earnings Variance

Subsequent to applicable adjustments to total company data, as noted above, an earnings variance is calculated as total revenue minus total cost, where cost is calculated as the summation of total expense and net income before taxes, based on a cost-of-capital value, directed by the Commission, of 12 percent.

Based on the earnings test, if receipt of an NUSF-HCP support amount determined by the SAM would result in an NETC earning an excessive overall rate-of-return, the NUSF-HCP support amount is reduced to the point at which the earnings variance is equal to zero.

Rural Benchmark Imputation

On December 19, 2006, the Commission implemented the Rural Benchmark Imputation, establishing a rural benchmark of \$19.95 and subsequently making an explicit reduction in NUSF-HCP support equal to the difference between the rural benchmark and the urban benchmark with a limitation on a NETC basis of \$1.00 per month, per residential access line.

On July 12, 2011, recognizing a trend of increased basic local residential rates above the urban benchmark, the Commission adopted an adjustment to the Rural Benchmark Imputation; imputing the difference between the rural benchmark and an NETC's residential access line rate as of December 31st of the current EARN Form year, with the continued limitation on an NETC basis of \$1.00 per month, per residential access line. An NETC's NUSF-HCP support amount is then reduced by the Rural Benchmark Imputation amount, to the extent applicable.

Nebraska Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program Distribution Model

Annually, the Commission updates pertinent data utilized in the NUSF-HCP process, for the most recent year applicable, and releases the NUSF High-Cost Program Distribution Model (DM), for public review. The DM includes results of the SAM and NUSF-HCP support amounts for each NETC for the subsequent payment year, adjusted based on results of the Expense Cap Review, FUSF Imputation, Earnings Test, and Rural Benchmark Imputation, as applicable.

Subsequent to formal approval of the NUSF-HCP annual support amount, support payments are electronically provided to each NETC on a monthly basis.

Funds Distributed

During Fiscal Year 2013-14, \$41.0 million was paid in high cost support to Nebraska telecommunication companies. High cost support was distributed to 34 local exchange carriers, and 3 CLECs received ported high cost support. Ported support means the CLECs received the same per-line high cost support as the underlying LEC whose facilities they are reselling for each line they serve. The support received by a CLEC is deducted from the amount of support that the underlying LEC receives in high cost support.

PART IV

Wireless E911 Fund



Overview

New This Year

The Next Generation 911 study by Mission Critical Partners, authorized by LB595 (2013), was completed in March of this year and is available on the Commission's and Legislature's websites. The study emphasized legislative changes are necessary to establish a statewide 911 governing authority and ensure adequate funding for next generation 911 (NG911) planning and implementation. Currently the Commission does not have statutory authority to spend wireless 911 funds on NG911. Another recommendation in the report led the Commission to retain Mission Critical Partners for technical subject matter expertise to advise on rapidly advancing communications technology.

Purpose

In 2001, the Legislature passed LB 585, authorizing the Commission to create the Nebraska Wireless E911 Fund. The charge of the Wireless E911 Fund was to implement Wireless E911 service across the State of Nebraska. As of 2012, all 93 counties in the state have fully implemented Wireless E911 service with at least one wireless service provider.

Phases & Technologies

In most areas of North America, citizens have at least basic or enhanced 911 service for their wireline phone in their home or workplace. If a jurisdiction has basic 911, the 911 center, or public safety answering point (PSAP), will receive no location or identifying information with the call. This information must be communicated by the calling party to the PSAP. In areas with Enhanced 911, the PSAP will receive location and telephone number information with the 911 call. Having this information allows the PSAP to more quickly dispatch emergency help, even if the caller is not able to communicate their location or the nature of their emergency.

Wireless E911 enables citizens to call 911 on their wireless phones. There are three phases of Wireless E911. The most basic of these is “Wireless Phase 0.” This means that when a person calls 911 from their wireless device, the PSAP in a city or county, possibly up to hundreds of miles away from the caller, may receive the call, but not receive the telephone number of the wireless device or the location of the caller. This presents potentially life threatening issues due to lost response time if caller is unable to speak, doesn't know where they are, doesn't know their wireless telephone number, or if the call is dropped.

When “Wireless Phase I” 911 has been implemented, a wireless call will come into the PSAP with the wireless device's telephone number and the location of the wireless cellular tower that received the call. This allows the PSAP to determine the general location of the calling party, usually within a few square miles. This is important in the event the call is dropped. This information may assist PSAP employees in working with the wireless carrier to identify the wireless subscriber's name.

When “Wireless Phase II” 911 has been implemented by local 911 systems and wireless carriers, it allows the PSAP to receive both the wireless caller's telephone number and their specific location by latitude and longitude.

There are two types of wireless location technologies available to identify the specific location of a wireless caller, network-based or handset-based. Of the carriers offering service in Nebraska, Cricket, Sprint Nextel, US Cellular and Verizon utilize a handset-based solution. AT&T/Cingular, iWireless, Pinpoint Wireless, T-Mobile and Viaero utilize a network-based solution.

When a wireless phone is turned on, whether or not it is in use, it periodically transmits signals to the wireless network so the wireless network knows which cellular towers to deliver calls to if the device is used. With the network-based solution, special radio intercept equipment is installed on cellular towers to accomplish the location task. When a wireless call is placed, the towers can compare signals from any active wireless device and pinpoint the call using triangulation (the difference in time between the arrival of the signal at different receiving stations or by the signal's angle of arrival at each tower). It takes at least three towers to get an accurate location. This solution is called network-based because the signal measurements and location calculations are performed in the wireless network.

The handset-based solution utilizes a wireless device equipped with Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment that can measure the time of arrival of signals transmitted from GPS satellites in order to calculate its position.

Wireless carriers that use network-based technologies are required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to provide location information that is accurate to within 100 meters 67% of the time and accurate within 300 meters 95% of the time. Wireless carriers that use handset-based technologies must provide greater location accuracy, within 50 meters 67% of the time and 150 meters 95% of the time.

Assessment

Effective July 1, 2001, a \$.50 surcharge has been collected from each subscriber with a billing address in Nebraska. Wireless carriers remit the surcharge to the Commission 60 days after the last day of the month. Effective January 1, 2013, the surcharge was reduced to \$.45 for each subscriber with a billing address in Nebraska. For Fiscal Year 2013-14, the Wireless E911 Fund collected just about \$7.8 million. As of July 1, 2014, the balance of the Wireless 911 Fund was approximately \$17.3 million.

The Prepaid Wireless Surcharge Act became effective on July 19, 2012. Under this Act, beginning January 1, 2013, each retail seller of prepaid wireless telecommunication services will collect the Wireless 911 surcharges directly from the consumer at the point-of-sale. The amount of the surcharge collected per retail transaction will be based on an annual determination by the Nebraska Department of Revenue utilizing a formula of the amount of prepaid wireless surcharges established by finding the sum of the following:

- a. The percentage obtained by dividing the current annual Wireless E911 Surcharge by 50; and
- b. The percentage obtained by dividing the amount of the Nebraska TRS Fund Surcharge by 50.

Amounts collected are remitted by retailers to the Department of Revenue. Retailers are permitted to deduct and retain three percent of prepaid wireless surcharges. The Department of Revenue will then remit the collected amounts, less administrative costs not to exceed 2%, to the State Treasurer for credit to the Wireless E911 Fund and TRS Fund.

Distribution Methodology

On February 23, 2010, the Commission adopted a permanent funding mechanism, the 911 Support Allocation Methodology (911-SAM), for wireless 911 service pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 86-465 (1)(e). The 911-SAM forecasts the future status of the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund (Fund) and assists in the allocation of annual support amounts to eligible PSAPs and wireless carriers.

The 911-SAM calculates Fund support amounts for each year forecasted based on the existing balance, reserve levels, pre-existing payment commitments, Fund administration costs, local telephone carrier costs paid on behalf of the PSAPs by the Commission, and surcharge remittance levels. Fund support amounts are allocated utilizing cost proxies.

The 911-SAM derives cost proxy amounts, representing the costs incurred for the provision of wireless enhanced 911 service, for three cost categories; PSAP, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and wireless carrier. Cost proxy amounts are determined as functions of independent variables and predefined cost inputs. More specifically, PSAP and GIS cost proxy amounts are calculated as functions of population and the wireless carrier cost proxy amount is determined as a function of wireless towers.

Cost category proxy amounts are calculated at a PSAP or county level and aggregated to a statewide level. Statewide cost category proxy amounts are further aggregated to determine a total proxy amount. The 911-SAM then calculates each cost category's allocation of the Fund support amount, calculated as the cost category's statewide cost proxy amount, relative to the total proxy amount.

The 911-SAM further utilizes cost proxy results at a PSAP or county level, to allocate cost category support amounts to each eligible PSAP and wireless carrier. Eligible PSAP support amounts include PSAP and GIS.

Several wireless carriers have chosen not to seek funding. Funding not paid to individual wireless carriers is set aside and made available to wireless carriers via the Wireless Service Provider Grant Program (WSP Grant Program). WSP Grant Program funding is available to all wireless service providers eligible to receive funding, for recovery of other potentially eligible costs incurred in the provision of wireless enhanced 911 service. Such costs may include capital expenses or other one-time costs incurred for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 services but not covered by the recurring funding received on a monthly basis. These funds may not be used for the construction of towers, administrative costs, or personnel costs. Wireless carriers are required to submit applications to receive WSP Grant Program funds. Only one wireless carrier has applied for WSP Grant Program funds to date.

The 911-SAM has been amended since its original release. It has been converted to operate on a fiscal year running from July 1 to June 30 each year. The 911-SAM now includes an interest calculation and a cap on the WSP Grant Program. Furthermore, amounts attributable to local carrier costs have been separated from other PSAP costs. The Commission adopted further modifications to the 911-SAM in September 2012. These modifications include the phasing out of the WSP grant program over a 5 year transition period and the addition of a PSAP personnel cost module.

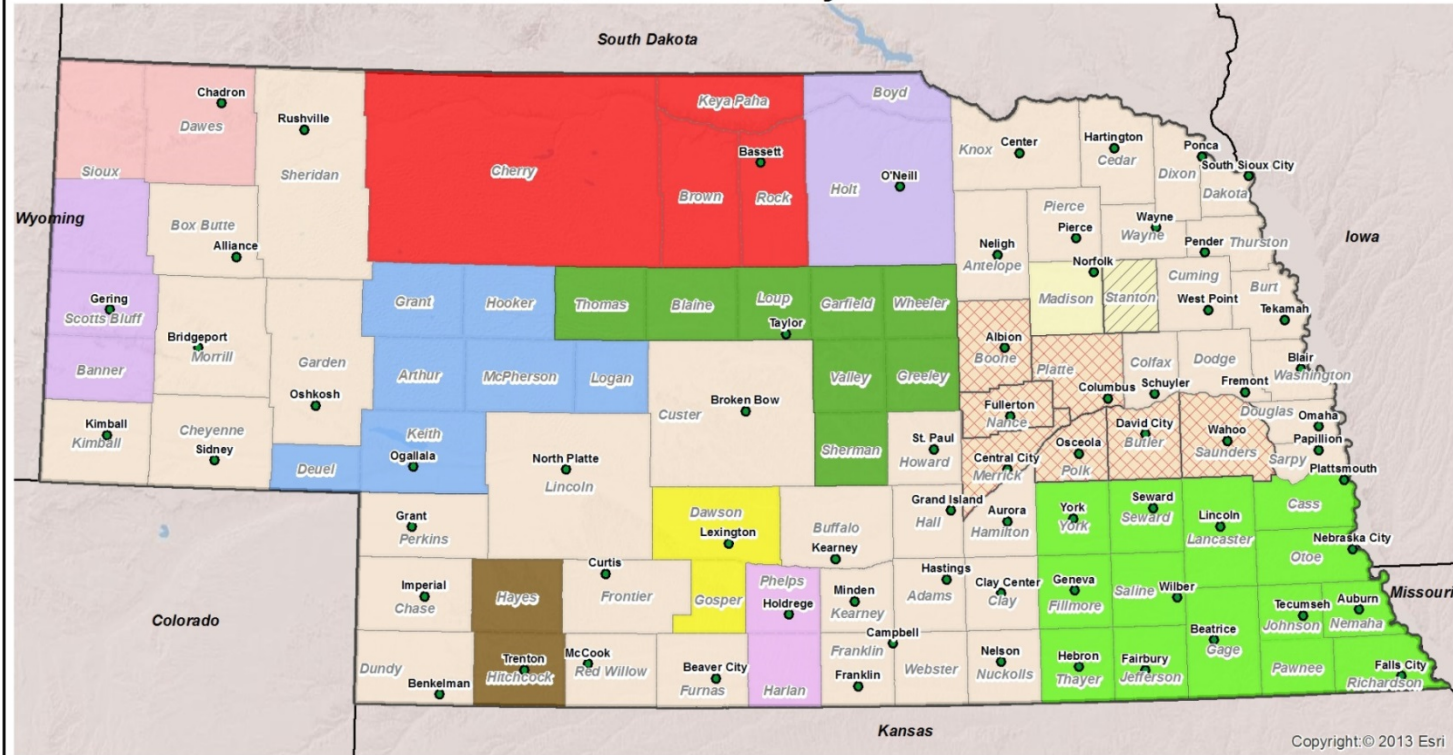
Distributions to PSAPs and WSPs

All Nebraska counties have applied for funding under the 911-SAM cost model for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Five wireless carriers have applied for funding: Cricket Communications, Sprint, US Cellular and NE Colorado Cellular d/b/a Viaero (Viaero) and Pinpoint Wireless, d/b/a BLAZE Wireless.

During Fiscal Year 2013-14, PSAPs received approximately \$4.8 million, wireless carriers received approximately \$700,000, and an additional \$2.2 million was paid to local carriers on behalf of PSAPs. During Fiscal year 2014-15, it is projected that PSAPs will receive approximately \$4.9 million, wireless carriers will receive approximately \$700,000, and an anticipated \$2.3 million will be paid to local carriers.

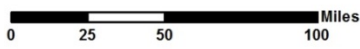

Viaero was awarded in excess of \$600,000 for the 2011-2012 funding year that has not yet been paid as project has not yet been completed. Viaero has requested two continuances from the Commission regarding project funding due to unavoidable delays. The Commission expects the project to be completed by December 31, 2014, and all invoices shall be submitted for reimbursement no later than ninety (90) days after completion of the project, unless good cause is shown.


Nebraska PSAPs Funded by Wireless Fund



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County Boundaries	Dawes, N 1/2 Sioux
PSAP Locations	Dawson, Gosper
PSAP Coverage Areas	Grant, Hooker, Arthur, McPherson, etc.
County level PSAP Areas	Harlan, Phelps
Consolidated, Combined or Other PSAP Areas	Hayes, Hitchcock
Banner, Scottsbluff, S 1/2 Sioux	Holt, Boyd
East Central 911 - Pending	Madison
Consolidated Equipment, separate areas	Stanton - Norfolk PD (Madison Co.) answers Stanton
Southeast 911 - Pending	Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, etc.



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The Future of Wireless 911

The Commission is currently monitoring the development of Next Generation 911 (NextGen 911) on the national level. NextGen 911 utilizes a broadband network to allow PSAPs to receive communication, data, photos, and video from mobile devices. To implement NextGen 911, a robust broadband network to all PSAPs will be required. Upgrades will also be required by wireless service providers. Equipment purchased by PSAPs in recent years has been NextGen capable but may require additional upgrades to implement. Additionally, PSAP personnel will likely require additional training. Furthermore, public education of the new public safety capabilities will be necessary to ensure appropriate use and successful adoption of the new technology.

The Commission has reviewed the report received pursuant to LB 595 [2013] directing the Commission to conduct an independent, third-party study to assess the existing enhanced 911 system and the implementation of Next Generation 911 in Nebraska. The study examined the existing structure of 911 administration statewide, including PSAP operations, service providers, infrastructure, network capabilities, GIS services, and the needs of the deaf and hard of hearing community. The study also reviewed the existing statutory and regulatory framework, concluding *“the current framework for the management and funding of 911 services in Nebraska was not designed to support a statewide NG911 system”*. Finally, the study provided recommendations on a statewide governance structure, PSAP operations, network facilities and services, equipment, and NextGen 911 implementation considerations. The Commission continues to work with the independent, third-party consultant, Mission Critical Partners, to identify areas within the Commission’s existing authority that can enable a transition to NextGen 911. Without expanded statutory authority, the Commission is limited in its ability to assist PSAPs and the public to take advantage of the new technologies available to improve public safety.

Open Dockets/Issues Investigating

The following is a description of significant pending dockets related to enhanced wireless 911:

911-050.01 *In the Matter of the Second Petition of N.E. Colorado Cellular, Inc., d/b/a Viaero Wireless for Support from the E-911 Wireless Service Provider (WSP) Grant Program.*

The Commission opened this docket to review applications and award funds under the E-911 Wireless Service Provider Grant Program (WSP Grant Program). Pursuant to the Commission’s September 18, 2012, order modifying the permanent funding mechanism, the WSP Grant Program will be phased out over a five (5) year period. On October 14, 2011, an application was received from N.E. Colorado Cellular, Inc. d/b/a Viaero Wireless (Viaero). On

October 1, 2012, the Commission received a motion for extension of time to complete the project, which was granted by the Commission. On March 27, 2014, the Commission received a second motion for extension of time to complete the project, which after hearing and testimony on the delays to the completion of the project statewide, the Commission granted. Completion of the project is expected by the end of 2014.

911- 059/
PI-190 *In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and determine whether set aside funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund may be used for consulting costs relating to the selection and purchase of equipment and software.*

The Commission opened this docket on April 29, 2014, in order to examine whether or not the hiring of consultants to advise on PSAP consolidation was an eligible use of PSAPs' set aside funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund. On May 28, 2014, a hearing was held. On June 17, 2014 the Commission issued an order expanding the permissible uses of set aside funds to include consulting costs related to the selection and purchase of equipment and software.

911-060/
PI-191 *In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and determine whether additional funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund should be made available to public safety answering points for costs to implement text to 911 solutions.*

The Commission opened this docket on May 6, 2014, in order to examine issues surrounding text to 911. Public comments were received from three PSAPs, a wireless service provider, and a telecommunications industry association. A public hearing was held on July 7, 2014. The Commission issued a progression order on July 29, 2014, seeking further comment on technical aspects of text to 911 and the development of a staff proposal to fund text to 911 outside the cost model as an interim funding solution. Funding to PSAPs is expected by the end of 2014.

Wireline 911 Information

The table below is Wireline E911 surcharge information reported to the Commission by local telephone carriers in Nebraska. If specific exchange information is not listed, it is due to the fact that the local telephone carrier did not file the information.

Name of Exchange (Do Not use Numeric Prefixes)	Local Exchange Carrier or CLEC Name	Monthly Surcharge Amount Collected per Line	PSAP County/City Surcharge Remitted To	Total Annual Surcharge Remitted	Total Surcharge for Remitted for Jurisdiction
Adams					
Glenvil	Windstream	\$0.75	Adams County	\$151.50	
Hansen	Windstream	\$0.75	Adams County	\$1,349.25	
Hastings	AT&T Corp	\$0.75	Adams County	\$78.00	
Hastings	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$0.75	Adams County	\$3,186.75	
Hastings	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$0.75	Adams County	\$566.25	
Hastings	Windstream	\$1.00	Adams County	\$65,734.00	
Hastings	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$0.75	Adams County	\$105.75	
Holstein	Glenwood Telephone Memb. Corp.	\$0.75	Adams County	\$1,349.70	
Juniata	Windstream	\$0.75	Adams County	\$2,703.00	
Kenesaw	Windstream	\$0.75	Adams County	\$2,736.00	\$77,960.20
Antelope					
Brunswick	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$1,953.00	
Clearwater	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$3,837.00	
Columbus	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$92.00	
Elgin	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$7,003.74	
Kearney	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Antelope, Columbus	\$16.00	
Monroe	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$32.00	
Neligh	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$11,055.00	
Neligh	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$36.00	
Neligh	NT&T	\$0.50	Antelope County	\$60.00	
Oakdale	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$1,493.79	
Orchard	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$3,724.00	
Tilden	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$895.00	\$30,197.53
Arthur (See Keith)					
Banner (See Scotts Bluff)					
Blaine (See Region 26)					
Boone					
Albion	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Boone County	\$13,685.00	
Albion	NT&T	\$1.00	Boone County	\$240.00	
Albion	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Boone County	\$353.99	
Boone	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Boone County	\$132.00	
Cedar Rapids	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Boone County	\$2,903.73	
Columbus	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Boone County	\$8.00	
Kearney	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Boone County	\$4.00	
Madison	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Boone County	\$34.00	
Newman Grove	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Boone County	\$186.00	
Petersburg	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Boone County	\$3,848.92	
Primrose	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Boone County	\$761.00	
Saint Edward	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Boone County	\$4,863.27	
Tilden	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Boone County	\$20.00	\$27,039.91
Box Butte					
Alliance	MetTel	\$0.50	Box Butte County	\$5.55	
Alliance	First Communications, LLC	\$0.50	Box Butte County	\$6.00	
Alliance	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$0.50	Box Butte County	\$133.00	
Alliance	Matrix Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Trinsic Communications, d/b/a Excel Telecommunications, d/b/a VarTec Telecom	\$1.00	Box Butte County	\$24.00	

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Alliance	NT&T	\$0.50	Box Butte County	\$1,315.50	
Alliance	Orbitcom	\$0.50	Box Butte County	\$154.00	
Alliance	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$0.50	Box Butte County	\$340.16	
Alliance	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$0.50	Box Butte County	\$823.52	
Alliance	Allo Communications	\$0.50	Alliance PD	\$3,833.07	
Alliance	BullsEye	\$0.50	Alliance PD	\$18.00	
Alliance	Mobius Communications Company	\$0.50	Alliance PD	\$4,209.83	
Alliance	Qwest	\$0.50	Alliance PD	\$8,339.50	
Box Butte County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$0.50	Box Butte County	\$19.58	
Hemingford	Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company	\$0.50	Alliance PD	\$4,140.67	\$23,362.38
Boyd (Consolidated with Holt)					
Atkinson	Matrix Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Trinsic Communications, d/b/a Excel Telecommunications, d/b/a VarTec Telecom	\$1.00	Boyd Holt Counties	\$12.00	
Atkinson	NT&T	\$1.00	Boyd Holt Counties	\$2,548.00	
Atkinson	Qwest	\$1.00	Boyd Holt Counties	\$7,385.47	
Atkinson	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Holt County	\$12.00	
Bristow	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Boyd Holt Counties	\$913.00	
Butte	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Boyd Holt Counties	\$3,408.00	
Butte	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Boyd Holt Counties	\$41.00	
Chambers	K&M Tel. Co. Inc.	\$1.00	Holt County	\$4,234.99	
Clearwater	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Boyd Holt Counties	\$565.00	
Ewing	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Boyd Holt Counties	\$3,042.39	
Holt County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Holt County	\$49.84	
Inman	K&M Tel. Co. Inc.	\$1.00	Holt County	\$1,408.16	
Inman	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Holt County	\$15.00	
Long Pine	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Boyd Holt Counties	\$4.00	
O'Neill	BullsEye	\$1.00	Boyd Holt Counties	\$108.00	
O'Neill	Matrix Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Trinsic Communications, d/b/a Excel Telecommunications, d/b/a VarTec Telecom	\$1.00	Boyd Holt Counties	\$12.00	
O'Neill	NT&T	\$1.00	Boyd Holt Counties	\$3,755.00	
O'Neill	Qwest	\$1.00	Boyd Holt Counties	\$19,189.53	
O'Neill	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Holt County	\$1,715.00	
O'Neill	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Holt County	\$268.00	
O'Neill	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Holt County	\$54.00	
O'Neill, Atkinson	Qwest	\$1.00	Boyd Holt Counties	\$26,575.00	
Orchard	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Holt County	\$24.00	
Page	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Boyd Holt Counties	\$1,829.12	
Spencer	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Boyd Holt Counties	\$4,116.00	
Spencer	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Boyd Holt Counties	\$37.00	
Stuart	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Boyd Holt Counties	\$4,909.00	\$86,230.50
Brown					
Ainsworth	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Brown County	\$12.00	
Ainsworth	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Brown County	\$126.00	
Ainsworth	Three River Communications	\$1.00	Brown County	\$9,348.50	
Brown County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Brown County	\$26.47	
Brown County	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Brown County	\$58.00	
Long Pine	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Brown County	\$2,041.00	\$11,611.97
Buffalo					
Amherst	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Buffalo County	\$1,384.10	
Amherst	NT&T	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$31.20	
Bloomington	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Buffalo County	\$1.30	
Buffalo County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$20.28	
Columbus	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$150.80	
Elm Creek	NT&T	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$560.30	
Elm Creek	Qwest	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$1,919.75	

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Elm Creek	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$9.75	
Franklin	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$2.60	
Gibbon	Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$4,556.96	
Kearney	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$12,543.12	
Kearney	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$5,003.55	
Kearney	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$49,705.50	
Kearney	First Communications, LLC	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$0.00	
Kearney	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$476.45	
Kearney	NT&T	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$573.30	
Kearney	USA Communications	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$11.70	
Kearney	Windstream CLEC	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$10,389.00	
Kearney	BullsEye	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$243.75	
Kearney	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$146.25	
Miller	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$631.80	
Miller	NT&T	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$1.95	
Pleasanton	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$1,913.85	
Pleasanton	NT&T	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$7.15	
Ravenna	Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$5,323.16	
Riverdale	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$1,520.35	
Riverdale	NT&T	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$15.60	
Shelton	Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$2,908.06	
Sodtown	Sodtown Telephone Company	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$550.55	\$100,602.13
Burt					
Burt County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Burt County	\$58.04	
Burt County	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Burt County	\$0.00	
Craig	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Burt County	\$2,527.00	
Decatur	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Burt County	\$3,200.00	
Lyons	HunTel CableVision dba HunTel Communications	\$1.00	Burt County	\$1,673.00	
Lyons	Qwest	\$1.00	Burt County	\$4,058.41	
Lyons, Oakland, Tekamah	Qwest	\$1.00	Burt County	\$13,013.00	
Oakland	HunTel CableVision dba HunTel Communications	\$1.00	Burt County	\$2,720.00	
Oakland	Qwest	\$1.00	Burt County	\$5,095.33	
Oakland	NT&T	\$1.00	Burt County	\$809.00	
Oakland	MetTel	\$1.00	City of Oakland	\$24.00	
Tekamah	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Burt County	\$11.00	
Tekamah	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Burt County	\$12.00	
Tekamah	HunTel CableVision dba HunTel Communications	\$1.00	Burt County	\$6,411.00	
Tekamah	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Burt County	\$60.00	
Tekamah	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Burt County	\$60.00	
Tekamah	NT&T	\$1.00	Burt County	\$1,230.00	
Tekamah	Qwest	\$1.00	Burt County	\$3,859.26	\$44,821.04
Butler					
Bellwood	Windstream	\$1.00	Butler County	\$2,659.00	
Brainard	Windstream	\$1.00	Butler County	\$3,632.00	
Bruno	Windstream	\$1.00	Butler County	\$1,765.00	
Bruno	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Butler County	\$14.73	
Butler County	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Butler County	\$3,059.76	
David City	Windstream	\$1.00	Butler County	\$13,217.00	
David City	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Butler County	\$83.00	
David City	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Butler County	\$12.00	
Dwight	Windstream	\$1.00	Butler County	\$1,559.00	
Linwood	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Butler County	\$613.00	
Octavia	Windstream	\$1.00	Butler County	\$858.00	
Rising City	Windstream	\$1.00	Butler County	\$2,649.00	

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Rising City	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Butler County	\$12.00	
Surprise	Windstream	\$1.00	Butler County	\$778.00	
Ulysses	Clarks Telecommunications	\$1.00	Butler County	\$1,755.00	\$32,666.49
Cass					
Ashland	Windstream	\$0.50	City of Ashland	\$7,252.00	
Avoca	Windstream	\$1.00	Cass County	\$1,726.00	
Eagle	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cass County	\$12.00	
Eagle	Windstream	\$1.00	Cass County	\$1,599.00	
Elmwood	Windstream	\$1.00	Cass County	\$3,653.00	
Greenwood	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cass County	\$196.53	
Greenwood	Windstream	\$1.00	Cass County	\$2,624.00	
Louisville	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cass County	\$14.00	
Louisville	Windstream	\$1.00	Cass County	\$10,453.00	
Murdock	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cass County	\$12.00	
Murdock	Windstream	\$1.00	Cass County	\$2,365.00	
Murray	Windstream	\$1.00	Cass County	\$12,221.00	
Nehawka	Windstream	\$1.00	Cass County	\$1,980.00	
Plattsmouth	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	Cass County	\$635.39	
Plattsmouth	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Cass County	\$216.00	
Plattsmouth	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$1.00	Cass County	\$1,517.98	
Plattsmouth	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cass County	\$98.90	
Union	Windstream	\$1.00	Cass County	\$2,749.00	
Weeping Water	Windstream	\$1.00	Cass County	\$6,676.00	\$56,000.80
Cedar					
Belden	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$856.00	
Bloomfield	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$62.70	
Cedar County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$10.32	
Coleridge	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$4,535.00	
Crofton Cedar	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$1,603.45	
Dixon-Concord	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$157.00	
Hartington	AT&T Corp.	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$11.00	
Hartington	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$0.00	
Hartington	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$108.00	
Hartington	Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$15,038.49	
Hartington	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$46.00	
Laurel	HunTel CableVision dba HunTel Communications	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$2,102.00	
Laurel	NT&T	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$995.00	
Laurel	Qwest	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$3,470.66	
Laurel, Randolph	Qwest	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$6,472.00	
Obert, Maskell	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$713.00	
Randolph	NT&T	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$1,349.00	
Randolph	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$542.00	
Randolph	Qwest	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$3,001.34	
Randolph	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$902.00	
Wausa	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$561.82	
Wynot, Fordyce, St Helena	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$6,124.34	\$48,661.12
Chase					
Imperial	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Chase County	\$17,119.34	
Wauneta	Wauneta Telephone Company	\$1.00	Chase County	\$5,577.00	\$22,696.34
Cherry					
Cherry County	Qwest	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$14,591.00	
Cherry County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$16.99	
Cody	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$2,185.02	
Crookston	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$874.60	
Kilgore	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$887.60	
Merriman	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$1,428.74	
Valentine	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$9.00	
Valentine	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$12.00	
Valentine	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$53.00	
Valentine	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$1,265.00	

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Valentine	BullsEye	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$60.00	
Valentine	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$47.00	
Woodlake	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$1,024.18	\$22,454.13
Cheyenne					
Cheyenne County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$40.81	
Dalton	Dalton Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$2,509.93	
Gurley	Dalton Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$1,742.07	
Lodgepole	Dalton Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$2,584.90	
Potter	CenturyLink	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$2,456.62	
Sidney	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$950.23	
Sidney	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$24.00	
Sidney	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$3,022.09	
Sidney	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$1,222.96	
Sidney	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$12.00	
Sidney	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$290.00	
Sidney	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$74.00	
Sidney	MetTel	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$96.14	
Sidney	Mobius Communications Company	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$55.93	
Sidney	NT&T	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$3,731.00	
Sidney	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$1,921.00	
Sidney	Qwest	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$29,034.00	\$49,767.68
Clay					
Clay Center	Windstream	\$1.00	Clay County	\$4,062.00	
Clay Center	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Clay County	\$196.00	
Deweese	Windstream	\$1.00	Clay County	\$1,081.00	
Edgar	Windstream	\$1.00	Clay County	\$2,654.00	
Fairfield	Windstream	\$1.00	Clay County	\$2,502.00	
Glenvil	Windstream	\$1.00	Clay County	\$84.00	
Harvard	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Clay County	\$12.00	
Harvard	Windstream	\$1.00	Clay County	\$4,026.00	
Ong	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Clay County	\$42.73	
Ong	Windstream	\$1.00	Clay County	\$546.00	
Sutton	Windstream	\$1.00	Clay County	\$8,926.00	\$24,131.73
Colfax					
Clarkson	NT&T	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$1,241.00	
Clarkson	Qwest	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$2,733.84	
Clarkson	MetTel	\$1.00	City of Clarkson	\$86.77	
Clarkson, Howells, Schuyler	Qwest	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$22,582.00	
Colfax County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$48.77	
Colfax County	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$12.00	
Columbus	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$611.00	
Howells	Matrix Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Trinsic Communications, d/b/a Excel Telecommunications, d/b/a VarTec Telecom	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$12.00	
Howells	NT&T	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$1,107.00	
Howells	Qwest	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$2,607.90	
Leigh	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$3,507.00	
Palmer	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$19.00	
Schuyler	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$12.00	
Schuyler	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$0.00	
Schuyler	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$60.00	
Schuyler	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$294.00	
Schuyler	NT&T	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$2,047.00	
Schuyler	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$144.00	
Schuyler	Qwest	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$17,240.26	
Schuyler	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$147.00	

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Schuyler	MetTel	\$1.00	City of Schuyler	\$108.14	\$54,620.68
Cuming					
Bancroft	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$4,257.80	
Beemer	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$4,764.29	
Cuming County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$29.96	
West Point	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$12.00	
West Point	BullsEye	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$72.00	
West Point	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$12.00	
West Point	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$0.00	
West Point	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$39.00	
West Point	NT&T	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$3,340.00	
West Point	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$144.00	
West Point	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$2,205.00	
West Point	Qwest	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$17,537.00	
Wisner	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$9,695.23	\$42,108.28
Custer					
Anselmo	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$1.00	Custer County	\$1,961.34	
Ansley	Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Custer County	\$4,542.72	
Ansley	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Custer County	\$4.00	
Arnold	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Custer County	\$5,155.66	
Broken Bow	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Custer County	\$795.18	
Broken Bow	BullsEye	\$1.00	Custer County	\$84.00	
Broken Bow	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Custer County	\$0.00	
Broken Bow	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Custer County	\$134.00	
Broken Bow	Great Plains Broadband	\$1.00	Custer County	\$1,675.67	
Broken Bow	Matrix Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Trinsic Communications, d/b/a Excel Telecommunications, d/b/a VarTec Telecom	\$1.00	Custer County	\$24.00	
Broken Bow	NT&T	\$1.00	Custer County	\$2,449.00	
Broken Bow	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Custer County	\$36.00	
Broken Bow	Qwest	\$1.00	Custer County	\$19,281.00	
Broken Bow	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Custer County	\$106.00	
Callaway	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Custer County	\$4,877.85	
Comstock	Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Custer County	\$978.17	
Custer County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Custer County	\$86.82	
Mason City	Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Custer County	\$1,591.79	
Merna	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$1.00	Custer County	\$3,283.78	
Miller	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Custer County	\$8.00	
Oconto	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Custer County	\$1,517.84	
Sargent	Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Custer County	\$4,023.97	
Sumner	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Custer County	\$132.00	\$52,748.79
Dakota					
Dakota City	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$38.00	
Dakota City	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$214.00	
Dakota City, South Sioux City	Qwest	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$18,785.22	
Dakota City, South Sioux City, Emerson, Homer	Qwest	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$21,910.33	
Dakota City, South Sioux City	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$8,766.00	
Dakota County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$101.66	
Emerson	HunTel CableVision dba HunTel Communications	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$774.00	
Emerson	NT&T	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$886.00	
Emerson	Qwest	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$1,862.01	
Homer	NT&T	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$605.00	
Homer	Qwest	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$1,263.10	
Jackson, Hubbard	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$6,033.00	
Papillion	EnTelegent Solutions, Inc.	\$0.50	Dakota County	\$54.00	

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South Sioux City	Long Lines Siouxland	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$15,676.00	\$87,323.17	
South Sioux City	McLeod USA Telecommunications Services/Paetec Business Services	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$41.00		
South Sioux City	NT&T	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$1,928.00		
South Sioux City	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$162.00		
South Sioux City	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$190.00		
South Sioux City, Dakota City	FiberComm, L.C.	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$7,380.85		
South Sioux City, Dakota City	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$569.00		
Waterbury	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$84.00		
Dawes						
Chadron	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$211.51	\$63,039.73	
Chadron	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$0.00		
Chadron	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$255.00		
Chadron	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$24.00		
Chadron	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$192.00		
Chadron	NT&T	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$2,596.00		
Chadron	Great Plains Broadband	\$1.00	Chadron PD	\$6,972.31		
Chadron	Mobius Communications Company	\$1.00	Chadron PD	\$2,269.98		
Chadron	Qwest	\$1.00	Chadron PD	\$18,429.22		
Chadron, Crawford	BullsEye	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$84.00		
Chadron, Crawford, Harrison, Whitney	Qwest	\$1.00	Chadron PD	\$23,303.50		
Crawford	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$26.37		
Crawford	Matrix Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Trinsic Communications, d/b/a Excel Telecommunications, d/b/a VarTec Telecom	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$12.00		
Crawford	NT&T	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$1,533.00		
Crawford, Whitney	Mobius Communications Company	\$1.00	Chadron PD	\$1,934.77		
Crawford, Whitney	Qwest	\$1.00	Chadron PD	\$3,843.39		
Dawes County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$19.53		
Harrison	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$60.00		
Harrison	Mobius Communications Company	\$1.00	Chadron PD	\$242.26		
Harrison	Qwest	\$1.00	Chadron PD	\$1,030.89		
Dawson						
Cozad	Cozad Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$20,428.00		
Cozad	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$1.00		
Dawson County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$109.63		
Eddyville	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$838.71		
Elwood	NT&T	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$1,146.00		
Gothenburg	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$6.00		
Gothenburg	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Dawson County, Gothenburg	\$110.00		
Lexington	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$377.56		
Lexington	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$11.00		
Lexington	BullsEye	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$12.00		
Lexington	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$1,132.05		
Lexington	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$1.00		
Lexington	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$460.00		
Lexington	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$217.00		
Lexington	NT&T	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$4,337.00		
Lexington	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$1,093.00		
Lexington	Qwest	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$33,447.00		
Lexington	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$468.46		
Lexington	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$47.00		
Miller	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Dawson County, Sumner	\$20.00		
Overton	Arapahoe	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$3,623.19		

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Sumner	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Dawson County, Sumner	\$1,431.00	\$69,316.60
Deuel (See Keith)					
Dixon					
Allen	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$3,327.00	
Dixon County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$39.97	
Dixon-Concord	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$2,667.00	
Martinsburg	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$869.00	
Newcastle	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$3,546.00	
Obert, Maskell	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$647.00	
Ponca	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$7,029.05	
Ponca	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$0.00	
Wakefield	HunTel CableVision dba HunTel Communications	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$1,620.00	
Wakefield	Qwest	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$3,086.00	
Waterbury	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$872.00	\$23,703.02
Dodge					
Dodge	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dodge County	\$12.00	
Dodge	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$5,654.40	
Dodge County	McLeod USA Telecommunications Services/Paetec Business Services	\$1.00	Dodge County	\$44.00	
Dodge County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$0.50	Dodge County	\$303.15	
Fremont	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Dodge County	\$443.00	
Fremont	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dodge County	\$81.00	
Fremont	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Dodge County	\$1,440.00	
Fremont	HunTel CableVision dba HunTel Communications	\$1.00	Dodge County	\$365.00	
Fremont	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Dodge County	\$144.00	
Fremont	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dodge County	\$329.00	
Fremont	BullsEye	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$36.00	
Fremont	Matrix Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Trinsic Communications, d/b/a Excel Telecommunications, d/b/a VarTec Telecom	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$72.00	
Fremont	NT&T	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$6,974.00	
Fremont	Qwest	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$75,739.00	
Fremont	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$24,246.00	
Fremont	Windstream CLEC	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$5,207.00	
Fremont	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	City of Fremont	\$542.00	
Fremont	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services	\$1.00	City of Fremont	\$5.00	
Fremont, Fullerton, O'Neill	MetTel	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$694.78	
Hooper (Dodge Co.)	Hooper Telephone Company	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$6,682.10	
Hooper (Washington Co.)	Hooper Telephone Company	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$681.55	
North Bend	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$6,793.17	
Scribner	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$5,877.24	
Snyder	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$2,855.40	
Uehling (Burt Co.)	Hooper Telephone Company	\$0.75	Fremont PD	\$36.00	
Uehling (Cuming Co.)	Hooper Telephone Company	\$0.75	Fremont PD	\$45.00	
Uehling (Dodge Co.)	Hooper Telephone Company	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$1,796.14	\$147,097.93
Douglas					
Bennington	Qwest	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$2,165.69	
Bennington	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$44.50	
Council Bluffs	Windstream CLEC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$6.00	
Douglas	Sprint Communications CO LP	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$1,131.50	
Douglas County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Douglas County	\$472.25	
Douglas County, Omaha	Cox	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$179,616.00	

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Douglas County, Omaha	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$4,363.93	
Douglas County, Unincorporated	Qwest	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$41,328.34	
Elkhorn, Omaha	BullsEye	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$1,493.00	
Elkhorn, Waterloo	Qwest	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$6,957.11	
Fremont	Windstream CLEC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$12.00	
Omaha	Airespring	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$207.00	
Omaha	AT&T Corp	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$9,480.50	
Omaha	ComTech21	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$6.00	
Omaha	First Communications, LLC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$107.00	
Omaha	France Telecom Corporate Solutions	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$80.50	
Omaha	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$16,470.50	
Omaha	Matrix Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Trinsic Communications, d/b/a Excel Telecommunications, d/b/a VarTec Telecom	\$1.00	Douglas County	\$48.00	
Omaha	McLeod USA Telecommunications Services/Paetec Business Services	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$6,527.00	
Omaha	MetTel	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$2,440.50	
Omaha	NOS Communications, Inc.	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$12.00	
Omaha	NT&T	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$5,805.50	
Omaha	Orbitcom	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$575.00	
Omaha	PNG Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a Powernet	\$0.05	Douglas County	\$6.00	
Omaha	QuantumShift Communications d/b/a vCom Solutions	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$72.00	
Omaha	Teleport Communications America, LLC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$20,251.00	
Omaha	Windstream CLEC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$22,481.00	
Omaha	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$3,623.00	
Omaha	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$10,157.00	
Omaha	Cox	\$0.50	City of Omaha	\$445,827.00	
Omaha	XO Communications	\$0.50	City of Omaha	\$688.50	
Omaha 84th Street	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$17.00	
Omaha Fort Street	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$5.00	
Omaha, Ralston, Boys Town	Qwest	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$278,981.93	
Omaha, Ralston, Boys Town, Bennington, Valley, Elkhorn/Waterloo	Qwest	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$333,052.00	
Valley	Qwest	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$3,618.93	
Valley	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$32.50	\$1,398,162.68
Dundy					
Benkelman	Benkelman	\$1.00	Dundy County	\$10,988.00	
Haigler	Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc.	\$1.00	Dundy County	\$2,014.00	
Wauneta	Wauneta Telephone Company	\$1.00	Dundy County	\$617.00	\$13,619.00
Fillmore					
Exeter	Windstream	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$4,157.00	
Fairmont	Windstream	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$3,169.00	
Geneva	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$12.00	
Geneva	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$144.00	
Geneva	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$18.00	
Geneva	Windstream	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$14,281.00	
Grafton	Windstream	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$1,155.00	
Milligan	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$47.86	
Milligan	Windstream	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$2,637.00	
Ohiowa	Windstream	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$1,286.00	
Shickley	Windstream	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$2,808.00	\$29,714.86
Franklin					
Bloomington	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Franklin County	\$915.00	

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Franklin	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Franklin County	\$6,501.00	
Franklin	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Franklin County	\$25.00	
Franklin	NT&T	\$1.00	Franklin County	\$13.00	
Franklin	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	City of Franklin	\$40.32	
Franklin rural	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Franklin County	\$12.00	
Hildreth	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Franklin County	\$2,182.00	
Naponee	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Franklin County	\$893.00	
Republican City	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Franklin County	\$12.00	\$10,593.32
Frontier					
Curtis	Curtis Telephone Company	\$1.00	Frontier County	\$6,189.57	
Eustis	Consolidated Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Frontier County	\$3,779.24	
Farnam	Arapahoe	\$1.00	Frontier County	\$1,866.37	
Indianola (Frontier Co)	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Frontier County	\$288.00	
Maywood	Consolidated Telco, Inc.	\$1.00	Frontier County	\$2,131.68	
Wellfleet	Consolidated Telco, Inc.	\$1.00	Frontier County	\$1,288.67	\$15,543.53
Furnas					
Arapahoe	Arapahoe	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$7,980.77	
Bartley	Cambridge Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$9,339.00	
Beaver City	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$3,091.00	
Beaver City	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$84.00	
Beaver City	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$29.00	
Beaver City	NT&T	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$68.00	
Edison	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$1,240.00	
Edison	NT&T	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$24.00	
Edson	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$12.00	
Hendley	Arapahoe	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$478.67	
Holbrook	Arapahoe	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$1,778.10	
Orleans	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$25.00	
Oxford	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$1,043.00	
Oxford	Qwest	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$1,528.00	
Oxford	NT&T	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$279.00	
Stamford	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$208.00	
Wilsonville	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$853.00	
Wilsonville	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$48.00	\$28,108.54
Gage					
Adams	Windstream	\$1.00	Gage County	\$4,287.00	
Barneston	Windstream	\$1.00	Gage County	\$1,309.00	
Beatrice	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Gage County	\$438.00	
Beatrice	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$1.00	City of Beatrice	\$2,411.90	
Beatrice	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	City of Beatrice	\$60.93	
Beatrice	Windstream	\$1.00	City of Beatrice	\$55,954.00	
Beatrice rural	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Gage County	\$0.00	
Claytonia	Windstream	\$1.00	Gage County	\$1,772.00	
Cortland	Windstream	\$1.00	Gage County	\$3,739.00	
Filley	Windstream	\$1.00	Gage County	\$1,461.00	
Liberty	Windstream	\$1.00	Gage County	\$1,216.00	
Odell	Diller Telephone Co	\$1.00	Gage County	\$3,101.00	
Pickrell	Windstream	\$1.00	Gage County	\$2,217.00	
Virginia	Diller Telephone Co	\$1.00	Gage County	\$705.00	
Wymore	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Gage County	\$0.00	
Wymore	Windstream	\$1.00	City of Wymore	\$7,267.00	\$85,938.83

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Garden					
Oshkosh	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Garden County	\$108.00	
Oshkosh	CenturyLink	\$1.00	Garden County	\$10,617.89	\$10,725.89
Garfield (See Region 26)					
Gosper (Calls answered by Dawson)					
Elwood	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Gosper County	\$21.00	
Elwood	MetTel	\$1.00	Gosper County	\$11.96	
Elwood	BullsEye	\$1.00	Gosper County	\$14.00	
Gosper County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Gosper County	\$12.50	
Hyannis	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Gosper County	\$7.00	
Hyannis	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	Gosper County	\$60.13	
Hyannis	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$1.00	Gosper County	\$152.95	
Hyannis	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Gosper County	\$46.00	
Johnson Lake	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Gosper County	\$0.00	
Lexington	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Gosper County	\$0.00	\$325.54
Grant (See Keith)					
Greeley (See Region 26)					
Hall					
Aurora	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hall County	\$2.00	
Cairo	Qwest	\$1.00	Hall County	\$2,360.90	
Cairo	NT&T	\$1.00	Hall County	\$803.00	
Doniphan	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hall County	\$7,294.70	
Doniphan	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Hall County	\$21.00	
Grand Island	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Hall County	\$72.64	
Grand Island	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Hall County	\$745.00	
Grand Island	BullsEye	\$1.00	Hall County	\$329.00	
Grand Island	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Hall County	\$36.00	
Grand Island	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Hall County	\$3,280.00	
Grand Island	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Hall County	\$521.00	
Grand Island	Matrix Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Trinsic Communications, d/b/a Excel Telecommunications, d/b/a VarTec Telecom	\$1.00	Hall County	\$48.00	
Grand Island	McLeod USA Telecommunications Services/Paetec Business Services	\$1.00	Hall County	\$83.00	
Grand Island	MetTel	\$1.00	Hall County	\$897.52	
Grand Island	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Hall County	\$5,274.00	
Grand Island	Teleport Communications America, LLC	\$1.00	Hall County	\$144.00	
Grand Island	Windstream CLEC	\$1.00	Hall County	\$21,371.00	
Grand Island	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	Hall County	\$25,807.43	
Grand Island	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$1.00	Hall County	\$10,423.82	
Grand Island	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Hall County	\$1,270.00	
Grand Island	NT&T	\$1.00	Hall County	\$8,370.00	
Grand Island, Alda	Qwest	\$1.00	Hall County	\$99,236.35	
Grand Island, Alda, Cairo, Wood River	Qwest	\$1.00	Hall County	\$105,202.00	
Hall County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Hall County	\$225.73	
Hansen	Windstream	\$1.00	Hall County	\$48.00	
Phillips	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hall County	\$65.00	
Wood River	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Hall County	\$12.00	
Wood River	Qwest	\$1.00	Hall County	\$3,604.75	
Wood River	NT&T	\$1.00	Hall County	\$1,004.00	\$298,551.84
Hamilton					
Aurora	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$0.00	
Aurora	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$33,627.01	
Central City	Qwest	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$0.00	
Doniphan	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$21.00	
Giltner	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$2,911.73	
Hampton	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$3,965.10	
Hordville	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$1,485.77	
Marquette	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$3,002.49	
Marquette	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$12.00	

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Phillips	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$4,127.30	
Stockham	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$598.32	
Trumbull	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$1,405.71	\$51,156.43
Harlan (Consolidated with Phelps)					
Alma	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$6,182.00	
Alma	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$132.00	
Alma	NT&T	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$91.00	
Alma	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	Harlan Phelps Counties	\$239.00	
Atlanta	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	Harlan Phelps Counties	\$59.00	
Atlanta	Qwest	\$1.00	Harlan Phelps Counties	\$432.32	
Atlanta	NT&T	\$1.00	City of Holdrege	\$102.00	
Bertrand	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	Harlan Phelps Counties	\$12.00	
Bertrand	NT&T	\$1.00	City of Holdrege	\$48.00	
Bertrand	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Phelps County, Holdrege	\$4,297.00	
Edison	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$4.00	
Funk	Glenwood Telephone Memb. Corp.	\$1.00	City of Holdrege	\$2,804.67	
Holdrege	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	City of Holdrege	\$30.00	
Holdrege	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Harlan Phelps Counties	\$1,174.36	
Holdrege	BullsEye	\$1.00	Harlan Phelps Counties	\$220.00	
Holdrege	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	Harlan Phelps Counties	\$90.00	
Holdrege	Qwest	\$1.00	Harlan Phelps Counties	\$17,889.68	
Holdrege	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	City of Holdrege	\$550.06	
Holdrege	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$1.00	City of Holdrege	\$1,466.94	
Holdrege	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	City of Holdrege	\$0.00	
Holdrege	NT&T	\$1.00	City of Holdrege	\$2,522.00	
Holdrege	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Phelps County	\$0.00	
Holdrege	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Phelps County	\$303.00	
Holdrege	Orbitcom	\$0.65	Phelps County	\$0.00	
Holdrege	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Phelps County	\$88.00	
Holdrege, Atlanta	Qwest	\$1.00	Harlan Phelps Counties	\$18,322.00	
Huntley	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Harlan Phelps Counties	\$496.46	
Kearney	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$8.00	
Kearney	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Phelps County, Holdrege	\$88.00	
Loomis	Arapahoe	\$1.00	Harlan Phelps Counties	\$2,579.45	
Naponee	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$4.00	
Orleans	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$2,643.00	
Orleans	NT&T	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$24.00	
Orleans	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Phelps County, Holdrege	\$2.00	
Oxford	NT&T	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$79.00	
Phelps County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Phelps County	\$45.81	
Republican City	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$2,070.00	

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Stamford	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$1,331.00	\$66,429.75	
Hayes (See Hitchcock)						
Hitchcock (Also answers calls for Hayes)						
Culbertson	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Hitchcock County	\$4,382.89	\$16,528.09	
Hayes Center	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Hitchcock County	\$2,536.38		
Palisade	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Hitchcock County	\$2,554.96		
Stratton	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Hitchcock County	\$2,753.50		
Trenton	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Hitchcock County	\$4,300.36		
Holt (Consolidated with Boyd)						
Hooker (See Keith)						
Howard						
Boelus	Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Howard County	\$1,717.50	\$33,557.29	
Cotesfield	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Howard County	\$694.34		
Dannebrog	Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Howard County	\$3,451.25		
Elba	Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Howard County	\$1,171.84		
Farwell	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Howard County	\$12.00		
Farwell	NT&T	\$1.00	Howard County	\$392.00		
Farwell	Qwest	\$1.00	Howard County	\$597.46		
Farwell, St Libory, St Paul	Qwest	\$1.00	Howard County	\$9,912.00		
Howard County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Howard County	\$40.66		
Saint Libory	NT&T	\$1.00	Howard County	\$887.00		
Saint Libory	Matrix Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Trinsic Communications, d/b/a Excel Telecommunications, d/b/a VarTec Telecom	\$1.00	Howard County	\$12.00		
Saint Libory	Qwest	\$1.00	Howard County	\$1,612.41		
Saint Paul	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Howard County	\$36.00		
Saint Paul	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Howard County	\$85.00		
Saint Paul	BullsEye	\$1.00	Howard County	\$48.00		
Saint Paul	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Howard County	\$0.00		
Saint Paul	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Howard County	\$35.00		
Saint Paul	NT&T	\$1.00	Howard County	\$1,319.00		
Saint Paul	Qwest	\$1.00	Howard County	\$7,702.14		
Saint Paul	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	Howard County	\$3,185.14		
Saint Paul	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$1.00	Howard County	\$646.56		
Jefferson						
Chester, Hubbell, Reynolds Jeff. Co.	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$710.74		\$47,882.38
Daykin	Windstream	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$1,662.00		
Diller	Diller Telephone Co	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$2,939.00		
Fairbury	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$128.00		
Fairbury	Windstream	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$20,844.00		
Harbine	Diller Telephone Co	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$1,095.00		
Jansen	Windstream	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$1,117.00		
Jefferson	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$3,974.64		
Jefferson County	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$15.00		
Plattsmouth	Windstream	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$11,348.00		
Plymouth	Windstream	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$3,329.00		
Steele City	Windstream	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$720.00		
Johnson (Also answers calls for Pawnee)						
Burchard	Windstream	\$1.00	Pawnee County	\$1,640.00	\$1,412.00	
Burr	Windstream	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$1,368.00		
Cook	Windstream	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$3,531.00		
Cook	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$19.00		
Crab Orchard	Windstream	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$1,058.00		
Dubois	Windstream	\$1.00	Pawnee County	\$48.00		
Elk Creek	Windstream	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$1,412.00		

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Johnson County	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$1,922.00	
Pawnee City	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Pawnee County	\$0.00	
Pawnee City	Windstream	\$1.00	Pawnee County	\$5,032.00	
Pawnee County	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Pawnee County	\$1,645.47	
Steinauer	Windstream	\$1.00	Pawnee County	\$910.00	
Sterling	Windstream	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$5,738.00	
Table Rock	Windstream	\$1.00	Pawnee County	\$1,392.00	
Tecumseh	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$66.00	
Tecumseh	Windstream	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$14,568.00	
Tecumseh	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$33.00	\$40,382.47
Kearney					
Axtell	NT&T	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$557.00	
Axtell	Qwest	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$2,162.98	
Heartwell	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$743.00	
Heartwell	BullsEye	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$36.00	
Hildreth	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$107.00	
Kearney	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$1,428.00	
Kearney County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$25.23	
Minden	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$320.54	
Minden	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$319.30	
Minden	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$0.00	
Minden	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$60.00	
Minden	NT&T	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$2,120.00	
Minden	Orbitcom	\$0.65	Kearney County	\$23.40	
Minden	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$83.00	
Minden	Qwest	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$8,258.02	
Minden	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$805.88	
Minden	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$14.00	
Minden, Axtell	Qwest	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$10,421.00	
Norman	Glenwood Telephone Memb. Corp.	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$903.17	
Ragan	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$508.77	
Republican City	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$4.00	
Wilcox	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$2,147.28	\$31,047.57
Keith (Answers calls for Keith, Deuel, Arthur, Grant, Hooker, McPherson & Logan)					
Arthur	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$0.60	Arthur County	\$1,432.27	
Ashby	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$1.00	Grant County	\$770.16	
Big Springs	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Keith County	\$120.00	
Big Springs	Matrix Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Trinsic Communications, d/b/a Excel Telecommunications, d/b/a VarTec Telecom	\$1.00	Keith County	\$12.00	
Big Springs	NT&T	\$1.00	Keith County	\$545.00	
Big Springs, Ogallala	BullsEye	\$1.00	Keith County	\$192.00	
Bingham	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$1.00	Grant County	\$378.74	
Brule	Applied Communications Technology Inc.	\$1.00	Keith County	\$6.70	
Brule	Arapahoe	\$1.00	Keith County	\$2,797.96	
Chappell	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Deuel County	\$64.00	
Chappell	CenturyLink	\$1.00	Keith County	\$5,500.61	
Hyannis	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$1.00	Grant County	\$3,516.94	
Keith County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Keith County	\$25.83	
Keystone	Keystone Arthur Telephone CO.	\$1.00	McPherson County	\$58.00	
Keystone	Keystone Arthur Telephone CO.	\$0.60	Arthur County	\$90.00	
Keystone	Keystone Arthur Telephone CO	\$1.00	Keith County	\$1,994.00	
Lemoyne	Keystone Arthur Telephone CO	\$1.00	Keith County	\$2,406.00	
Lewellen	CenturyLink	\$1.00	Keith County	\$33.00	

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Mullen	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hooker County	\$5,576.31	
Ogallala	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Keith County	\$133.00	
Ogallala	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	Keith County	\$472.05	
Ogallala	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$1.00	Keith County	\$1,207.84	
Ogallala	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Keith County	\$8.00	
Ogallala	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Keith County	\$464.00	
Ogallala	NT&T	\$1.00	Keith County	\$1,841.00	
Ogallala	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Keith County	\$420.00	
Ogallala	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Keith County	\$9,567.62	
Ogallala	Qwest	\$1.00	Keith County	\$13,912.50	
Paxton	Consolidated Telco, Inc.	\$1.00	Keith County	\$4,141.31	
Stapleton	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Keith County	\$3,520.31	
Tryon	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Keith County	\$2,347.69	
Whitman	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$1.00	Grant County	\$1,185.05	\$64,739.89
Keya Paha					
Bassett	Rock County Telephone Co.	\$1.00	KeyaPaha County	\$96.00	
Newport	Rock County Telephone Co.	\$1.00	KeyaPaha County	\$144.00	\$240.00
Kimball					
Bushnell	Dalton Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Kimball County	\$1,474.60	
Dix	Dalton Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Kimball County	\$1,264.03	
Kimball	CenturyLink	\$1.00	Kimball County	\$12,472.77	
Kimball	BullsEye	\$1.00	Kimball County	\$12.00	
Kimball	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Kimball County	\$48.00	
Kimball	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Kimball County	\$67.43	\$15,338.83
Knox					
Bloomfield	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Knox County	\$10,595.86	
Center	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Knox County	\$1,548.78	
Creighton	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Knox County	\$9,657.43	
Crofton Knox	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Knox County	\$7,545.21	
Niobrara	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Knox County	\$6,364.90	
Verdigre	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Knox County	\$4,723.92	
Walnut	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Knox County	\$676.70	
Wausa	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Knox County	\$5,201.38	
Winnetoon	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Knox County	\$1,178.45	\$47,492.63
Lancaster					
Bennet	Windstream	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$7,420.00	
Cortland	Windstream	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$292.00	
Davey	Windstream	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$3,760.00	
Denton	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$31.00	
Denton	Windstream	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$4,244.00	
Eagle	Windstream	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$6,634.00	
Firth	Windstream	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$5,687.00	
Greenwood	Windstream	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$142.00	
Hallam	Windstream	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$1,620.00	
Hickman	Windstream	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$10,473.00	
Lancaster County	Sprint Communications Co. LP	\$1.00	City of Lincoln	\$366.00	
Lincoln	BullsEye	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$24.00	
Lincoln	Airespring	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$175.00	
Lincoln	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$6,028.00	
Lincoln	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$45.00	
Lincoln	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$272,285.71	
Lincoln	tw telecom	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$142.00	
Lincoln	Windstream	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$752,075.00	
Lincoln	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	City of Lincoln	\$668.46	
Lincoln	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	City of Lincoln	\$30.00	
Lincoln	MetTel	\$1.00	City of Lincoln	\$148.94	
Lincoln	NT&T	\$1.00	City of Lincoln	\$16,899.50	
Lincoln	XO Communications	\$0.50	City of Lincoln	\$185.00	
Lincoln	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$1.00	City of Lincoln	\$319.80	
Lincoln	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	City of Lincoln	\$145.86	

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Malcolm	Windstream	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$5,565.00	
Martell	Windstream	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$3,691.00	
Panama	Windstream	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$2,446.00	
Pleasant Dale	Windstream	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$2,558.00	
Raymond	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$36.00	
Raymond	Windstream	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$5,309.00	
Valparaiso	Windstream	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$5,368.00	
Waverly	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$97.00	
Waverly	Windstream	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$13,632.00	
Waverly	NT&T	\$1.00	City of Lincoln	\$408.00	\$1,128,951.27
Lincoln (Also answers calls for the City of Gothenburg)					
Brady	Consolidated Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$3,532.79	
Gothenburg	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	City of Gothenburg	\$30.60	
Gothenburg	Matrix Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Trinsic Communications, d/b/a Excel Telecommunications, d/b/a VarTec Telecom	\$1.00	City of Gothenburg	\$12.00	
Gothenburg	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	City of North Platte, Gothenburg	\$376.12	
Gothenburg	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$1.00	City of North Platte, Gothenburg	\$910.50	
Gothenburg	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Gothenburg PD	\$360.30	
Gothenburg	BullsEye	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$96.00	
Gothenburg	NT&T	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$1,878.00	
Gothenburg	Qwest	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$7,780.03	
Hershey	Hershey Cooperative Telephone Co.	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$6,864.89	
Lincoln County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Lincoln County	\$55.49	
Lincoln County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Lincoln County	\$55.49	
Maxwell	Consolidated Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$2,132.24	
North Platte	Matrix Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Trinsic Communications, d/b/a Excel Telecommunications, d/b/a VarTec Telecom	\$1.00	City of North Platte	\$48.00	
North Platte	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	City of North Platte	\$331.00	
North Platte	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	City of North Platte	\$197.00	
North Platte	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Lincoln County	\$51.00	
North Platte	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Lincoln County	\$1,664.00	
North Platte	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Lincoln County	\$7,323.70	
North Platte	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Lincoln County	\$1,842.00	
North Platte	Allo Communications	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$17,065.97	
North Platte	BullsEye	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$372.00	
North Platte	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$1,938.64	
North Platte	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$483.00	
North Platte	MetTel	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$336.10	
North Platte	NT&T	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$6,071.00	
North Platte	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$36.00	
North Platte	Qwest	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$58,715.97	
North Platte	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$0.00	
North Platte	Windstream CLEC	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$6,390.00	
North Platte	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$4,698.82	
North Platte	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Lincoln County	\$51.00	
North Platte	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Lincoln County	\$1,664.00	
North Platte	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Lincoln County	\$7,323.70	
North Platte	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Lincoln County	\$1,842.00	
North Platte, Gothenburg	Qwest	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$66,496.00	
Sutherland	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$5,934.16	
Wallace	Consolidated Telco, Inc.	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$2,743.04	\$217,702.55
Logan (See Keith)					
Loup (See Region 26)					
Madison (PSAPs at Madison County and Norfolk Police Department)					

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Madison	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Madison County	\$6,432.00	
Battle Creek	NT&T	\$1.00	Madison County	\$40.00	
Columbus	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Madison County	\$155.00	
Hoskins	PBN, LLC	\$1.00	Madison County	\$18.00	
Hoskins	Pierce	\$1.00	City of Norfolk	\$3,302.00	
Madison	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Madison County	\$25.00	
Madison	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Madison County	\$8,539.00	
Madison	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Madison County	\$0.00	
Madison	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Madison County	\$12.00	
Madison	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Madison County	\$1,298.63	
Madison	NT&T	\$1.00	Madison County	\$113.00	
Madison County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Madison County	\$87.05	
Meadow Grove	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Madison County	\$2,225.00	
Neligh	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Madison County	\$5.00	
Newman Grove	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Madison County	\$3,392.00	
Newman Grove	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Madison County	\$53.00	
Norfolk	McLeod USA Telecommunications Services/Paetec Business Services	\$1.00	Madison County	\$66.00	
Norfolk	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Madison County	\$12,044.00	
Norfolk	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	City of Norfolk	\$67.49	
Norfolk	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	City of Norfolk	\$1,523.00	
Norfolk	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	City of Norfolk	\$602.00	
Norfolk	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	City of Norfolk	\$23,766.00	
Norfolk	Matrix Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Trinsic Communications, d/b/a Excel Telecommunications, d/b/a VarTec Telecom	\$1.00	City of Norfolk	\$48.00	
Norfolk	NT&T	\$1.00	City of Norfolk	\$10,126.00	
Norfolk	Teleport Communications America, LLC	\$1.00	City of Norfolk	\$24.00	
Norfolk	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	City of Norfolk	\$343.00	
Norfolk	BullsEye	\$1.00	Norfolk PD	\$141.00	
Norfolk	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Norfolk PD	\$96.00	
Norfolk	MetTel	\$1.00	Norfolk PD	\$553.45	
Norfolk	Qwest	\$1.00	Norfolk PD	\$57,369.00	
Pierce	Pierce	\$1.00	City of Norfolk	\$13,016.00	
Pilger	NT&T	\$1.00	City of Norfolk	\$674.00	
Pilger	Qwest	\$1.00	Norfolk PD	\$4,814.00	
Tilden	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Madison County	\$4,560.00	
Tilden	NT&T	\$1.00	Madison County	\$44.00	\$155,573.62
McPherson (See Keith)					
Merrick					
Archer	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$796.91	
Central City	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$45.87	
Central City	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$24.00	
Central City	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$0.00	
Central City	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$221.00	
Central City	Matrix Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Trinsic Communications, d/b/a Excel Telecommunications, d/b/a VarTec Telecom	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$12.00	
Central City	NT&T	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$2,769.00	
Central City	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$60.00	
Central City	Qwest	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$10,730.76	
Central City	BullsEye	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$48.00	
Central City	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$59.00	
Central City	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$322.00	

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Central City, Silver Creek	Qwest	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$12,829.00	
Chapman	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$2,847.68	
Clarks	Clarks Telecommunications	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$3,880.00	
Duncan	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$4.00	
Genoa	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$21.00	
Grand Island	Windstream CLEC	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$49.00	
Merrick County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$85.39	
Palmer	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$3,583.00	
Palmer	NT&T	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$28.00	
Palmer	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$24.00	
Silver Creek	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$34.60	
Silver Creek	NT&T	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$573.00	
Silver Creek	Qwest	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$2,098.24	\$41,145.45
Morrill					
Bayard, Bridgeport	BullsEye	\$1.00	Morrill County	\$36.00	
Bridgeport	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Morrill County	\$2,736.10	
Bridgeport	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$1.00	Morrill County	\$419.16	
Bridgeport	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Morrill County	\$252.00	
Bridgeport	Mobius Communications Company	\$1.00	Morrill County	\$79.59	
Bridgeport	NT&T	\$1.00	Morrill County	\$1,311.00	
Bridgeport	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Morrill County	\$324.00	
Bridgeport	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	Morrill County	\$159.94	
Morrill	CenturyLink	\$1.00	Morrill County	\$6,949.51	
Morrill County	Qwest	\$1.00	Morrill County	\$5,660.00	\$17,927.30
Nance					
Albion	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Nance County	\$4.00	
Belgrade	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Nance County	\$1,185.07	
Columbus	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Nance County	\$5.00	
Fullerton	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Nance County	\$205.00	
Fullerton	NT&T	\$0.50	Nance County	\$726.50	
Fullerton	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Nance County	\$24.00	
Genoa	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Nance County	\$3,714.00	
Genoa	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Nance County	\$314.00	
Madison	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Nance County	\$4.00	
Monroe	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Nance County	\$4.00	
Nance County	Qwest	\$1.00	Nance County	\$4,664.00	
Palmer	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Nance County	\$44.00	\$10,893.57
Nemaha					
Auburn	Windstream	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$16,291.00	
Auburn	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$234.00	
Auburn	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$92.44	
Brock	Windstream	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$992.00	
Brownville	Windstream	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$1,909.00	
Dubois	Windstream	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$117.00	
Johnson	Windstream	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$3,116.00	
Julian	Windstream	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$670.00	
Nemaha	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$4,938.71	
Nemaha	Windstream	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$1,048.00	
Peru	Windstream	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$2,618.00	\$32,026.15
Nuckolls					

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Hardy	Windstream	\$1.00	Nuckolls County	\$1,465.00	\$19,321.00
Nelson	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Nuckolls County	\$96.00	
Nelson	Windstream	\$1.00	Nuckolls County	\$4,156.00	
Ruskin	Windstream	\$1.00	Nuckolls County	\$977.00	
Superior	Windstream	\$1.00	Nuckolls County	\$12,627.00	
Otoe					
Cook	Windstream	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$6,960.00	\$70,499.00
Douglas	Windstream	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$1,685.00	
Dunbar	Windstream	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$2,059.00	
Nebraska City	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$141.00	
Nebraska City	Windstream	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$28,654.00	
Nebraska City	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$79.00	
Otoe	Windstream	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$1,120.00	
Otoe County	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$35.00	
Otoe County	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$8,646.00	
Palmyra	Windstream	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$4,604.00	
Palmyra	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$12.00	
Syracuse	Windstream	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$12,471.00	
Syracuse	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$48.00	
Talmage	Windstream	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$1,673.00	
Unadilla	Windstream	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$2,312.00	
Pawnee (See Johnson)					
Perkins					
Elsie	Elsie Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	Perkins County	\$1,822.00	\$15,009.93
Grant	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Perkins County	\$23.00	
Grant	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Perkins County	\$9,198.31	
Madrid	Consolidated Telco, Inc.	\$1.00	Perkins County	\$2,787.33	
Venango, West Venango, CO	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Perkins County	\$1,179.29	
Phelps (See Harlan)					
Pierce					
Norfolk	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Pierce County	\$308.00	\$16,647.63
Osmond	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Pierce County	\$4.00	
Osmond	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Co.	\$1.00	City of Osmond	\$5,689.00	
Plainview	Plainview Telephone	\$1.00	Pierce County	\$10,646.63	
Platte					
Albion	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$5.00	
Columbus	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Platte County	\$607.00	
Columbus	McLeod USA Telecommunications Services/Paetec Business Services	\$1.00	Platte County	\$12.00	
Columbus	NT&T	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$1,551.00	
Columbus	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$35,029.39	
Columbus	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	City of Columbus	\$380.69	
Columbus	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$29,786.00	
Columbus	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	City of Columbus	\$54,840.00	
Columbus	BullsEye	\$1.00	Platte County	\$36.00	
Creston	NT&T	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$556.00	
Creston, Humphrey	Qwest	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$5,833.00	
Duncan	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$2,776.00	
Duncan	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	City of Columbus	\$301.00	
Genoa	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$656.00	

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Genoa	NT&T	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$24.00	
Greeley	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$18.00	
Humphrey	Matrix Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Trinsic Communications, d/b/a Excel Telecommunications, d/b/a VarTec Telecom	\$1.00	City of Humphrey	\$24.00	
Humphrey	NT&T	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$1,985.00	
Humphrey, Creston	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Platte County	\$12.00	
Leigh	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$747.00	
Leigh	NT&T	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$8.00	
Leigh	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	City of Columbus	\$8.00	
Lindsay	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$3,330.00	
Lindsay	NT&T	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$96.00	
Madison	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$236.00	
Monroe	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$2,567.00	
Monroe	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	City of Columbus	\$4.00	
Newman Grove	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$1,235.00	
Newman Grove	NT&T	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$12.00	
Platte Center	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$4,647.00	
Platte Center	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Platte County	\$4.00	
Platte Center	NT&T	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$18.00	
Platte Center	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	City of Columbus	\$111.00	
Platte County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Platte County	\$50.79	
Platte County	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$409.00	\$147,914.87
Polk					
Osceola	Qwest	\$1.00	Polk County	\$24.00	
Osceola	Windstream	\$1.00	Polk County	\$6,364.00	
Osceola	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Polk County	\$73.00	
Osceola	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Polk County	\$52.15	
Polk	Windstream	\$1.00	Polk County	\$2,948.00	
Polk	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Polk County	\$80.00	
Shelby	Windstream	\$1.00	Polk County	\$4,124.00	
Shelby	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Polk County	\$32.00	
Stromsburg	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Polk County	\$58.00	
Stromsburg	Windstream	\$1.00	Polk County	\$7,573.00	\$21,328.15
Red Willow					
Cambridge	Cambridge Telephone Co.	\$1.00	McCook PD	\$2,035.00	
Danbury	Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc.	\$1.00	Red Willow County	\$1,281.00	
Indianola (Red Willow Co)	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	McCook PD	\$3,438.92	
Lebanon	Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc.	\$1.00	Red Willow County	\$750.00	
McCook	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Red Willow County	\$3,439.35	
McCook	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Red Willow County	\$0.00	
McCook	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Red Willow County	\$537.00	
McCook	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Red Willow County	\$1,580.00	
McCook	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	City of McCook	\$36.00	
McCook	NT&T	\$1.00	City of McCook	\$3,572.00	
McCook	BullsEye	\$1.00	McCook PD	\$24.00	
McCook	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	McCook PD	\$0.00	
McCook	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	McCook PD	\$6,923.00	

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McCook	Qwest	\$1.00	McCook PD	\$25,975.00	
Red Willow County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Red Willow County	\$44.22	\$49,635.49
Region 26 (Answers calls for Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Valley Greeley and Sherman Counties)					
Arcadia	Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Region 26	\$2,509.30	
Ashton	Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Region 26	\$1,543.66	
Bartlett	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Wheeler County	\$2,042.00	
Brewster	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$1.00	Region 26	\$1,103.08	
Brownlee	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$1.00	Region 26	\$948.86	
Burwell	Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Region 26	\$10,783.40	
Clearwater	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Wheeler County	\$405.00	
Columbus	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Valley County	\$136.00	
Dunning	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$1.00	Region 26	\$1,240.86	
Ericson	Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Region 26	\$1,427.16	
Greeley	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Greeley County	\$2,466.00	
Greeley	NT&T	\$1.00	Region 26	\$110.00	
Halsey	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$1.00	Region 26	\$918.27	
Litchfield	Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Region 26	\$1,712.23	
Loup City	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Sherman County	\$12.00	
Loup City	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	Region 26	\$2,454.91	
Loup City	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$1.00	Region 26	\$494.42	
Loup City	NT&T	\$1.00	Region 26	\$1,238.00	
Loup City	Qwest	\$1.00	Region 26	\$3,754.00	
North Burwell	Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Region 26	\$1,021.11	
North Loup	Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Region 26	\$2,623.27	
Ord	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Valley County	\$13,540.00	
Ord	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Valley County	\$60.00	
Ord	NT&T	\$1.00	Region 26	\$160.00	
Purdum	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$1.00	Region 26	\$1,014.97	
Rockville	Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Region 26	\$557.42	
Scotia	Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Region 26	\$2,548.73	
Seneca	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$1.00	Region 26	\$547.97	
Sherman County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Sherman County	\$28.00	
Spalding	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Region 26	\$4,599.22	
Taylor	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$1.00	Region 26	\$238.63	
Taylor	Nebraska Central Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Region 26	\$2,257.12	
Taylor	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	Region 26	\$90.95	
Thedford	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$1.00	Region 26	\$3,052.03	
Thedford	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Region 26	\$20.00	
Wolbach	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Region 26	\$2,225.84	\$69,884.41
Richardson					
Dawson	Windstream	\$0.50	City of Dawson	\$637.50	
Falls City	Southeast Nebraska Communications	\$1.00	Falls City PD	\$27,286.00	
Falls City	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska)	\$1.00	Richardson County	\$4,156.00	
Humboldt	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska)	\$0.50	City of Humboldt	\$483.10	
Humboldt	Windstream	\$0.50	City of Humboldt	\$2,042.50	
Tri City	Southeast Nebraska Communications	\$1.00	Falls City PD	\$5,660.55	\$40,265.65
Rock					
Bassett	Rock County Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Rock County	\$6,827.00	
Newport	Rock County Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Rock County	\$1,625.00	\$8,452.00
Saline (PSAPs at Saline County and Crete PD)					
Crete	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Crete PD	\$3,820.00	
Crete	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	City of Crete	\$436.00	
Crete	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	City of Crete	\$0.00	
Crete	Windstream	\$1.00	City of Crete	\$21,726.00	
DeWitt	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Saline County	\$72.00	
Dewitt	Windstream	\$1.00	Saline County	\$3,096.00	
Dorchester	Windstream	\$1.00	Saline County	\$3,749.00	

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Friend	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Saline County	\$36.00	\$53,435.00
Friend	Windstream	\$1.00	Saline County	\$6,371.00	
Swanton	Windstream	\$1.00	Saline County	\$869.00	
Tobias	Windstream	\$1.00	Saline County	\$1,263.00	
Western	Windstream	\$1.00	Saline County	\$10,277.00	
Wilber	Windstream	\$1.00	Saline County	\$1,690.00	
Wilbur	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Saline County	\$0.00	
Wilbur	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Saline County	\$30.00	
Sarpy					
Bellevue	Qwest	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$29,201.31	\$725,777.84
Bellevue, Gretna, LaVista, Papillion, Millard, Springfield	Qwest	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$158,234.00	
Bellevue	McLeod USA Telecommunications Services/Paetec Business Services	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$536.00	
Gretna	Matrix Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Trinsic Communications, d/b/a Excel Telecommunications, d/b/a VarTec Telecom	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$96.00	
Gretna	Qwest	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$8,043.89	
Gretna	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$114.00	
LaVista, Papillion, Millard	Qwest	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$92,662.82	
Omaha	BullsEye	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$627.00	
Omaha	McLeod USA Telecommunications Services/Paetec Business Services	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$1,642.00	
Omaha	NT&T	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$4,080.00	
Omaha	Windstream CLEC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$8,236.00	
Omaha	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$50.00	
Omaha	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$2,128.00	
Omaha/Bellevue	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$1,428.00	
Papillion	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$2,909.00	
Papillion	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$0.00	
Papillion	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$180.00	
Papillion	Teleport Communications America, LLC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$1,440.00	
Papillion	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$563.00	
Sarpy County	XO Communications	\$0.50	Sarpy County	\$141.00	
Sarpy County	Cox	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$384,583.00	
Sarpy County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$524.84	
Sarpy County, Unincorporated	Qwest	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$23,848.27	
Springfield	Qwest	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$4,477.70	
Springfield	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$32.00	
Saunders					
Ashland	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$20.96	
Cedar Bluffs	Windstream	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$3,812.00	
Ceresco	Windstream	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$1,190.00	
Ceresco	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$40.00	
Colon	Windstream	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$5,039.00	
Ithaca	Windstream	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$1,473.00	
Linwood, Morse Bluff	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$2,554.00	
Mead	Windstream	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$4,008.00	
Prague	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$3,916.00	
Prague	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$59.00	
Saunders County	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$2,396.31	
Saunders County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$9.30	
Wahoo	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$12.00	
Wahoo	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$354.05	
Wahoo	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$860.43	

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Wahoo	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$319.00	
Wahoo	Qwest	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$2,232.00	
Wahoo	Windstream	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$21,432.00	
Wahoo	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$36.00	
Weston, Malmo	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$4,539.00	
Yutan	Windstream	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$7,408.00	
Yutan	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$62.00	\$61,772.05
Scotts Bluff (Answers calls for Scotts Bluff, Banner and South Half of Sioux Counties)					
Sidney	BullsEye	\$0.50	Banner County	\$12.00	
Gering	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$2,258.87	
Gering	Charter Fiberlink Nebraska, LLC	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$5,494.21	
Gering	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$1,130.00	
Gering	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$10,476.99	
Gering	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$60.00	
Minatare	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$13.00	
Mitchell	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$13.00	
Scottsbluff	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$39.00	
Scottsbluff	BullsEye	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$327.00	
Scottsbluff	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$37,476.68	
Scottsbluff	CenturyLink	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$81,257.78	
Scottsbluff	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$264.00	
Scottsbluff	MetTel	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$23.00	\$138,845.53
Seward					
Beaver Crossing	Windstream	\$1.00	Seward County	\$3,108.00	
Cordova	Windstream	\$1.00	Seward County	\$1,039.00	
Garland	Windstream	\$1.00	Seward County	\$2,303.00	
Milford	Windstream	\$1.00	Seward County	\$11,498.00	
Seward	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Seward County	\$489.00	
Seward	McLeod USA Telecommunications Services/Paetec Business Services	\$1.00	Seward County	\$24.00	
Seward	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska)	\$1.00	Seward County	\$6,475.34	
Seward	Windstream	\$1.00	Seward County	\$27,567.00	
Seward	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Seward County	\$15.27	
Staplehurst	Clarks Telecommunications	\$1.00	Seward County	\$1,922.00	
Tamora	Windstream	\$1.00	Seward County	\$1,374.00	
Ulysses	Clarks Telecommunications	\$1.00	Seward County	\$105.00	
Utica	Windstream	\$1.00	Seward County	\$4,745.00	\$60,664.61
Sheridan					
Gordon	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Sheridan County	\$14,257.60	
Hay Springs	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Sheridan County	\$4,627.40	
Mirage Flats	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Sheridan County	\$1,178.88	
Rushville	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Sheridan County	\$7,641.85	
Rushville	Qwest	\$1.00	Sheridan County	\$393.00	
White Clay	Golden West Telecommunications Coop, Inc.	\$1.00	Sheridan County	\$700.27	\$28,799.00
Sherman (See Region 26)					
Sioux					
Harrison	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Sioux County	\$12.00	
Harrison	Matrix Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Trinsic Communications, d/b/a Excel Telecommunications, d/b/a VarTec Telecom	\$1.00	Sioux County	\$12.00	
Harrison	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Sioux County	\$0.00	
Sioux County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Sioux County	\$26.36	\$50.36
Stanton (Calls answered by Norfolk PD)					
Battle Creek	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Stanton County	\$5.00	
Leigh	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Stanton County	\$104.00	
Madison	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Stanton County	\$25.00	
Pilger	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Stanton County	\$142.00	
Stanton	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Stanton County	\$12.00	
Stanton	Stanton Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Stanton County	\$11,829.28	

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Stanton County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Stanton County	\$27.36	\$12,144.64
Thayer					
Alexandria	Windstream	\$1.00	Thayer County	\$1,268.00	
Bruning	Windstream	\$1.00	Thayer County	\$2,653.00	
Byron & South Byron, KS	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Thayer County	\$1,958.14	
Carleton	Windstream	\$1.00	Thayer County	\$996.00	
Chester, Hubbell, So Chester, Thayer Co.	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Thayer County	\$2,941.94	
Davenport	Windstream	\$1.00	Thayer County	\$2,706.00	
Deshler	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Thayer County	\$5,750.47	
Hebron	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Thayer County	\$24.00	
Hebron	Windstream	\$1.00	Thayer County	\$10,981.00	\$29,278.55
Thomas (See Region 26)					
Thurston					
Macy	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Thurston County	\$4,150.00	
Pender	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	Thurston County	\$81.00	
Pender	HunTel CableVision dba HunTel Communications	\$1.00	Thurston County	\$3,911.00	
Pender	NT&T	\$1.00	Thurston County	\$1,477.00	
Pender	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Thurston County	\$0.00	
Pender	Qwest	\$1.00	Thurston County	\$5,183.00	
Rosalie	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Thurston County	\$1,187.00	
Thurston County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Thurston County	\$6.26	
Walthill	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Thurston County	\$4,434.00	
Winnebago	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Thurston County	\$7,667.00	\$28,096.26
Valley (See Region 26)					
Washington					
Arlington	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Washington County	\$10.00	
Arlington	Arlington Telephone Co.	\$0.75	Washington County	\$3,498.50	
Arlington rural	Arlington Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Washington County	\$4,474.00	
Bennington	Qwest	\$1.00	Washington County	\$2,132.79	
Bennington, Omaha	Qwest	\$1.00	Washington County	\$6,463.00	
Blair	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	Washington County	\$12.00	
Blair	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Washington County	\$42.00	
Blair	Blair Telephone Co.	\$0.75	Washington County	\$30,292.50	
Blair rural	Blair Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Washington County	\$18,618.00	
Fort Calhoun	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Washington County	\$45.00	
Fort Calhoun	Blair Telephone Co.	\$0.75	Washington County	\$3,786.75	
Fort Calhoun rural	Blair Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Washington County	\$4,554.00	
Herman	Great Plains Communications	.75 & 1.00	Washington County	\$3,262.94	
Kennard	Blair Telephone Co.	\$0.75	Washington County	\$909.75	
Kennard rural	Blair Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Washington County	\$2,018.00	
Omaha	Qwest	\$1.00	Washington County	\$4,330.21	
Omaha	Windstream CLEC	\$1.00	Washington County	\$132.00	\$84,581.44
Wayne					
Allen	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Wayne County	\$3.00	
Dixon-Concord	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Wayne County	\$47.00	
Wakefield	NT&T	\$1.00	City of Wayne	\$894.00	
Wayne	HunTel CableVision dba HunTel Communications	\$1.00	Wayne County	\$7,608.00	
Wayne	Orbitcom	\$1.00	Wayne County	\$1,499.00	
Wayne	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Wayne County	\$53.00	
Wayne	BullsEye	\$1.00	Wayne PD	\$192.00	
Wayne	Matrix Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Trinsic Communications, d/b/a Excel Telecommunications, d/b/a VarTec Telecom	\$1.00	Wayne PD	\$12.00	
Wayne	Qwest	\$1.00	Wayne PD	\$14,027.99	
Wayne	AT&T Corp	\$1.00	City of Wayne	\$70.00	
Wayne	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	City of Wayne	\$16.06	
Wayne	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	City of Wayne	\$18.00	
Wayne	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	City of Wayne	\$50.00	

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Wayne	NT&T	\$1.00	City of Wayne	\$1,663.00	
Wayne County	dishNET Wireline L.L.C. fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Wayne County	\$7.26	
Winside	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Wayne County	\$3,395.00	\$29,555.31
Webster (Known as MidRivers 911)					
Carroll	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Co.	\$1.00	Village of Carroll	\$2,298.00	
Guide Rock	Windstream	\$1.00	City of Guide Rock	\$2,022.00	
Red Cloud	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Mid Rivers 9-1-1	\$9,013.28	
Roseland, Bladen, Lawrence, Blue Hill, Upland, Campbell	Glenwood Telephone Memb. Corp.	\$1.00	Village of Campbell	\$20,130.61	\$33,463.89
Wheeler (See Region 26)					
York (PSAPs at York County and York PD)					
Benedict	Windstream	\$1.00	York County	\$1,923.00	
Bradshaw	Windstream	\$1.00	York County	\$2,123.00	
Gresham	Windstream	\$1.00	York County	\$2,219.00	
Henderson	Mainstay Communications	\$1.00	York County	\$9,990.43	
Henderson	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	York County	\$12.00	
McCool Junction	Windstream	\$1.00	York County	\$3,437.00	
Waco	Windstream	\$1.00	York County	\$3,581.00	
York	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$1.00	York County	\$36.00	
York	Granite Telecommunications LLC	\$0.50	City of York	\$379.00	
York	Windstream	\$1.00	City of York	\$17,322.00	
York County	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska)	\$1.00	York County	\$10,264.00	
York County	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	York County	\$20.00	\$51,306.43
Total				\$6,905,190.46	\$6,905,190.46

PART V



New This Year

Following a collaborative effort between the Commission and Nebraska ILECs, the Commission converted all exchange boundaries to an electronic format and submitted the data to the FCC. In June 2014, the Commission held a workshop to seek input on a website designed to allow users to view and download electronic versions of boundary maps. The site, located on the PSC website, went live in July and now hosts maps showing boundaries for all Nebraska ILEC exchanges. Maps are searchable by exchange name and company name.

Competitive Local Exchange Carriers

Pursuant to provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, the Commission designates companies as competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) allowing companies to provide service to customers using the facilities of the local telephone company or their own facilities. The creation of CLECs introduced competition into monopoly markets giving customers more than one choice of telephone company in the local market. For more information on the 1996 Act refer to Part I of this report.

There are currently 96 carriers that have received Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as CLECs in the State of Nebraska. Not all companies with CLEC authority currently conduct business in Nebraska. For a list of all local telephone companies with authority in Nebraska, please see Part VI of this report.

The following companies received new authority during the 2013-2014 fiscal years to provide local service in the corresponding territories in Nebraska:

Carrier	Territory to be Served	Authority Granted
BCN Telecom, Inc.	Statewide	9/17/13
CenCom, Inc.	Statewide	12/17/13
Access One, Inc.	Qwest	1/7/14
Wide Voice, LLC	CenturyLink and Statewide	6/24/14
Alliance Connect, LLC	Windstream, Frontier, CenturyLink and Statewide	7/22/14

Interconnection Agreements

CLECs competing with a local telephone company to serve customers in the same area must enter into an agreement allowing the CLEC to utilize the facilities of the local company for a fee to route telephone traffic. These agreements are called Interconnection Agreements under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Local telephone companies and CLECs enter into an interconnection agreement by either negotiating the terms of the agreement, adopting an

approved interconnection agreement of two other carriers pursuant to Section 252(i) of the 1996 Act, or through mediation or arbitration if negotiations fail to result in a mutually acceptable agreement. A copy of all current Commission approved interconnection agreements are available for review on the Commission's website at www.psc.nebraska.gov.

Exchange Boundaries

The Geographical area in which a telephone company serves, offering the same services and prices is called an exchange. The Commission keeps official maps of the exchange boundaries of all local telephone companies operating in Nebraska. Nebraska law does include a process whereby a customer can seek a change in the boundary of telephone exchanges to allow the customer to receive service from an adjacent exchange. The Nebraska Legislature broadened the process to include not only traditional telephone service but also broadband service offerings as well. For more on LB 715, see Part II of this Report. In the event the Commission grants a petition from a customer to change an exchange boundary, the two telephone companies involved are required to file updated exchange maps with the Commission. The following is a list of boundary change applications received by the Commission in the past year:

C-4642 *In the Matter of the Application of Jean & Darrell Lammers, Wendy & Chad Stevens, Carrier & Troy Lammers, Ed & Michelle Lammers, David & Lori Lammers, Linus & Beata Lammers, Frank & Krisa Lammers, Roger Lammers, Kevin & Sharon Lammers, Kevin & Sandy Uhing and Gary Harold of Hartington, Nebraska, seeking authority to receive telephone service from the Hartington exchange of the Hartelco Telephone Company.*

On November 4, 2013, an application was filed by Jean & Darrell Lammers, Wendy & Chad Stevens, Carrier & Troy Lammers, Ed & Michelle Lammers, David & Lori Lammers, Linus & Beata Lammers, Frank & Krisa Lammers, Roger Lammers, Kevin & Sharon Lammers, Kevin & Sandy Uhing and Gary Harold for a boundary change to enable the Applicants to receive telephone service from the adjacent exchange of Hartelco Communications Telephone Company in lieu of the their current telephone service from Great Plains Communications, Inc. Both companies agreed to the boundary change and the Commission entered an order granting the application on January 7, 2014.

C-4667 *In the Matter of the Application of Steve Albrecht, Pierce, seeking authority to receive telephone service from the Pierce exchange of the Pierce Telephone Company.*

On March 20, 2014, the Commission received an application from Mr. Albrecht seeking a revision in the exchange boundaries of CenturyLink and Pierce Telephone Company so that he can receive telephone service from Pierce Telephone Company. Both Pierce and CenturyLink consented to the change. On July 7, 2014, the Commission granted the application. The Commission updated the official exchange boundary map to reflect this change. This revision

must also be filed with the Federal Communications Commission. The Commission is working with the companies to effectuate a change in the federal study area boundaries.

C-4696 *In the Matter of the Application of Lanny and Kristin Greenhalgh, Guide Rock, Nebraska, seeking authority to receive telephone service from the Glenwood/Blue Hill Exchange of the Glenwood Telephone Company.*

On July 16, 2014, an application was filed by Lanny and Kristin Greenhalgh, of Guide Rock, Nebraska, seeking a boundary change to enable the applicants to receive telephone service from the adjacent exchange of Glenwood/Blue Hill in lieu of their current telephone service from Windstream Communications, Inc. Both companies agreed to the boundary change and the Commission entered an order granting the application on September 3, 2014.

ETC's

A full discussion of ETC dockets are located in Part III.

Competition

C-4657 *In the Matter of the Application of Cox Nebraska Telcom, LLC, Omaha, seeking a determination from the Nebraska Public Service Commission that local competition exists in the Omaha, Bellevue, Bennington, Elkhorn, Gretna, LaVista, Papillion, Valley and Waterloo Exchanges, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §86-143.*

On January 10, 2014, Cox Nebraska Telcom, LLC, filed an application seeking a determination from the Commission that local competition exists in the Omaha, Bellevue, Bennington, Elkhorn, Gretna, LaVista, Papillion, Valley and Waterloo Exchanges in the Omaha metro area. Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and Nebraska Technology and Telecommunications, Inc. both intervened in the docket. A hearing on the application was held before the Commission on April 16, 2014. The designation of competitive only allows the companies in those exchanges to raise their telephone rates with ten (10) days' notice to their customers instead of ninety (90) days' notice as required by the statute. On May 20, 2014, the Commission entered an order finding after analysis that competition did exist in those exchanges.

Long Distance/Interexchange Carriers

There are over 228 long distance telephone companies, called interexchange carriers or IXCs, certificated by the Commission to provide service in Nebraska. The long distance market in Nebraska is quite competitive, evidenced by the marketing of optional long distance packages, bundled service packages and unlimited local and long distance services for one combined price. Some of the bundled packages include wireless, Internet, and video options. For a complete list of authorized IXCs in Nebraska, see Part VI of this report.

Call Termination Issue

C-4328/
PI-176 *In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to investigate issues related to the service quality associated with intrastate interexchange service including the origination, termination, and routing of interexchange calls.*

On February 1, 2011, the Commission opened a docket to investigate long distance service quality issues associated with the origination, termination, and routing of long distance calls. The Commission has received complaints from customers reporting problems placing and receiving long distance calls. Further, staff has received reports from some local exchange carriers of customer complaints they received reporting similar problems. Customers have stated to the Commission that long distance calls are either failing to connect to the called party or taking as long as 20 to 30 seconds to finally establish connection, at which point some called parties have already disconnected thinking the call had failed. Commission staff issued two sets of Data Requests seeking information on the long distance service quality issues experienced by customers and the Commission held a workshop to discuss the findings of the first data request and seek more information regarding the issues.

Based on the information received, it was readily apparent that the issues experienced by Nebraska carriers and customers were not unique to Nebraska. Many concerned parties, including the Commission and Nebraska carriers, brought the problems to the attention of the FCC. In response, the FCC held a workshop addressing the rural call completion problem on October 18, 2011.

The Nebraska Commission, joined by eleven other state Commissions, sent a letter to the FCC urging the FCC to issue a declaratory ruling reaffirming foundational Telecommunications Act tenets. The Commission also compiled contact information for individuals with call routing and network engineering responsibilities for companies operating in Nebraska.

In February 2012, the FCC entered a ruling reaffirming a carrier's obligation to originate, route and terminate traffic in an unrestricted manner. Further, the FCC reaffirmed that carriers are responsible for the acts, omissions, or failures of their employees and agents.

In December 2012, the Commission staff and some Nebraska carriers collaborated to conduct intrastate long distance testing of call completion. Some national interexchange carriers also participated in the testing. The testing effort is ongoing.

On February 7, 2013, the FCC issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) regarding call termination and sought comment on proposed rules. As part of that NPRM, the FCC said it would consider measures to improve its ability to monitor the delivery of long-distance calls to rural areas and aid enforcement action in connection with providers' call-completion practices as necessary. The FCC asked for input on reporting and data retention requirements that would allow the FCC to review a long distance provider's call performance to specific areas. The Commission filed joint comments with 13 other states supporting the FCC efforts but urging them to go further and require the industry to track, record, and report the reason for call failure, provide a timed message alerting callers their call is being routed, require call routers to register with the FCC, create a database of contact information for all call routers, eliminate safe harbors regarding collection and retention of call failure data, and require industry standard metrics for reporting.

In March 2013, the FCC's Enforcement Bureau announced that the FCC and Level 3 Communications, Inc. had entered into a consent decree whereby Level 3 agreed to pay the federal government \$975,000 and to abide by call completion standards in the future. In addition, Level 3 agreed to complete long-distance calls to incumbent local exchange carriers in rural areas within 5% rate of the rate of completion in non-rural areas over a two-year period, report to the FCC beginning in January 2014 its compliance with the 5% benchmark every quarter, and pay an additional \$1 million to the government if the company misses the 5% benchmark in any quarter.

In October 2013, the FCC released an order adopting rules to help ensure completion of long distance calls to rural areas. The FCC found completion rates for long-distance calls to rural areas are frequently poor, including calls being significantly delayed, the called party's phone never ringing, the caller hearing false busy signals, or other problems. They further found the failures have significant and immediate public interest ramifications, causing rural businesses to lose customers, cutting families off from their relatives in rural areas, and creating potential for dangerous delays in public safety communications in rural areas.

The FCC rules require phone companies to record, retain and report data on rural call completion and offer incentives for companies to improve their service. The rules further prohibit companies from transmitting a false ring signal when the called party's phone is not ringing. The order also sought comment by January 16, 2014, on additional measures proposed by the FCC to further ensure a reasonable and nondiscriminatory level of service to rural areas. The Commission filed comments supporting comments by the Missouri Public Service Commission, the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners, and the Oregon Public Utilities Commission in support of the additional rules.

In February 2014, Windstream Corp. agreed to make a voluntary payment of \$2.5 million to the U.S. Treasury as part of a settlement of an investigation by the FCC into the company's rural call completion practices. According to the FCC, Windstream also will implement a three-year plan to ensure compliance with FCC requirements regarding rural call completion. The company agreed to designate a senior corporate officer to serve as a compliance officer focusing on rural call completion issues and cooperate with the FCC and rural local exchange carriers to establish a testing program to evaluate rural call completion performance whenever complaints or data indicate problems. Windstream further agreed to notify intermediate providers that may be causing call completion problems and work to get the problems resolved and to cease using intermediate providers that fail to improve their service. Windstream will report to the FCC within 15 days any noncompliance with rural call completion rules and file an initial compliance report in 90 days and annual reports for three years. Windstream denied any wrongdoing as part of the settlement.

On February 28, 2014, Sprint filed a Motion for Reconsideration of the FCC's rural call completion rules saying the proposed information collection, retention, and reporting requirements in the FCC's order will have little to no utility and are based on a severe underestimation of the compliance burdens. On March 3, 2014, the Commission filed comments disagreeing with Sprint's comments.

Although rules to address rural call completion problems were adopted by the FCC in October 2013, to date the record keeping and reporting rules are not in effect, and the FCC has yet to complete the submissions to the Office of Management and Budget necessary for approval and implementation. The Commission continues to monitor the issue.

Access Rates/Intercarrier Compensation

The payment system between local telephone companies and long distance companies for access to the facilities of the local telephone company necessary to complete the calls is called intercarrier compensation. The charges billed by a local company to a long distance company to facilitate intercarrier compensation are called access charges. Under the traditional system, local telephone companies used access charges collected from competing carriers as one method to recover their costs of providing service. The amount of compensation from both the Federal and the State jurisdictions has been the subject of controversy since access charges began in 1984.

C-4459/ *In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to*
PI-185 *Investigate and Monitor Compliance with Federally Mandated Intercarrier*
 Compensation Reform.

The Commission opened this proceeding on its own motion on April 17, 2012. This docket is the vehicle used to carry out the Commission's responsibility to facilitate and review compliance with federal access rate reform effective July 1, 2014; all price cap carriers were

required to reduce intrastate terminating switched end office rates and reciprocal compensation by one-third of the differential between end office rates and \$0.0007. All rate-of-return carriers were required to reduce intrastate terminating switched end office rates and reciprocal compensation by one-third of the differential between end office rates and \$0.005. All competitive carriers benchmarking their rates off the underlying incumbent local exchange carriers' rates were required to make like reductions and file their tariffs with an effective date of July 31, 2014.

Voice Over Internet Protocol

Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) is the name given to technology that provides a voice communication service transmitted using a protocol developed to facilitate the "internet". In just a few short years, VoIP has moved from a novelty used by hobbyists to a mainstream commercial product. The major difference between a traditional telephone call and a VoIP call is during a VoIP call the customer's analog voice signal is converted into a digital signal. The digital information is divided into a series of individual "packets" that are sent over a broadband internet connection instead of the traditional public switched telephone network (PSTN) to the termination point. At the receiving end, the packets of digital information are converted back into an analog voice signal for the called party's telephone.

Another way of visualizing this process is to consider that the conversation is occurring as a written exchange between two people through a series of individual letters, each letter having just a few words of the conversation. Depending upon which digital data packets are missing, out of order, or corrupted, the voice conversation may either have gaps or be hard to understand. Most commercial VoIP services do not use the traditional Internet networks to transmit the voice packets; instead dedicated data networks are used to ensure the desired quality of service.

A conversation between two VoIP customers from the same service provider will occur over the providers dedicated network and likely will never reach the PSTN, whereas a conversation between a VoIP customer and a traditional telephone customer must travel on the PSTN at some point. In the traditional telephone service environment, telephone calls passed from one company to another company are subject to access charges (for more on access charges, see the proceeding section in this part). Many VoIP providers design their networks to minimize access charges when the call is between two of their customers. Even if the parties are located in different cities, access charges rarely apply.

Broadband is traditionally used to access the Internet and Internet-related services. Jurisdictionally, historically broadband access service has been defined by the FCC as "information service" and therefore is not under the telecommunications regulatory authority of many states. A recent court decision relied on Section 706 of the 96 Telecommunications Act to find regulatory authority for both the FCC and state commissions relative to broadband access service, however, the regulatory framework for broadband remains unclear at this time. As more and more Internet-related services are being offered to the citizens of Nebraska, broadband

connectivity and availability have become more important. For more information on broadband issues, see Part II of this report.

Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Telecommunications: Relay Services

Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) was created by Title IV of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). TRS allow a person who has a hearing or speech disability to access the nation's telephone system to communicate with voice telephone users through a relay provider and a Communications Assistant (CA). Such a definition includes services that enable two-way communication between an individual who uses a text telephone (TTY or TT) or other non-voice terminal device and an individual who does not have such a device. CAs transmit or relay written communication from a text telephone or other non-voice terminal device to a person using a standard telephone. The person using the standard telephone speaks to the CA who transmits the message to the hearing impaired individual.

Nebraska relay is funded through a monthly surcharge on all telephone numbers or functional equivalent, including wireless lines. Since 1991, the highest surcharge authorized by the Commission was ten cents (\$.10), the lowest authorized surcharge was three cents (\$.03). In 2013, the Commission lowered the Nebraska surcharge to three cents (\$.03) and in 2014 again lowered the surcharge to its current two cents (\$.02).

The Prepaid Wireless Surcharge Act was passed by the Legislature in 2012. Beginning January 1, 2013, each retail seller of prepaid wireless telecommunication services began collecting the TRS surcharge directly from the consumer at the point-of-sale. The amount of the surcharge collected per retail transaction is based on an annual determination by the Nebraska Department of Revenue utilizing a formula of the amount of wireless prepaid surcharges established by finding the sum of the following:

- a. The percentage obtained by dividing the current annual Wireless E911 Surcharge by 50; and
- b. The percentage obtained by dividing the amount of the Nebraska TRS Fund Surcharge by 50.

Amounts collected are remitted by retailers to the Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue then remits the collected amounts, less administrative costs not to exceed 2%, to the State Treasurer for credit to the Wireless E911 Fund and TRS Fund. For fiscal year 2013-14, total prepaid wireless remittances received for the TRS fund were \$62,870.

Nebraska Specialized Equipment Program

In 1995, the Legislature created the Nebraska Specialized Telecommunications Equipment Program (NSTEP) which enables qualifying deaf, hard-of-hearing and/or speech-

impaired citizens to obtain specialized telecommunications equipment at no expense, subject to certain program restrictions. Funded by the Relay Surcharge, expensive telecommunications equipment, such as text telephones, amplifiers, amplified telephones, signaling devices and speech-generating devices have been made available to deaf, hard-of-hearing and/or speech-impaired consumers. For fiscal year 2013-14, \$128,146 was expended by NSTEP and provided equipment to 441 households. The Commission also has included Sprint, GreatCall d/b/a Jitterbug, and Verizon Wireless on the list of participating providers giving consumers wireless device options through NSTEP. The Verizon process allows an Applicant to redeem their voucher through any retail Verizon store. Beginning in September 2014, Viera Wireless will be a participating wireless provider in NSTEP.

Federal Issues Impacting Telecommunications Relay Services

For information on issues at the federal level regarding relay service, please visit the FCC's website at: <http://www.fcc.gov/rulemaking/03-123-0> then follow, "Recent Commission Documents."

Telecommunications Relay Service Statistics

For fiscal year 2013-14, intrastate minutes of use for traditional TRS declined nearly 13% from the previous year. Significant reductions in traditional relay minutes have continued since 1999. The declines in traditional relay minutes are a result of increased popularity of smartphones and other text-based capable devices, as well as Video Relay Service (VRS), Internet-Protocol (IP) services and Internet Protocol Caption Telephone services (IP CTS). It should be noted for the 2013-14 fiscal period, the landline-based CapTel service experienced only a modest gain of almost 1% compared to the previous year. For fiscal year 2012-13, CapTel use experienced a significant decline of over 21%.

The following table displays selected historical statistics that reflect the operation of the Nebraska Relay System and NSTEP. Note that prepaid wireless receipts are included in the surcharge revenue totals beginning February 2013. For questions or other inquiries regarding the data provided, please contact the Communications Department of the Commission.

**Telecommunications Relay Service
Selected Historical Statistics (Session Minutes/CapTel Conversation Minutes)**

	Total Calls (Outbound)	Ave Call Length (Outbound)	Total Minutes Of Use	Interstate Minutes	Intrastate Minutes	CapTel Intrastate CM	Monthly Activity Cost				Srchrge Revenue (\$)	Srchrge Rate (\$)
							TRS Prg. Trad'l (\$Amt.)	TRS Prg. CapTel (\$Amt.)	Total Program (\$Amt.)	Total Equipment Program (\$)		
Jul-12	4,920	5.12	14,215.78	1,552.63	12,663.15	21,604.75	14,182.73	38,672.50	52,855.23	14,036.34	82,955.91	\$0.04
Aug-12	5,091	5.04	14,690.31	1,862.52	12,827.79	19,379.89	14,367.12	34,690.00	49,057.12	11,968.53	80,188.14	\$0.04
Sep-12	4,658	4.96	13,187.52	1,580.06	11,607.46	16,093.79	13,000.36	28,807.88	41,808.24	13,249.47	79,966.58	\$0.04
Oct-12	5,348	5.11	16,290.40	1,991.57	14,298.83	18,076.96	16,014.69	32,357.76	48,372.45	13,457.55	80,691.21	\$0.04
Nov-12	4,510	5.03	13,105.68	1,479.58	11,626.10	17,188.35	13,021.23	30,767.15	43,788.38	11,430.39	80,543.12	\$0.04
Dec-12	5,053	5.31	15,308.60	2,211.54	13,097.06	18,673.33	14,668.71	33,425.26	48,093.97	8,478.60	80,520.71	\$0.04
Jan-13	4,590	5.22	13,541.27	1,908.68	11,632.59	19,142.13	13,028.50	34,264.41	47,292.91	14,769.33	80,770.20	\$0.04
Feb-13	4,041	5.44	12,041.52	1,894.66	10,146.86	17,067.42	11,364.48	30,550.68	41,915.16	16,965.16	82,826.09	\$0.04
Mar-13	4,680	5.11	12,940.73	1,655.10	11,285.63	17,158.13	12,639.91	30,713.05	43,352.96	6,108.23	84,652.28	\$0.04
Apr-13	5,105	4.69	12,452.40	1,448.43	11,003.97	19,607.71	12,324.45	35,097.80	47,422.25	16,658.67	85,645.17	\$0.04
May-13	5,133	5.08	13,794.00	1,576.30	12,217.70	20,692.91	13,683.82	37,040.31	50,724.13	7,423.66	83,388.21	\$0.04
Jun-13	4,696	4.82	12,474.76	1,257.41	11,217.35	16,956.49	12,563.43	30,352.12	42,915.55	12,328.00	83,950.74	\$0.04
Jul-13	4,709	5.19	12,378.97	1,809.71	10,569.26	17,209.81	11,837.57	30,805.56	42,643.13	13,173.86	66,519.00	\$0.03
Aug-13	4,600	4.72	11,902.08	1,360.70	10,541.38	18,531.36	11,806.35	33,171.13	44,977.48	10,927.34	62,313.79	\$0.03
Sep-13	4,671	5.66	13,517.18	2,817.76	10,699.42	18,312.47	11,983.35	32,779.32	44,762.67	10,177.82	67,358.64	\$0.03
Oct-13	5,685	5.36	15,586.40	2,770.89	12,815.51	19,291.96	14,353.37	34,532.61	48,885.98	14,607.13	67,690.01	\$0.03
Nov-13	4,542	5.42	12,409.62	1,617.95	10,791.67	20,337.02	12,086.67	36,403.27	48,489.94	8,034.29	64,813.18	\$0.03
Dec-13	4,240	5.21	11,846.75	1,802.91	10,043.84	20,611.35	11,249.10	36,894.32	48,143.42	8,032.28	64,479.84	\$0.03
Jan-14	4,141	5.08	11,744.80	1,529.05	10,215.75	19,996.16	11,441.64	35,793.13	47,234.77	18,316.39	64,568.80	\$0.03
Feb-14	4,182	5.15	10,898.98	1,003.06	9,895.92	18,920.57	11,083.43	35,867.82	44,951.25	6,861.50	63,164.20	\$0.03
Mar-14	4,069	5.00	9,925.91	939.39	8,986.52	18,114.12	10,064.90	32,424.27	42,489.17	10,907.80	62,975.47	\$0.03
Apr-14	4,345	5.09	10,865.78	858.76	10,007.02	16,056.69	11,207.86	28,741.48	39,949.34	10,631.67	63,010.52	\$0.03
May-14	4,655	4.46	11,061.31	893.69	10,167.62	18,056.69	11,387.73	32,321.48	43,709.21	8,610.66	62,436.96	\$0.03
Jun-14	5,128	4.61	12,091.20	1,192.00	10,899.20	18,042.66	12,207.10	32,296.36	44,503.46	7,865.27	60,892.97	\$0.03

Area Code Overlay and Other Numbering Issues

The North American Numbering Plan Administration, the organization tasked with assigning area codes in North America, provided the following information on the status of Nebraska's Area Codes as of August 28, 2013. The new Area Code 531 overlaid on the 402 Area Code was scheduled to be placed in service once the 402 Area Code reached 10 codes remaining. In June 2014, the North America Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) notified the Commission that the 402 Area Code was nearing exhaust and 10 codes remained. As a result, the 531 Area Code is now available for assignment to customers.

Area Code	NXX Codes Assigned	NXX Codes Available
308	375	401
402	773	8
531	1	774

Thousands Block Number Pooling

On February 24, 2006, the FCC granted the Commission's petition for authority to implement mandatory thousands-block number pooling in the 402 Area Code. The Commission used the authority granted to implement mandatory pooling in two steps.

On March 14, 2006, the Commission issued an order under Docket C-3049 implementing mandatory pooling in the rate centers served by Windstream Communications, CenturyLink and Frontier Communications d/b/a Citizens. Because these three carriers had been voluntarily participating in thousands block pooling, they were able to make the transition from voluntary pooling to mandatory pooling in the 155 rate centers they serve without any delay.

On May 3, 2006, the Commission conducted a workshop during which the NeuStar Pooling Administrator provided the remaining carriers in the 402 Area Code with information concerning the steps and typical time-line used when a rate center changes from voluntary pooling to mandatory pooling. Carriers were asked to review the proposed time line and provide feedback to the Commission by May 22, 2006. The Commission held a hearing on June 1, 2006, and sought comments on the prospect of designating all rate centers in the 402 Area Code as mandatory and a proposed implementation schedule for mandatory pooling in the remaining 94 rate centers. No parties submitted comments or testimony against designating the remaining 94 rate centers as mandatory pooling or proposed an alternate implementation date.

On June 27, 2006, the Commission issued an order under Docket C-3049 implementing mandatory pooling in the remaining 94 rate centers effective November 1, 2006. All carriers

have completed the upgrade of their switches, have donated the excess blocks from their exchanges in the 402 Area Code, and are fully capable of participating in thousands block number pooling. Reports from the Pooling Administrator identify that voluntary pooling in Nebraska has resulted in the following donation and utilization of thousands-blocks in Nebraska as of August 28, 2014:

Area Code	Number of Rate Centers	Rate Centers with Pooling	Thousands – Blocks Retained	Thousands - Blocks Assigned	Thousands - Blocks Available	Estimated Full NPA-NXX Codes Saved
308	170	73	521	692	579	64
402/531	281	275	1926	1655	1749	351

The Pooling Administrator estimates that 64 full codes in the 308 Area Code have been saved since the first thousands-blocks were donated in April 25, 2003. In the 402 Area Code, 351 full codes in have been saved by thousands-block number pooling since the first thousands-blocks were donated to the pool on October 31, 2001.

Local Number Portability

One of the benefits of thousands-block number pooling is the capability of implementing Local Number Portability (LNP). As carriers have upgraded their switching software to use numbering resources in blocks of a thousand, they have also gained the ability to support porting or moving an individual customer’s number between carriers at the request of the customer. All Nebraska exchanges are capable of supporting LNP.

The ability to port a number between traditional wireline carriers is called intra-modal portability. Porting a number between a wireline carrier and a wireless carrier is called inter-modal portability. For wireline and interconnected Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) carriers telephone numbers can be ported from one carrier to another in the same rate center. Telephone numbers assigned in one rate center cannot be ported to a carrier in another rate center.

Because the coverage area assigned to wireless carriers by the FCC is different than the wireline rate centers, customers can port a wireline number to a wireless carrier if the coverage area of the wireless carrier overlays the rate center to which the wireline number is associated. Customers may even physically move to a different rate center and keep the same wireline phone number as long as the wireless carrier has authority to provide coverage in the new rate center area. However, customers can only port wireless numbers to a wireline carrier in the same rate center as the wireless carrier with whom they currently have service.

The FCC issued an Order on May 20, 2010, mandating that effective August 1, 2010, all simple ports should be completed within one business day unless more time is requested by the customer or the new carrier. Complex ports may take longer but should be completed within four business days.

Extended Area Service

Extended Area Service (EAS) allows customers in one exchange to place calls to and receive calls from another exchange, without paying additional long distance charges. The key points of the rules and regulations established by the Commission relating to EAS are:

- A petition seeking to establish EAS must contain the signatures of either 750 customers or 25% of the customers of the exchange, whichever is fewer.
- To determine if sufficient traffic exists to establish EAS. Certain traffic criteria must be met in at least 2 of the 3 most recent months for which data is available.
- A telephone company may file an Optional Enhanced Area Calling Plan (OEACP) as an alternative to EAS.
- If the minimum required signatures are obtained and there is sufficient traffic to meet the requirements, informational meetings must be held in the petitioning exchange to inform the public of the proposed rates for EAS and to assess the public's interest in receiving EAS.
- Following an unsuccessful attempt at implementing EAS, at least 12 months must lapse before additional attempts for EAS are made.
- When put to a vote, EAS must receive the support of more than 50% of voting customers in the exchange.

N11 Dialing Code

The FCC has designated various three-digit dialing, or "N11," codes for specific assigned purposes. The FCC granted state commissions the authority to implement the assigned N11 dialing codes. Nebraska has assigned the use of 211, 511, 711 and 811. Traditionally, 911 is reserved for access to emergency services, typically through a Public Service Answering Point (PSAP). For each N11 code, carriers may seek cost recovery for providing the service but must apply to the Commission for reimbursement. To date, no carriers have applied for cost recovery.

Information on specific N11 dialing codes implemented in Nebraska is provided in the following sections.

211 Dialing Code

The Commission assigned 211 to United Way of the Midlands for access to "First Call for Help." First Call for Help connects people in need of social services assistance with the

appropriate providers of such services. Dialing 211 does not result in any additional telephone charges for the customer. Nebraska now has statewide 211 dialing for First Call for Help.

311 Dialing Code

On July 1, 2011, the City of Omaha submitted an application to the Commission to be assigned the use of 311 for all Omaha city services. If assigned, dialing 311 within the City of Omaha would connect the caller to a city hotline offering assistance to residents and collecting suggestions, comments, complaints and requests in both English and Spanish. No other communities in Nebraska have requested the use of 311 dialing.

411 Dialing Code

411 is the nationally assigned access code for local directory services. When a consumer dials 411 they are connected with directory services for their local, wireless, or long distance service provider. Providers may charge a fee for use of the 411 service. Such fees and charges are established by tariff filings with the Commission.

511 Dialing Code

Weather reports and route specific road conditions can be obtained 24 hours a day for interstate and state highways throughout Nebraska by dialing 511 from any telephone in Nebraska. There is no charge to callers. The Nebraska State Patrol and Department of Roads manage this program.

611 Dialing Code

611 is assigned nationally as the access code for carriers repair service organizations.

711 Dialing Code

The FCC designated 711 as the dialing code for access to all Telecommunication Relay Services (TRS). The Commission opened Docket C-2417 to examine issues related to the implementation of 711 for access to TRS in Nebraska. On January 9, 2001, the Commission entered an order establishing June 29, 2001, as the implementation deadline for 711.

For more information on Nebraska TRS, see the previous section in this Part entitled Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Telecommunications: Relay Services.

811 Dialing Code

Neb. Rev. Stat. §§76-2301 – 76-233 established the One-Call Notification System Act to prevent injury, property damage, and the interruption of utility services resulting from damage to

underground facilities by excavating. The one-call notification system for digging has been termed, "Digger Hotline". Since 1995, Diggers Hotline has been the link between those needing to excavate and the utility owners and operators of underground facilities. The Diggers Hotline center in Nebraska is located in Omaha with the State Fire Marshal's Office overseeing and organizing the One-Call Notification System.

On March 14, 2005, the FCC designated 811 as the national abbreviated code for Diggers Hotline and delegated authority to states to address the technical and operation issues associated with the implementation of the 811 code.

On December 19, 2006, the Commission issued an order in Docket C-3479/PI-107, setting April 13, 2007, as the deadline for all carriers to implement the routing of 811 to Diggers Hotline and required all carriers to include 811 information in all directories published after April 1, 2007. 811 dialing has been implemented in all Nebraska telephone exchanges.

911 Dialing Code

911 is the nationally designated access code to Emergency Services. Detailed information on the state of 911 in Nebraska is found in Part IV of this report.

PART VI

Nebraska

Telecommunications

Carriers:



Rates, Service Quality
and Complaints

Local Exchange Carriers

Nebraska Local Exchange Carriers, Rates & Lines Served

This section of the report provides information on local exchange carriers currently certificated to serve in Nebraska, the business and residential local rates charged by Nebraska carriers, and a listing of communities and the local carriers offering service in those communities.

The financial information related to local exchange company earnings is not being reported for 2012. Competition has been introduced into portions of this market and company-specific data may reveal competitively sensitive information. Thus, the annual reports filed by the local exchange companies remain available at the Commission for use by Commissioners and Commission staff. Portions of the reports that are not proprietary are available for public inspection.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 provided for competition in the local exchange service market. For more information on the 1996 Act, see Part I of this report. The Commission has authorized a number of CLECs to compete with the incumbent local companies in Nebraska. The following table provides details on the local exchange market in Nebraska for the past two years.

	2012	2013	Change
Total Access Lines Served in the State	740,787	690,677	(50,110)
Total Access Lines Served by ILECs	430,869	403,021	(27,848)
Total Access Lines Served by CLECs	309,918	287,656	(22,262)
Percentage of Total Access Lines Served by CLECs	41.8%	41.6%	(0.2%)
Percent of Access Lines Having Competitive Alternatives	90.8%	90.5%	(0.3%)
Number of Access Lines Without Competitive Alternatives	67,753	65,788	(1,965)
Total Number of Exchanges	450	450	0
Total Number of Exchanges Without Competitive Alternatives	200	202	2

As of December 31, 2013, 41 incumbent local exchange carriers (including cooperative telephone companies) and 101 competitive local exchange carriers have been certificated by the Commission to operate in Nebraska. Windstream Nebraska, Inc. is the largest carrier with 157,615 access lines. The following table contains a listing of Nebraska carriers, the number of residential lines and business lines served by each carrier, and the current business and residential rates charged by those companies. The rates listed are for basic dial-tone service as of September 1, 2014, and exclude subscriber line charges, extended area service rates, and other optional charges.

Carriers	Residential Rates	Residential Lines Served	Business Rates	Business Lines Served
AT&T Communication of the Midwest	\$25.95	272	\$31.20	45,038
Allo Communications	\$18.00	1,532	\$31.00	6,914
Applied Communications Technology Inc.	\$21.40	1	\$44.80	1
Arapahoe Telephone Company Group 1:Arapahoe, Hendley, Holbrook Group 2:Brule, Farnam, Loomis, Overton	\$17.50 \$17.50	1,238	\$27.50 \$37.55	543
Arlington Telephone Company	\$19.95	645	\$30.00	100
Benkelman Telephone Company	\$19.95	598	\$27.50	271
Blair Telephone Company	\$19.95	4,187	\$30.00	1,462
Bullseye Telecom, Inc.	N/A	0	\$27.55	565
Cambridge Telephone Company	\$17.50	671	\$27.50	287
CenturyLink QC	\$19.15	62,981	\$31.00	69,893
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska (d/b/a Frontier)	\$19.50	13,948	\$29.50	15,036
Clarks Telecommunications Company	\$17.50	499	\$27.50	146
Comtech21, LLC	N/A	0	N/A	1
Consolidated Telco, Inc.	\$19.95	786	\$27.50	332
Consolidated Telecom, Inc.	\$19.95	612	\$27.50	173
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$19.95	1,808	\$27.50	547
Cox Nebraska Telecom LLC	\$20.45	101,157	\$27.89	54,163
Cozad Telephone Company	\$17.50	1,096	\$27.50	637
Curtis Telephone Company	\$19.95	345	\$27.50	173
Dalton Telephone Company	\$19.25	604	\$29.95	147
Diller Telephone Company	\$19.95	594	\$27.50	121
dishNET Wireline, LLC	35.00	622	N/A	0
Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company	\$19.95	1,475	\$30.00	905
Elsie Telecom, Inc.	\$19.25	110	\$29.95	34
Entelegant Solutions, Inc.	19.99	0	19.99	9
FiberComm, Inc.	\$19.00	166	\$19.00	529
First Communications, LLC	\$31.00	51	\$27.55	0
Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation	\$17.50	1,728	\$27.50	346
Granite Telecommunications	\$18.15	0	\$27.55	5,692
Great Plains Communications	\$19.20	15,554	\$29.95	5,827
Hamilton Telephone Company	\$17.95	3,116	\$17.95	1,570
Hartington Telephone Company	\$17.50	857	\$27.50	395
Hartman Telephone Exchange	\$19.95	253	\$27.50	62
Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company	\$19.90	497	\$27.50	156
Henderson Cooperative Telephone d/b/a Mainstay	\$17.50	594	\$27.50	229
Hershey Cooperative Telecom, Inc.	\$17.50	483	\$27.50	96

Carriers	Residential Rates	Residential Lines Served	Business Rates	Business Lines Served
Hooper Telephone d/b/a Westel Systems	\$17.50	565	\$27.50	183
Huntel Cablevision, Inc. d/b/a American Broadband Nebraska Communications, Inc.	\$19.95	1,408	\$30.00	878
Ionex Communications North, Inc. Qwest Exchange	\$20.00	84	\$37.55	452
K&M Telephone Company	\$17.50	352	\$17.50	91
Keystone-Arthur Telephone Company	\$17.50	291	\$27.50	88
Long Lines Siouland LLC	\$10.00	884	\$25.00	432
MCImetro Access Transmission Services	\$20.99	148	\$30.99	287
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Paetec Business Services	N/A	0	\$29.50	219
Matrix Telecom, Inc.	\$34.95	36	\$43.75	10
Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska Inc.	\$18.15	0	\$27.55	647
Mobius Communications Company	\$17.50	648	\$27.50	0
Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications, Inc. (NT&T)		11,730		1,940
Group 1	\$18.15		\$27.55	
Group 2	\$17.50		\$27.50	
Group 3	\$17.50		\$30.10	
Group 4	\$17.50		\$30.10	
Group 5	\$17.50		\$30.10	
Group 6	\$17.50		\$30.10	
Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$17.50	3,897	\$27.50	1,321
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$17.50	4,564	\$27.50	848
NOS Communications	\$18.15	0	\$32.84	10
OrbitCom, Inc.	\$18.50	69	\$27.00	2,565
PBN, LLC		0		25
Pierce Telephone Company, Inc.	\$17.50	992	\$20.45	371
Pinpoint Communications Inc.	\$17.50	496	\$27.50	213
Plainview Telephone Company	\$19.95	641	\$27.50	226
Quantumshift Communications, Inc.	N/A	0	32.84	12
Rock County Telephone Company	\$19.95	537	\$30.00	185
Sodtown Telephone Company	\$17.50	61	\$17.50	5
Southeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$17.50	1,938	\$27.50	701
Stanton Telephone Company, Inc.	\$17.50	763	\$27.50	188
TCG Omaha	N/A	0	\$42.55	5,796
Three River Communications, LLC	\$16.34	480	\$24.80	283
Three River Telco	\$17.50	881	\$27.50	219
Time Warner Cable	\$49.95	26,382	N/A	5,450
TNCI Operating Company, LLC	N/A	0	\$22.00	61
United Telephone Co. of the West (d/b/a	\$17.50	6,937	\$27.50	3,287

Carriers	Residential Rates	Residential Lines Served	Business Rates	Business Lines Served
CenturyLink)				
Wauneta Telephone Company	\$19.95	383	\$27.50	124
Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	\$17.50	88,110	\$31.99	69,505
Windstream Communications of the Midwest, Inc.	\$16.00	200	\$37.00	9,073
XO Communications Services, LLC	N/A	0	29.35	25

Listing of Nebraska Communities & Serving Companies

Note: This list is not intended to be an exhaustive list but reflects the best of the PSC’s knowledge.

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
ADAMS	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
AINSWORTH	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	AT&T
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
	Three Rivers
ALBION	Citizens Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
ALDA	Orbitcom Inc.
ALEXANDRIA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunication LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
ALLEN	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
ALLIANCE	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Allo Communications
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	dishNET
	First Communications, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Mobius Communications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
ALMA	Citizens Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Pinpoint Communications
AMHERST	Citizens Telecommunications

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
ANSELMO	Consolidated Telephone Co.
ANSLEY	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
ARAPAHOE	Arapahoe Telephone Company
	Applied Communication Tech
ARCADIA	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
ARCHER	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
ARLINGTON	Arlington Telephone Company
ARNOLD	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
ARTHUR	Consolidated Telephone Co.
ASHBY	Consolidated Telephone Co.
ASHLAND	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
ASHTON	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
ATKINSON	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
ATLANTA	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	dishNET
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Pinpoint Communications
AUBURN	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Time Warner Cable Information Services
AURORA	Hamilton Telephone Company
AVOCA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
AXTELL	Qwest Corp. dba CenturyLink QC

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BANCROFT	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
BARNESTON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BARTLETT	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
BARTLEY	Cambridge Telephone Company
BASSETT	Rock County Telephone Company
BATTLE CREEK	Citizens Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	TNCI Operating Company, LLC
BAYARD	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
BEATRICE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BEAVER CITY	Citizens Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BEAVER CROSSING	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BEEMER	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
BELDON	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company
BELGRADE	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
BELLEVUE	See Omaha
BELLWOOD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BENEDICT	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BENKELMAN	Benkelman Telephone Company
BENNET	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BENNINGTON	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BERTRAND	Citizens Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BIG SPRINGS	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Allo Communications
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BINGHAM	Consolidated Telephone Co.
BLADEN	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.
BLAIR	Blair Telephone Company
	AT&T
BLOOMFIELD	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
BLOOMINGTON	Citizens Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
BLUE SPRINGS	See Wymore
BLUE HILL	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.
BOELUS	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
BRADSHAW	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BRADY	Consolidated Telecom, Inc.
BRAINARD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BREWSTER	Consolidated Telephone Co.
BRIDGEPORT	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Allo Communications
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
BRISTOW	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
BROADWATER	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
BROCK	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
BROKEN BOW	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Allo Communications
	AT&T
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
BROWNLEE	Consolidated Telephone Co.
BROWNVILLE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BRULE	Arapahoe Telephone Company
BRUNING	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications, LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BRUNO	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BRUNSWICK	Citizens Telecommunications
BURCHARD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BURR	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BURWELL	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
BUSHNELL	Dalton Telephone Company
BUTTE	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
BYRON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
CAIRO	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Granite Telecommunications, LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
CALLAWAY	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
CAMBRIDGE	Cambridge Telephone Company
CAMPBELL	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.
CARLETON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
CEDAR BLUFFS	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Time Warner Cable Information Services
CEDAR RAPIDS	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
CENTER	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
CENTRAL CITY	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Allo Communications
	AT&T
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications, LLC
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
CERESCO	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications, LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
CHADRON	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Allo Communications
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications, LLC
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Mobius Communications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
CHAMBERS	K & M Telephone Company, Inc.
CHAPMAN	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
CHAPPELL	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink
	Granite Telecommunications, LLC
CHESTER/HUBBELL/REYNOLDS	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
CLARKS	Clarks Telecommunications Co.
CLARKSON	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
CLAY CENTER	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
CLEARWATER	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
CODY	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
COLERIDGE	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
COLON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
COLUMBUS	Citizens Telecommunications
	AT&T
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Time Warner Cable Information Services
COMSTOCK	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
COOK	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
CORDOVA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
CORTLAND	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
COTESFIELD	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
COZAD	Cozad Telephone Company
CRAB ORCHARD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
CRAIG	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
CRAWFORD/WHITNEY	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Allo Communications
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	dishNET
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Mobius Communications

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
	Orbitcom Inc.
CREIGHTON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
CRESTON	See Humphrey
CRETE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Time Warner Cable Information Services
CROFTON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
CROOKSTON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
CULBERTSON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
CURTIS	Curtis Telephone Company, Inc.
DAKOTA CITY	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC - See South Sioux City
DALTON	Dalton Telephone Company
DANBURY	Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc.
DANNEBROG	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
DAVENPORT	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications, LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
DAVEY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
DAVID CITY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Time Warner Cable Information Services
DAWSON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
DAYKIN	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
DECATUR	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
DENTON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Time Warner Cable Information Services
DESHLER	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
DEWEESE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
DEWITT	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
DILLER	Diller Telephone Company, Inc.
DIX	Dalton Telephone Company
DIXON	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
DODGE	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	Time Warner Cable Information Services
DONIPHAN	Hamilton Telephone Company
DORCHESTER	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
DOUGLAS	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
DUBOIS	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
DUNBAR	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
DUNCAN	Citizens Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
DUNNING	Consolidated Telephone Co.
DWIGHT	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
EAGLE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
EDGAR	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
EDISON	Citizens Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Pinpoint Communications
ELBA	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
ELGIN	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
ELK CREEK	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
ELKHORN/WATERLOO	Qwest Corp. dba CenturyLink QC

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
ELM CREEK/ODESSA	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
ELMWOOD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
ELSIE	Elsie Communications, Inc.
ELWOOD	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Allo Communications
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
EMERALD	See Lincoln
EMERSON	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Huntel Cablevision
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
ERICSON	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
EUSTIS	Consolidated Telecom, Inc.
EWING	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
EXETER	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
FAIRBURY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Time Warner Cable Information Services
FAIRFIELD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
FAIRMONT	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
FALLS CITY	Southeast Nebraska Telephone Company
	Time Warner Cable Information Services
FARNAM	Arapahoe Telephone Company
FARWELL	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Allo Communications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
FILLEY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
FIRTH	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications, LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
FORT CALHOUN	Blair Telephone Company
FRANKLIN	Citizens Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
FREMONT	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	AT&T
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	First Communications, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Huntel Cablevision
	Ionex Communications
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	McLeodUSA
	MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
	Time Warner Cable Information Services
	Trans National Communications International, Inc.
	Windstream of the MidWest Inc
FRIEND	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
FULLERTON	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Ionex Communications
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
FUNK	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.
GARLAND	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
GENEVA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
GENOA	Citizens Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
GERING	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink
	Allo Communications
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
GIBBON	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
GILTNER	Hamilton Telephone Company
GLENVIL	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
GORDON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
GOTHENBURG	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Allo Communications
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
GRAFTON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
GRAND ISLAND	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Allo Communications
	AT&T
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
	First Communications, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Ionex Communications
	MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
	TCG Omaha
	Trans National Communications International, Inc.
	Windstream of the MidWest Inc
GRANT	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
GREELEY	Citizens Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
GREENWOOD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
GRESHAM	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
GRETNA	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	MCI metro Access Transmission Service LLC
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
GUIDE ROCK	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
GURLEY	Dalton Telephone Company
HADAR	Orbitcom Inc.
HAIGLER	Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc.
HALLAM	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
HALSEY	Consolidated Telephone Co.
HAMPTON	Hamilton Telephone Company
HANSON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
HARBINE	Diller Telephone Company, Inc.
HARDY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
HARRISON	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Allo Communications
	dishNET
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Mobius Communications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
HARTINGTON	Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.
HARVARD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
HASTINGS	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	AT&T
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
HAY SPRINGS	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
HAYES CENTER	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
HEARTWELL	Citizens Telecommunications
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
HEBRON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
HEMINGFORD	Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company
HENDERSON	Henderson Cooperative Telephone
HENDLEY	Arapahoe Telephone Company
HERMAN	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
HERSHEY	Hershey Cooperative Telephone
HICKMAN	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
HILDRETH	Citizens Telecommunications
HOLBROOK	Arapahoe Telephone Company
HOLDREGE	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
	Allo Communications
	AT&T
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
	Pinpoint Communications
HOLSTEIN	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.
HOMER	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	AT&T
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
HOOPER	Hooper Telephone Company
HORDVILLE	Hamilton Telephone Company
HOSKINS	Pierce Telephone Company, Inc.
HOWELLS	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	dishNET
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Ionex Communications
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
HUBBELL	See Chester
HUMBOLT	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Time Warner Cable Information Services
HUMPHREY/CRESTON	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Ionex Communications
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	McLeodUSA
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
HYANNIS	Consolidated Telephone Co.
IMPERIAL	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
INDIANOLA	Great Plains Communications, Inc.

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
INMAN	K & M Telephone Company, Inc.
ITHACA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
JACKSON	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
JANSEN	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
JOHNSON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
JOHNSTON	Three River Telco
JULIAN	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
JUNIATA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
KEARNEY	Citizens Telecommunications
	AT&T
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Ionex Communications North, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Windstream of the MidWest Inc
KENESAW	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
KENNARD	Blair Telephone Company
KEYSTONE	Keystone - Arthur Telephone Company
KILGORE	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
KIMBALL	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
LAUREL	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	AT&T
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Huntel Cablevision
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
LAVISTA	See Omaha
LAWRENCE	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.
LEMOYNE	Keystone - Arthur Telephone Company

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
LEBANON	Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc.
LEIGH	Citizens Telecommunications
LEWELLEN	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink Granite Telecommunications LLC
LEXINGTON	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC Allo Communications AT&T BullsEye Telecom Inc. dishNET Wireline, LLC First Communications, LLC Granite Telecommunications LLC Ionex Communications Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska Nebraska Tech & Telecom Orbitcom Inc. Trans National Communications International, Inc.
LIBERTY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc. Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
LINCOLN/ EMERALD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc. AT&T Granite Telecommunications LLC Ionex Communications North, Inc. Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications NOS Communications TNCI Operating Company, LLC Time Warner Cable Information Services
LINDSAY	Citizens Telecommunications Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
LINWOOD	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
LITCHFIELD	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
LODGEPOLE	Dalton Telephone Company
LONG PINE	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
LOOMIS	Arapahoe Telephone Company
LOUISVILLE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc. Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
LOUP CITY	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC dishNET Wireline, LLC

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
LYNCH	Three River Telco
LYMAN	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink BullsEye Telecom Inc. Granite Telecommunications LLC
LYONS	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC dishNET Granite Telecommunications LLC Huntel Cablevision Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
MACY	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company
MADISON	Citizens Telecommunications Granite Telecommunications LLC Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
MADRID	Consolidated Telco, Inc.
MALCOLM	Windstream Nebraska, Inc. Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
MARQUETTE	Hamilton Telephone Company
MARTELL	Windstream Nebraska, Inc. Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
MARTINSBURG	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
MASON CITY	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
MAXWELL	Consolidated Telecom, Inc.
MAYWOOD	Consolidated Telco, Inc.
MCCOOK	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC Allo Communications BullsEye Telecom Inc. dishNET Wireline, LLC Granite Telecommunications LLC Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications Orbitcom Inc. Pinpoint Communications
MCCOOL JUNCTION	Windstream Nebraska, Inc. Granite Telecommunications LLC Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
MEAD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
MEADOW GROVE	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company
MERNA	Consolidated Telephone Co.
MERRIMAN	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
MILFORD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
MILLER	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Citizens Telecommunications
MILLIGAN	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
MINATARE	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink BullsEye Telecom Inc.
MINDEN	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC Allo Communications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications Orbitcom Inc.
	Pinpoint Communications
MIRAGE FLATS	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
MITCHELL	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
MONROE	Citizens Telecommunications
MORRILL	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
MULLEN	Consolidated Telephone Co.
MURDOCK	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
MURRAY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
NAPER	Three River Telco

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
NAPONEE	Citizens Telecommunications
NEBRASKA CITY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Time Warner Cable Information Services
NEHAWKA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
NELIGH	Citizens Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
NELSON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
NEMAHA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
NEWCASTLE	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
NEWMAN GROVE	Citizens Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
NEWPORT	Rock County Telephone Company
NIOBRARA	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
NORFOLK	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC AT&T
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	First Communications, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Ionex Communications
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	McLeodUSA
	MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications Orbitcom Inc.
	PBN, LLC
	TCG Omaha
NORMAN	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.
NORTH BEND	Great Plains Communications, Inc.

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
NORTH BURWELL	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
NORTH LOUP	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
NORTH PLATTE	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Allo Communications
	AT&T
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	First Communications, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Ionex Communications
	MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
	Pinpoint Communications
	Windstream of the MidWest Inc
ONEILL	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Ionex Communications
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
OAKDALE	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
OAKLAND	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	dishNET
	First Communications, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Huntel Cablevision
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
OBERT	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
OCONTO	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
OCTAVIA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
ODELL	Diller Telephone Company, Inc.
ODESSA	See Elm Creek
OGALLALA	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Allo Communications
	AT&T
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	dishNET
	First Communications, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
OHIOWA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
OMAHA/ BELLEVUE/LAVISTA/ PAPILLION	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Allo Communications
	AT&T
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	ComTech 21, LLC
	Cox Nebraska Telecom LLC
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	First Communications, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Ionex Communications
	MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC
	McLeodUSA
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
	QuantumShift Communications, Inc.
	TCG Omaha
	Trans National Communications Intl, Inc.
	Windstream of the MidWest Inc
	XO Communications Services, LLC
ONG	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
ORCHARD	Citizens Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
ORD	Citizens Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
ORLEANS	Citizens Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
OSCEOLA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
OSHKOSH	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
OSMOND	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company
OTOE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
OVERTON	Arapahoe Telephone Company
OXFORD	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Ionex Communications
	MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Pinpoint Communications
PAGE	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
PALISADE	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
PALMER	Citizens Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
PALMYRA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
PANAMA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
PAPILLION	See Omaha
	Entelegant Solutions, Inc.
PAWNEE CITY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecom

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
	Time Warner Cable Information Services
PAXTON	Consolidated Telco, Inc.
PENDER	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Huntel Cablevision
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
PERU	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
PETERSBURG	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
PHILLIPS	Hamilton Telephone Company
PICKRELL	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
PIERCE	Pierce Telephone Company, Inc.
PILGER	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	dishNET
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
PLAINVIEW	Plainview Telephone Company
PLATTE CENTER	Citizens Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
PLATTSMOUTH	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
PLEASANT DALE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
PLEASANTON	Citizens Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
PLYMOUTH	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
POLK	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
PONCA	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
POTTER	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink
	Granite Telecommunications LLC

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
PRAGUE	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
PRIMROSE	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
PURDUM	Consolidated Telephone Co.
RAGAN	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
RANDOLPH	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC Granite Telecommunications LLC
	MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications Orbitcom Inc.
RAVENNA	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
RAYMOND	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
RED CLOUD/RIVERTON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
REPUBLICAN CITY	Citizens Telecommunications Granite Telecommunications LLC
REYNOLDS	See Chester
RISING CITY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
RIVERDALE	Citizens Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
RIVERTON	See Red Cloud
ROCKVILLE	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
ROSALIE	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company
ROSELAND	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.
RUSHVILLE	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
RUSKIN	Windstream Nebraska, Inc. Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
SARGENT	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
SCHUYLER	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC AT&T dishNET Wireline, LLC Granite Telecommunications LLC Ionex Communications
	MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC
	Metropolitan Telecom of Nebr

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications Orbitcom Inc.
SCOTIA	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
SCOTTSBLUFF	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink Allo Communications BullsEye Telecom Inc. Granite Telecommunications LLC Ionex Communications North, Inc.
SCRIBNER	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
SENECA	Consolidated Telephone Co.
SEWARD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc. Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications Time Warner Cable Information Services
SHELBY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
SHELTON	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
SHICKLEY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc. Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
SIDNEY	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC Allo Communications AT&T BullsEye Telecom Inc. dishNET Wireline, LLC First Communications, LLC Granite Telecommunications LLC Ionex Communications Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications Orbitcom Inc.
SILVER CREEK	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC Allo Communications dishNET Wireline, LLC Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
SNYDER	Great Plains Communications, Inc.

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
SODTOWN	Sodtown Telephone Company
SOUTH SIOUX CITY	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	AT&T
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	FiberComm LLC
	First Communications, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Ionex Communications
	Long Lines Siouland
	McLeodUSA
	MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
SPALDING	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
SPENCER	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
SPRINGFIELD	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
SPRINGVIEW	Three River Telco
ST EDWARD	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
ST LIBORY	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
ST PAUL	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Allo Communications
	AT&T
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
STAMFORD	Citizens Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
STANTON	Stanton Telecom, Inc.

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
STAPLEHURST	Clarks Telecommunications Co.
STAPLETON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	Orbitcom Inc.
STEELE CITY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
STEINAUER	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
STERLING	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
STOCKHAM	Hamilton Telephone Company
STRATTON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
STROMSBURG	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
STUART	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
SUMNER	Citizens Telecommunications
SUPERIOR	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
SURPRISE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
SUTHERLAND	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
SUTTON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
SWANTON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
SYRACUSE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
TABLE ROCK	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Time Warner Cable Information Services
TALMAGE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
TAMORA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
TAYLOR	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
TECUMSEH	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Time Warner Cable Information Services
TEKAMAH	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	AT&T
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Huntel Cablevision
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
THEDFORD	Consolidated Telephone Co.
	Orbitcom Inc.
TILDEN	Citizens Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
TOBIAS	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
TRENTON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
TRI CITY	Southeast Nebraska Telephone Company
TRUMBULL	Hamilton Telephone Company
TRYON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
UEHLING	Hooper Telephone Company
ULYSSES	Clarks Telecommunications Co.
UNADILLA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
UNION	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications, LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
UPLAND	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.
UTICA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
VALENTINE	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
	Allo Communications
	AT&T
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	ComTel Telecommunications
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Ionex Communications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
VALLEY	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
VALPARAISO	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
VENANGO	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
VERDEL	Three River Telco
VERDIGRE	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
VIRGINIA	Diller Telephone Company, Inc.
WACO	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
WAHOO	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
WAKEFIELD	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	dishNET
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Huntel Cablevision
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
WALLACE	Consolidated Telco, Inc.
WALNUT	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
WALTHILL	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company
WATERLOO	See Elkhorn
WATERBURY	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
WAUNETA	Wauneta Telephone Company
WAUSA	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
WAVERLY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
WAYNE	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	AT&T
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	First Communications, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Huntel Cablevision
	Ionex Communications
	MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
WEeping WATER	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
WELLFLEET	Consolidated Telco, Inc.
WEST POINT	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	AT&T
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
WESTERN	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
WESTON	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
WHITMAN	Consolidated Telephone Co.
WHITNEY	See Crawford

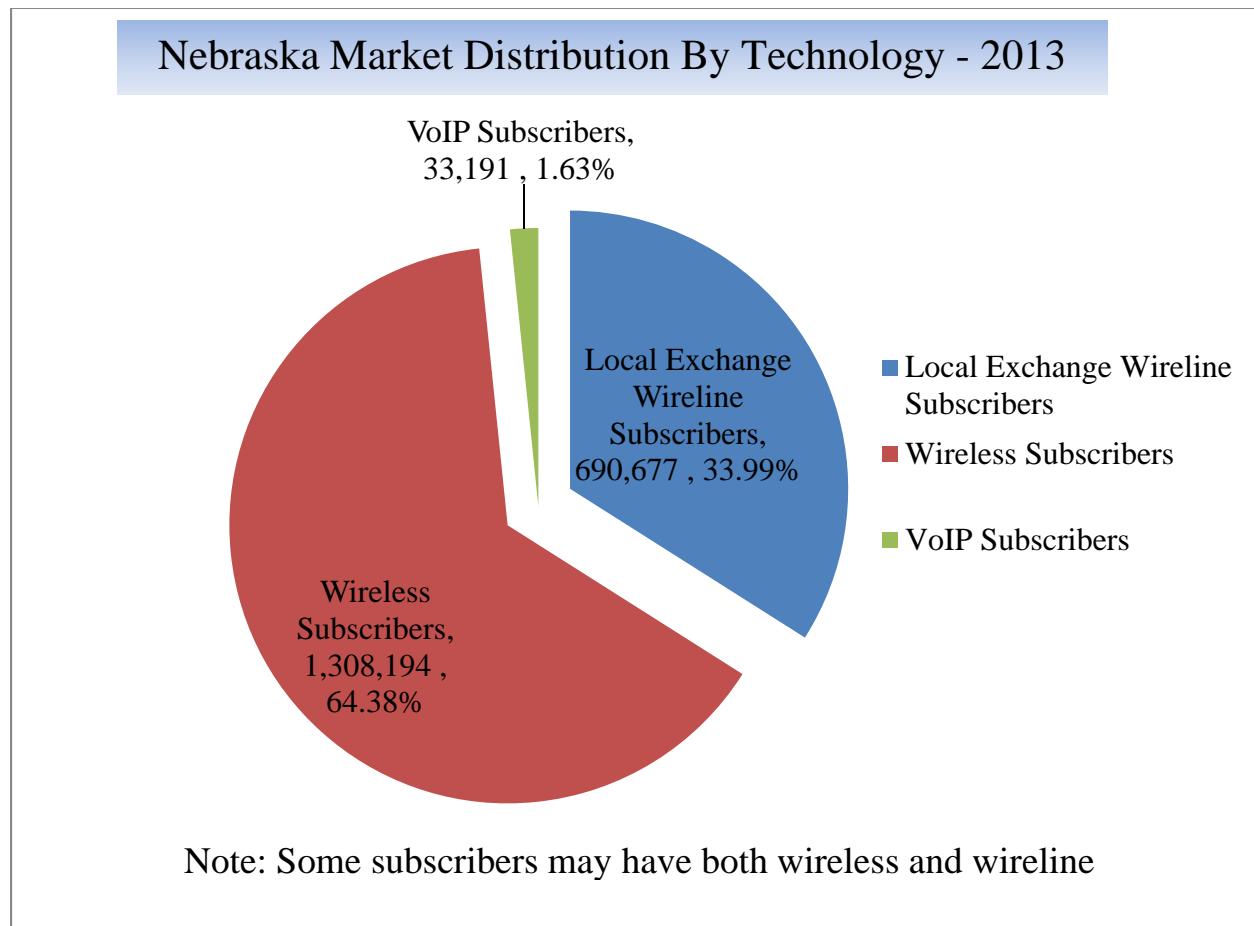
COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
WILBER	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
WILCOX	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
WILSONVILLE	Citizens Telecommunications
	Pinpoint Communications
WINNEBAGO	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company
WINNETOON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
WINSIDE	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
WISNER	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
WOLBACH	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
WOOD LAKE	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
WOOD RIVER	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Allo Communications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.
WYMORE/BLUE SPRINGS	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
WYNOT	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
YORK	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	AT&T
	Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Time Warner Cable Information Services
YUTAN	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications

2014 Local Rate Changes

Cox Nebraska Telcom, Inc. had both a business and residential local rate change in 2013-14.

Nebraska Market Distribution by Technology

Nebraska, as with the entire nation, continues to see significant changes in the number of consumers that opt to “cut the cord” or relinquish their landline telephone and exclusively use a wireless product or other internet product like VoIP. According to recent studies, approximately 1/3 of customers has cut the cord and uses exclusively a wireless telephone. The table below shows the numbers of subscribers in Nebraska of each type of technology as of December 31, 2013. Some consumers may utilize more than one technology and be included in both categories.



Explanation of Charges on Telephone Bills

Basic Residential Service - The monthly rate charged by companies to provide telecommunications service to a private residence, including single and multifamily dwellings, within the local calling area.

Extended Area Service - A monthly flat fee charged by telecommunications companies that allows users to place and receive an unlimited number of calls from nearby communities with no additional charges.

Number Portability Charge - A charge set by the FCC to allow telephone companies to recover costs associated with allowing customers to retain their telephone number when changing from one telephone company to another.

Federal Subscriber Line Charge - A charge set by the FCC that customers pay to their local phone company to cover part of the cost of connecting customers to the telephone network. It is currently capped at \$6.50 per month for the first residential line and single business lines. The monthly charge varies by company.

Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Surcharge - A charge set by the Commission to fund the operation of the statewide TRS system for deaf, hard-of-hearing, and speech impaired citizens. The TRS Surcharge also provides financial aid to eligible Nebraskans for the purchase of specialized telephone equipment necessary to use TRS. The TRS Surcharge is reviewed annually by the Commission and is currently \$.02 per month per telephone number or functional equivalent.

911 Service Surcharge - A charge assessed by and remitted to a city or county to fund the operation of public safety answering points (PSAP) that receive 911 emergency calls. This charge ranges from \$.50 to \$1.00 per month per telephone number.

Wireless E911 Surcharge - A charge assessed by the Commission to fund the implementation and operation of the Wireless Enhanced 911 program which allows emergency responders to accurately locate wireless devices that have placed 911 calls. Currently the charge is \$.45 per month on each telephone number in service.

Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) Surcharge - All telecommunications service providers must contribute to NUSF based on a percentage of their in-state revenues. Telephone providers then recover the cost from their customers in the form of a surcharge collected from each customer. The NUSF surcharge is currently 6.95% of intrastate revenues of a company. For more information on the programs funded by NUSF see Part III of this report.

Federal Tax (Excise Tax) - A 3% federal tax which funds general federal government operations.

State Sales Tax - A tax assessed by the state on local and in-state long distance telecommunications charges that funds general state government obligations. The current tax rate is 5.5%.

City Sales Tax - A tax assessed by a city to fund general municipal obligations. Not every city assesses a city sales tax and they vary by city.

City Occupation or Franchise Tax - A tax assessed on telephone companies by a city for the right to do business in the community. Telephone companies are allowed to recover the amount paid in occupation or franchise taxes directly on customer bills. Not every city imposes occupation or franchise taxes and they vary by city.

Federal Universal Service - All telecommunications service providers must contribute to the Federal Universal Service Fund based on a percentage of their interstate end-user revenues. The fund supports the following four programs: Lifeline/Linkup, High-cost, Schools and Libraries and Rural Health Care. The rate is recalculated by the FCC quarterly, and is usually passed on to consumers and varies by company.

Long Distance Telephone Carriers

The number of long distance companies certificated to operate in the State of Nebraska continues to grow. Currently, there are 220 companies authorized to provide long distance services in Nebraska. The following table is a listing of all the long distance carriers certificated to provide service in Nebraska. Inclusion on the table below does not indicate the company is offering service in Nebraska at this time.

Long Distance Telephone Carriers		
1 800 Collect, Inc.	Embarq Communications, Inc.	Onestar Long Distance, Inc.
365 Wireless, LLC	Encartele, Inc.	Onvoy, Inc.
800 Response Information Services, LLC	Enhanced Communications Group, LLC	Opcom, Inc.
Access One, Inc.	Enhanced Communications Network, Inc.	Operator Service Company, LLC
Access Point, Inc.	Entelegent Solutions, Inc.	Opex Communications, Inc.
Accessline Communications Corporation	FiberComm, L.C.	Orbitcom, Inc.
ACN Communication Services, Inc.	First Communications, LLC	Paetec Communications, Inc.
Action Communications, Inc.	France Telecom Corporate Solutions, LLC	Pay Tel Communications, Inc.
Advantage Telecommunications Corp.	Frontier Communications Of America, Inc.	Peetz Cooperative Telephone Company
Aero Communications, LLC	Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.
Affinity Network, Inc.	Global Connection Inc. Of America	PNG Telecommunications, Inc.
Airespring, Inc.	Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc.	Primus Telecommunications, Inc.
Airus, Inc.	Global Tel*Link Corporation	Protel Advantage, Inc.
Alec, LLC	Gold Line Telemanagement Inc.	Protocall LLC
Alliance Global Networks, LLC	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	Public Communications Services, Inc.
Alliance Group Services, Inc.	Grasshopper Group, LLC	Quantumshift Communications, Inc.
Allo Communications, LLC	Great Plains Communications Long Distance, Inc.	Reduced Rate Long Distance, LLC
American Telecommunications Systems, Inc.	Hamilton Long Distance Company	Reliant Communications, Inc.
Americatel Corporation	Hartington Telecommunications Company, Inc.	SBC Long Distance, LLC
Amerivision Communications, Inc.	Henderson Cooperative Telephone Company	Securus Technologies, Inc.
ANPI, LLC	HTC Communications, LLC	Silv Communication, Inc.
Arapahoe Telephone Company	Huntel Cablevision, Inc.	Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc.
Accessline Communications Corporation	Hypercube Telecom, LLC	Southwest Communications, Inc.
AT&T Corp.	Ibasis Retail, Inc.	Spectrotel, Inc.
Bandwidth.Com CLEC, Inc.	IDT America, Corp.	Sprint Communications Company L.P.
BCE Nexxia Corporation	inContact, Inc.	Stanton Long Distance, LLC
BCN Telecom, Inc.	Inetworks Group, Inc.	STI Prepaid, LLC
Bellsouth Long Distance, Inc.	Inmate Calling Solutions, LLC	Stratus Networks, Inc.
Benkelman Telephone Company	Intellicall Operator Services, Inc.	TDS Long Distance Corporation
Betterworld Telecom, LLC	International Telecom, Ltd.	Telecom Management, Inc.
Big River Telephone Company, LLC	Intrado Communications, Inc.	Telecom North America Inc.
Broadband Dynamics, LLC	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	Teleconnect Long Distance Services & Systems Company
Broadview Networks, Inc.	Iowa Network Services, Inc.	Teledias Communications, Inc.
Broadvox-Clec, LLC	KDDI America, Inc.	Telenational Communications, Inc.
Broadwing Communications, LLC	Keyart Comm., Inc.	Teleport Communications of America, LLC
BT Communications Sales, LLC	Lattice Incorporated	Teleuno, Inc.
BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	LCR Telecommunications, LLC	Three River Telco
Business Telecom, Inc. (BTI)	Legacy Long Distance International, Inc.	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska), LLC
Cause Based Commerce, Inc.	Level 3 Communications, LLC	Total Holdings, Inc.
CenCom, Inc.	Mainstay Technologies, LLC	TNCI Operating Company, LLC
Central Telecom Long Distance, Inc.	Masergy Communications, Inc.	Treasure Lake, L.P.
CenturyLink Communications, LLC	Matrix Telecom, Inc.	Tri-M Communications, Inc.
CenturyLink QC	McGraw Communications, Inc.	TTI National, Inc.
CenturyLink QCC	MCI Communications Services, Inc.	tw telecom data services llc
CenturyTel Fiber Company II, LLC	McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC	U.S. South Communications, Inc.
Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC	Metropolitan Telecommunications Of Nebraska, Inc.	U.S. Telecom Long Distance, Inc.
Cincinnati Bell Any Distance, Inc.	Mitel Netsolutions, Inc.	Unite Private Networks, LLC
Citistream Communications, Inc.	Mobilitie, LLC	United Telecom Inc.
Clear World Communications Corporation	Mobius Communications Company	USA Digital Communications, Inc.
Coast International, Inc.	Momentum Telecom, Inc.	Value-Added Communications , Inc.
Comcast Phone Of Nebraska, LLC	National Directory Assistance, LLC	Velocity The Greatest Phone Company Ever, Inc.
Common Point, LLC	Nebraska Central Telecom, Inc.	Verizon Enterprise Solutions LLC
Community Internet Systems, Inc.	Nebraskalink Holdings, LLC	Verizon Long Distance LLC
Comtech 21, LLC	Nebraska Long Distance Company, LLC	Verizon Select Services, Inc.
Consolidated Long Distance, Inc.	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications, Inc.	Victory Telecom, Inc.

Long Distance Telephone Carriers

Consumer Telcom, Inc.	Nebraskalink, LLC	Voicecom Telecommunications, LLC
Convergia, Inc.	NECC Telecom, Inc.	Wholesale Carrier Services, Inc.
Correct Solutions, LLC	Net One International, Inc.	Wide Voice, LLC
Cox Nebraska Telcom, LLC	Network Billing Systems, LLC	Williams Communications, LLC
Cozad Telephone Company	Network Communications International Corporation	Wimactel, Inc.
Crexendo Business Solutions Inc.	Network Operator Services, Inc.	Windstream Communications, Inc.
CTI Long Distance, Inc.	NetworkIP, LLC	Windstream IT-Comm, LLC
Custom Teleconnect, Inc.	Neutral Tandem-Nebraska, LLC	Windstream KDL, Inc.
Dalton Telecommunications, Inc.	New Horizons Communications Corp.	Windstream Norlight, Inc.
DCT Telecom Group, Inc.	Newcastle Holdings, Inc.	Windstream NTI, Inc.
Deltacom, Inc.	Nextlink Wireless, LLC	Windstream Systems Of The Midwest, Inc.
Diode Telecom, Inc.	Nobeltel, LLC	Working Assets Funding Service, Inc.
Discount Long Distance, LLC	Norstan Network Services, Inc.	X2comm, Inc.
dishNET Wireline L.L.C	NOS Communications, Inc.	XO Communications, LLC
Earthlink Business, LLC	Nosva Limited Partnership	Yestel USA, Inc.
Easton Telecom Service, LLC	Nyecom Teleservices, Inc.	Zayo Group, LLC
Electric Lightwave, LLC	Onelink Communications, Inc.	Zito Midwest, LLC

Service Testing & Outage Reports

The Commission ensures Nebraskans are receiving quality telecommunications service by periodically reviewing performance data provided by telephone companies and by monitoring consumer complaints for indications of potential problems requiring further investigation. All local exchange carriers are using digital switches designed to perform a series of self-diagnostic tests, which makes the monitoring and identification of service quality issues much easier. The Commission's technical staff offers assistance in identifying the source of service problems and is available to assist in resolving service complaints from consumers across the state.

The current service quality standards in the Commission's Telecommunications Rules and Regulations were developed for traditional copper based switched circuit technology. The Commission staff is conducting the final review of the existing service quality rules and will propose changes intended to update the rules consistent with current technologies.

Reports are required to be filed with the Commission by local exchange carriers when service outages are experienced. The report must include the date and time of the outage, the geographic area affected, the cause of the outage, if known, and an estimate of the number of access lines affected. Within five days of resolving the trouble, a final report must be filed with the Commission showing the total number of trouble reports received from customers related to the outage and the corrective action taken.

In the 2013-14 Fiscal Year there were a total of 90 outages reported to the Commission. The causes of the outages were: 42 cable cuts, 25 telephone equipment malfunctions, 10 weather related, 8 accidental, 1 maintenance and 4 unknown.

Applications and Tariffs

The Commission received a total of 76 applications during the period of July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014. Much of the activity involved companies requesting amendments to their certificates and companies relinquishing their certificates to operate. Below is a summary of the applications received during this period:

Type of Application	Number of Applications Filed	Type of Application	Number of Applications Filed
Local Certification	6	Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation	6
Reseller Certification	6	Withdrawal	6
Amend Certification	16	Transfer of Control	5
Boundary/Customer	2	Name Change	4
Access Tariffs	3	Trade Name	1
Loan/Indebtedness	7	Rate Increase	1
Commission-Initiated	3	Other	3
Interconnection	7		

There were 206 tariff changes filed with the Commission during this period. Individual applications may be reviewed in our offices while the tariff revision listing is available on the Commission's website.

Complaints

During the previous year, the Commission addressed numerous issues involving consumer choice, service quality, safety, distance learning, universal service, and emerging technologies such as VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol). The list below includes some of the major issues addressed by the Commission in the last fiscal year:

Local Exchange Carriers

The following table shows the LEC complaints by company. The largest number of complaints involved the two largest LECs, Windstream and CenturyLink.

LEC Complaints By Company

LECs	2012-2013			2013-2014		
	Complaints	Access Lines	% of Total Lines	Complaints	Access Lines	% of Total Lines
Windstream	58	166,833	22.5	72	157,615	22.8
CenturyLink fka Qwest	59	144,991	19.6	99	132,874	19.2
NT&T	14	15,674	2.1	31	13,670	2.0
Cox	15	156,053	21.1	18	155,320	22.5
Frontier	7	31,465	4.2	8	28,984	4.2
Great Plains	5	22,642	3.1	1	21,381	3.1
CenturyLink (fka Embarq)	2	11,553	1.6	0	10,224	1.5
AT&T	1	41,434	5.5	1	45,310	6.6
MCI	0	546	0.1	0	435	0.1
Time Warner	19	33,289	4.5	14	31,832	4.6
Consolidated	0	2,424	0.3	0	2,355	0.3
Others	19	113,883	15.4	30	90,677	13.1
TOTAL	199	740,787	100.0	274	690,677	100.0

Long Distance Carriers

The following table shows the number of complaints filed against long distance companies. The largest number of complaints involved telemarketing by a local company in Omaha telemarketing customers all over the country. Customers can verify they have the long distance carrier of their choice by dialing the toll-free telephone number (700) 555-4141.

Long Distance Complaints By Carrier

IXCs	2011-2012		2012-2013		2013-2014	
	Complaints	%	Complaints	%	Complaints	%
AT&T	4	6.6	4	8.7	1	7.7
Advantage Telecom	n/a		9	19.6	0	0.0
Consumer Telcom	2	3.2	1	2.2	0	0.0
Correctional Billing	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
ESBI	1	1.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Excel	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	7.7
ILD Teleservices	3	4.9	1	2.2	1	7.7
MCI	7	11.5	3	6.5	0	0.0
Qwest	2	3.2	1	2.2	1	7.7
Reliant Communication	14	23.0	3	6.5	2	15.4
Sprint	4	6.6	1	2.2	0	0.0
United Telecom	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
VarTec	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Windstream	4	6.6	6	13.0	2	15.4
Zero Plus Dialing, Inc.	0	0.0	3	6.5	0	0.0
Miscellaneous	20	32.8	14	30.4	5	38.4
TOTAL	61	100.0	46	100.0	13	100.0

Wireless Carriers

While the Commission lacks statutory authority over wireless telecommunications service and billing, we continue to receive and process wireless complaints. The Commission strives, utilizing existing resources, to resolve these complaints to benefit the wireless consumers of Nebraska.

Wireless Complaints By Carrier

Wireless Carriers	2011-2012		2012-2013		2013-2014	
	Complaints	%	Complaints	%	Complaints	%
Alltel Wireless	1	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
AT&T	13	7.9	7	4.8	4	1.3
Cricket	9	5.5	7	4.8	5	1.6
Qwest	1	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Sprint	23	14.0	22	15.0	29	9.3
T-Mobile	6	3.7	3	2.0	3	1.0
TracFone Wireless	1	0.6	7	4.8	7	2.2
US Cellular	2	1.2	4	2.7	16	5.1
Verizon Wireless	92	56.1	78	53.1	233	74.4
Viaero Wireless	10	6.1	8	5.4	5	1.6
Virgin Mobile	0	0.0	6	4.1	5	1.6
Others	6	3.7	5	3.3	6	1.9
TOTAL	164	100	147	100	313	100

Relay Service Complaints

There was one (1) consumer complaint related to traditional relay calls (excluding CapTel) where the relay operator followed improper procedures in emergency call handling for fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. There were no complaints for traditional relay for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. The Commission tracks complaints utilizing the following categories: Service, Billing, Technical and External. Generally service complaints relate to the quality of Communication Assistant (“CA”) interaction with the customer. Billing issues involve primarily long distance errors. Technical complaints generally center on line disconnections, line garbling, 711-related problems and long connect times.

The CapTel center in Madison, Wisconsin, also tracks complaints/inquiries for captioned telephone service. The Madison Center logged 73 customer contacts with 32 categorized as technical and 41 inquiries for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The center experience 93 contacts the previous fiscal year. Since the CA in a captioned telephone setting is transparent to

both parties and utilize voice-recognition technology, there are few service-related issues regarding the CA. Technical complaints consisted mainly of set up issues related to equipment. Inquiries consist mainly of educating the customer regarding proper equipment use, requests for information, and referrals where the customer is directed to state distribution programs for equipment assistance.

Historical Complaint Statistics

The following table shows the total number of complaints filed this year and divides the complaints between local exchange carriers (LECs), interexchange carriers (IXCs), also known as long distance companies, and wireless carriers. The miscellaneous category includes Internet, cable TV, VoIP and pay phone complaints.

2012 – 2013 Complaint Type By Carrier Type

2013-2014 Types	LECs	IXCs	Wireless	Miscellaneous
Billing	64	11	69	9
Service	172	2	243	61
Telemarketing	23	0	0	0
Customer Service	2	0	1	0
Slamming	1	0	0	0
Directory	11	0	0	0
Area Code	0	0	0	0
Auto Dialer	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	274	13	313	70

Historical By Carrier Type

	2012-2013		2013-2014	
LECs	199	45.0%	274	40.9%
IXCs	46	10.4%	13	1.9%
Wireless	147	33.3%	313	46.7%
Miscellaneous	50	11.3%	70	10.5%
TOTAL	442	100%	670	100%

Historical By Complaint Type

Types by Year	2012-2013	2013-2014
Billing	182	153
Service	234	478
Auto Dialer	0	1
Telemarketing	6	23
Customer Service	8	3
Slamming	1	1
Directory	10	11
Carrier to Carrier	1	0
Area Code	0	0
TOTAL	442	670

Of the 670 complaints received during Fiscal Year 2013-14, 133 resulted in savings to the customer totaling \$34,342.83. This represents an average savings of approximately \$250.68 per customer.

PART VII

Recommendations for the 2014 Legislative Session



Recommendations for 2015 Legislative Session

The completed Next Generation 911 study, authorized by the Legislature, determined legislative changes would be necessary to implement and fund Next Generation 911, as current statutes do not give the Commission the authority to spend wireless 911 funds on Next Generation 911. The Commission continues to monitor both federal and state activity for possible legislation regarding telecommunications in the 2015 Session.

