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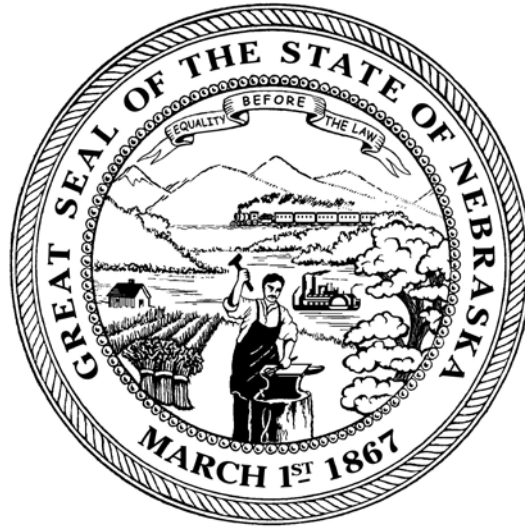
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It is with great pleasure that I submit the annual report on the status of telecommunications service in the State of Nebraska. This past year has been a year of change and growth in the telecommunications field and at the Commission. The transition from traditional telecommunications networks to networks capable of providing broadband services continues across Nebraska and the country.

The Commission's Broadband Program for the fourth year awarded \$8 million from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund for approved broadband infrastructure projects to further the Commission's goal of broadband availability throughout the state of Nebraska.

New this year, the Commission implemented a Broadband Adoption Pilot Program to encourage the use of available broadband by citizens in Nebraska. Applications were accepted and \$500,000 in grants awarded for projects aimed at breaking down barriers to broadband adoption. More information about the specific broadband infrastructure and adoptions projects awarded grant money is available in the report.

The Commission was fortunate to host Federal Communications Commissioner Ajit Pai in June for a workshop regarding Multi-Line Telephone Systems and access to 911 services. The event was held at the University of Nebraska's Innovation Campus and was a great opportunity for industry members and stakeholders to consider solutions to a pressing public safety issue.

Discussions continue regarding Next Generation 911 in Nebraska. The Commission submitted its report on infrastructure issues, GIS data requirements, and the cost of implementation of Next Generation 911 in Nebraska to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee in April 2014 and remains involved as the Next Generation 911 issues evolve.

If you have any questions about the report or any other issue regarding the Commission, please contact our Commissioners or staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gerald L. Vap'.

Gerald L. Vap
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 \$51.3 million for projects to construct new or upgrade existing broadband facilities across Nebraska since 2008.
- ✚ 138 broadband projects approved.
- ✚ 54,050 Nebraskans gained access to improved internet services.
- ✚ Over 145 cellular towers funded in rural areas of Nebraska.
- ✚ \$533,000 in support has been awarded in 2015 to fund five broadband projects.

Nebraska Universal Service Fund - Telehealth Network

- ✚ Funding for more than 76 Nebraska Hospitals.
- ✚ More than \$7.6 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)

- ✚ 9,399 Nebraskans receive assistance from NTAP to assist in affording basic wireless or traditional telephone service.
- ✚ Designed a new NTAP database to increase efficiency in eligibility determinations of applicants and respond 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

- ✚ The annual review, certification, and submission of phone company study area data to the FCC was completed on June 29, 2015. This submission included changes prior to that date, including boundary changes approved by the Commission.
- ✚ The Nebraska Broadband Map created from the Broadband Grant program is available at <http://broadbandmap.nebraska.gov>.
- ✚ Added functionality to the Nebraska Broadband Map that allows users to view NUSF Broadband Grant Locations supported by the Nebraska Broadband Pilot Program between 2012 and 2014.
- ✚ In October 2014 the Commission sent its 10th and final broadband data submission to NTIA under the Broadband Grant program.

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PART I

Overview

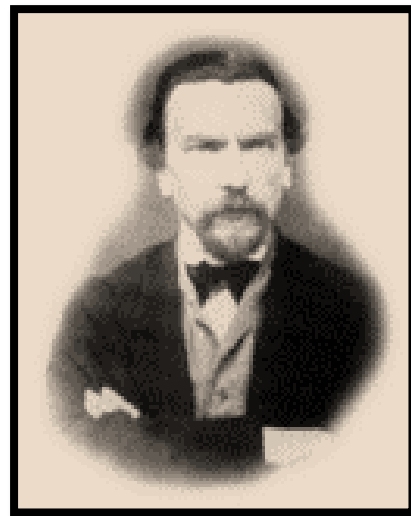


1861

Johann Philipp Reis manages to transfer voice electrically over a distance of 340 feet with his Reis telephone. Reis uses his telephone to transmit the phrase: "The horse does not eat cucumber salad". This phrase in German is hard to understand acoustically so Reis uses it to prove that speech can be recognized successfully at the receiving end.

1864

Innocenzo Manzetti invents the 'speaking telegraph'. He shows no interest in patenting his device, but it is reported in newspapers.



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 by 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 four programs within NUSF, 1) the high cost program; 2) the low income assistance program; 3) the rural tele-health program; and 4) the broadband 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.

CAF Phase II funding for Price Cap carriers provides ongoing funding to support and expand rural broadband networks in high-cost areas over the next 6 years. These networks must be capable of delivering 10 Mbps download and 1 Mbps upload speeds. CenturyLink has accepted \$6,888,416 to serve 10,899 locations, Frontier Communications has accepted \$2,735,761 to serve 3,380 locations, and Windstream has accepted \$13,591,437 to serve 21,560 locations.

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 FCC collects and distributes the majority of the funding necessary for universal service, the states also play an integral role in maintaining and enforcing the concept of universal service.

State utility commissions are responsible for many regulatory tasks in furtherance of 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, 22 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, 17 states and the District of Columbia have state USFs to provide support for Lifeline services to low-income customers. Finally, over years Nebraska expanded our state fund to include support for broadband projects in rural high-cost areas. Other states have begun to follow our example.

As discussed earlier in this report, 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 interest in a universal service partnership with the FCC, a meaningful collaboration between the Commission and the FCC continues to be of paramount importance.

Cooperative Federalism

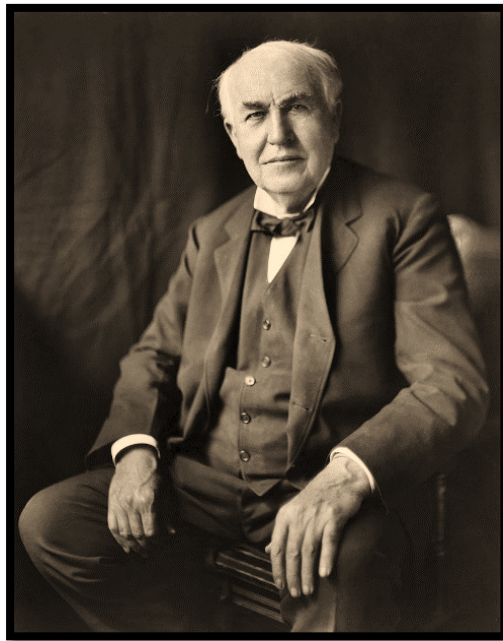
The preservation and continued operation and existence of State USFs is critical to the advancement of universal service principles in the 21st Century. With the expansion of the federal principles in the CAF Order to include broadband and other advanced services, the role of the states have never been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



1878

Thomas Edison demonstrates the telephone between Menlo Park, New Jersey and Philadelphia, a distance of 130 miles.

The first commercial North American telephone exchange is opened in New Haven, Connecticut.

New This Year

Between October 2013 and May 2015, the Commission has utilized a mobile phone app to test mobile broadband networks across the state. Following the conclusion of testing, a report was completed that shows the results of that testing, including analyses of download and upload speed, rural and urban comparisons, carrier footprint testing, and connectivity. The report is available via the PSC website

at: http://psc.nebraska.gov/telecom/telecom_mobile_broadband_collection.html

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 copper telephone wire 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 or remote terminals depending upon the equipment utilized.

Cable modem broadband service is 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 utilized 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 January 31, 2015, and a 10th round of broadband data was submitted on October 1, 2014.

Broadband Providers

During the most recent round of data collection, 109 valid broadband providers were identified in Nebraska. Of those 109 providers, 32 were non-responsive to requests for data, and 2 providers were non-cooperative. Three providers responded to requests for data, but did not provide data prior to the submission date. 37 providers confirmed that there were no updates from their previous submissions, and 37 providers supplied updates that were included in the submission.

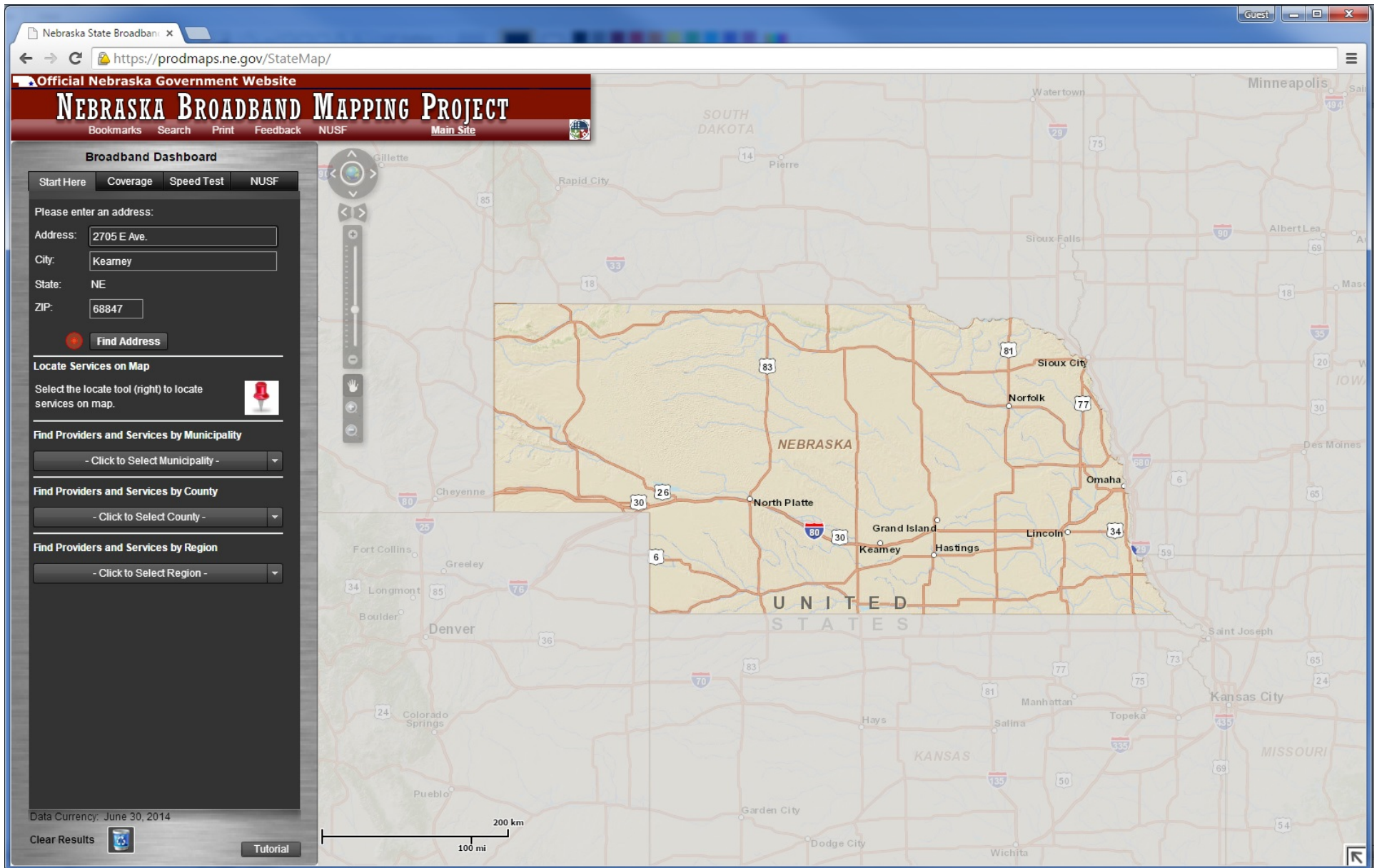
Data Collection and Modeling

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

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

The National Broadband Map can be found at: <http://www.broadbandmap.gov>.



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 screenshot displays the Nebraska Broadband Mapping Project website. The browser address bar shows the URL <https://prodmaps.ne.gov/StateMap/>. The page header includes the text "Official Nebraska Government Website" and "NEBRASKA BROADBAND MAPPING PROJECT". Below the header, there are navigation links for "Bookmarks", "Search", "Print", "Feedback", "NUSF", and "Main Site".

The main content area features a map of Kearney, NE, with a grid of streets. A red pin is placed on the map at the intersection of Avenue E and E 27th St. The sidebar on the left contains the following sections:

- Broadband Dashboard:** Includes tabs for "Start Here", "Coverage", "Speed Test", and "NUSF".
- Locate Services on Map:** A section with a red pushpin icon and the text "Select the locate tool (right) to locate services on map."
- Found Address:** A text box containing "2705 AVENUE E, Kearney, NE, 68847".
- Providers:** A list of providers with expandable arrows:
 - SpeedConnect
 - StarBand Communications
 - Charter Communications Inc.
 - Glenwood Telecommunications Inc.
 - NebraskaLink** (highlighted in purple)
 - Sprint
- Services Available:** A list of service types:
 - Cable Modem—DOCSIS 3.0
 - DSL Asymmetric
 - Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User
 - Satellite
 - Terrestrial Fixed Wireless—Licensed

At the bottom of the sidebar, there is a "Data Currency: June 30, 2014" label, a "Clear Results" button, and a "Tutorial" button. The map includes a scale bar showing 400 meters and 1000 feet, and a north arrow.

The address of Emerson Elementary in Kearney has been inserted above. A list of providers and the types of services available are shown in the menu on the left side of the page.

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- Start Here:** Coverage, Speed Test, NUSF
- Locate Services on Map:** Select the locate tool (right) to locate services on map.
- Found Address:** 2705 AVENUE E, Kearney, NE, 68847
- Providers:**
 - Frontier Communications Of Nebraska
 - Sprint** (selected)
 - HughesNet (Click to Zoom to Point)
 - Skycasters
 - StarBand Communications
 - Hamilton.Net, Inc.
- Services Available:**
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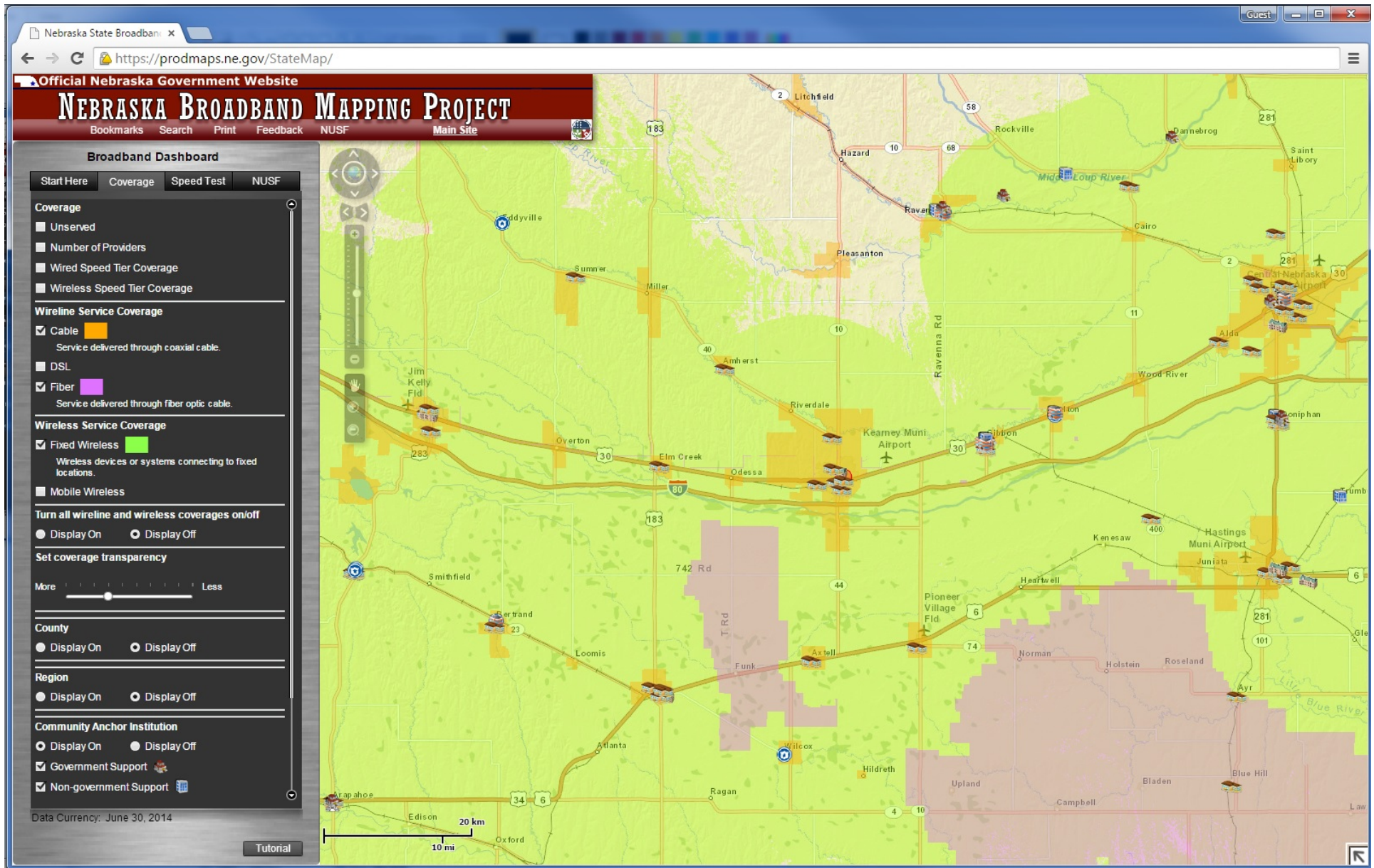
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The main map area shows a street grid in Kearney, NE. A red pin is placed on the map at the intersection of Avenue E and E 27th St. A pop-up window for "Sprint" is displayed over the pin, containing the following information:

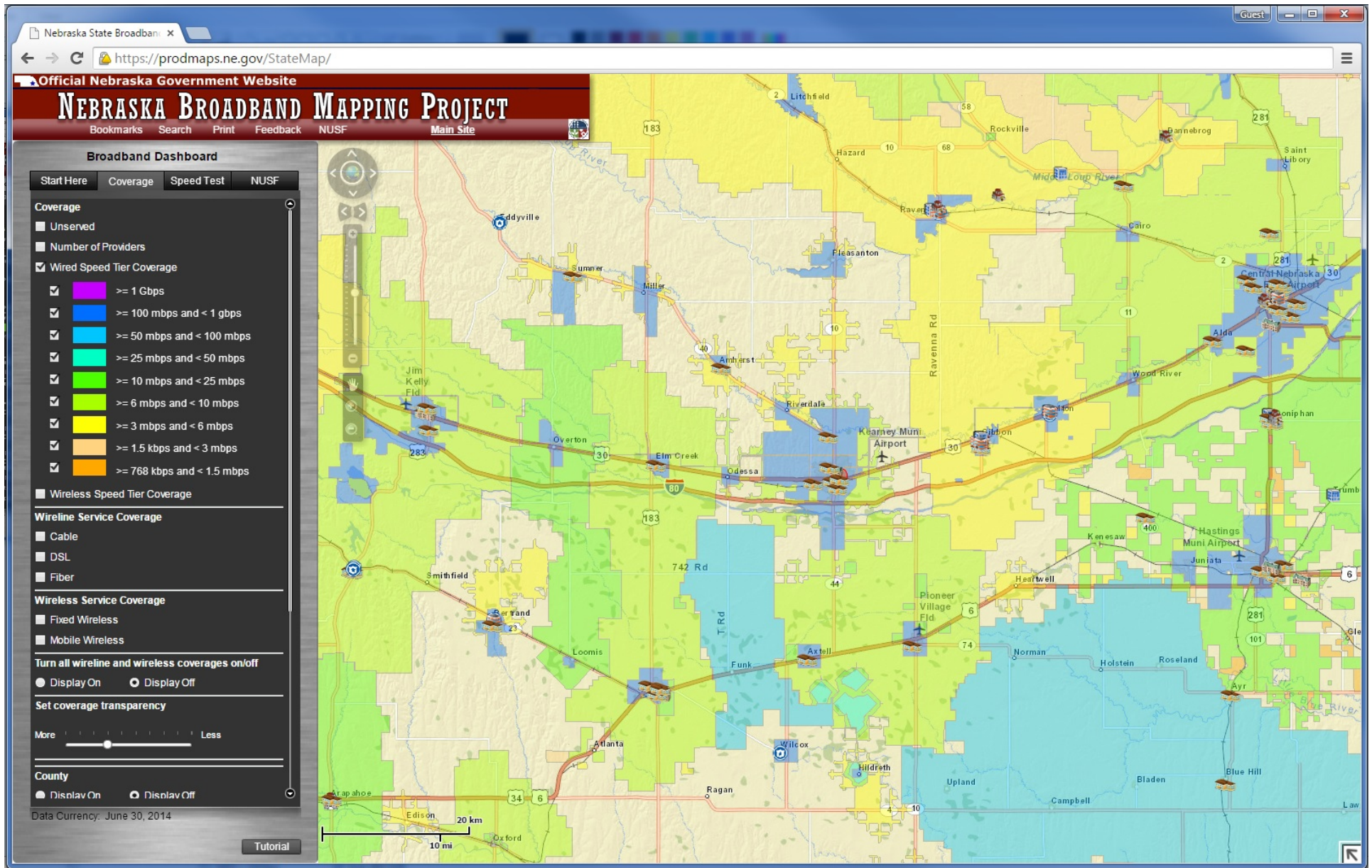
- Technology: Terrestrial Mobile Wireless
- End User: Unspecified
- <http://www.sprint.com>

The map also shows major roads like NE-44, NE-10, and NE-30, and landmarks like Good Samaritan Hospital and Dryden Park.

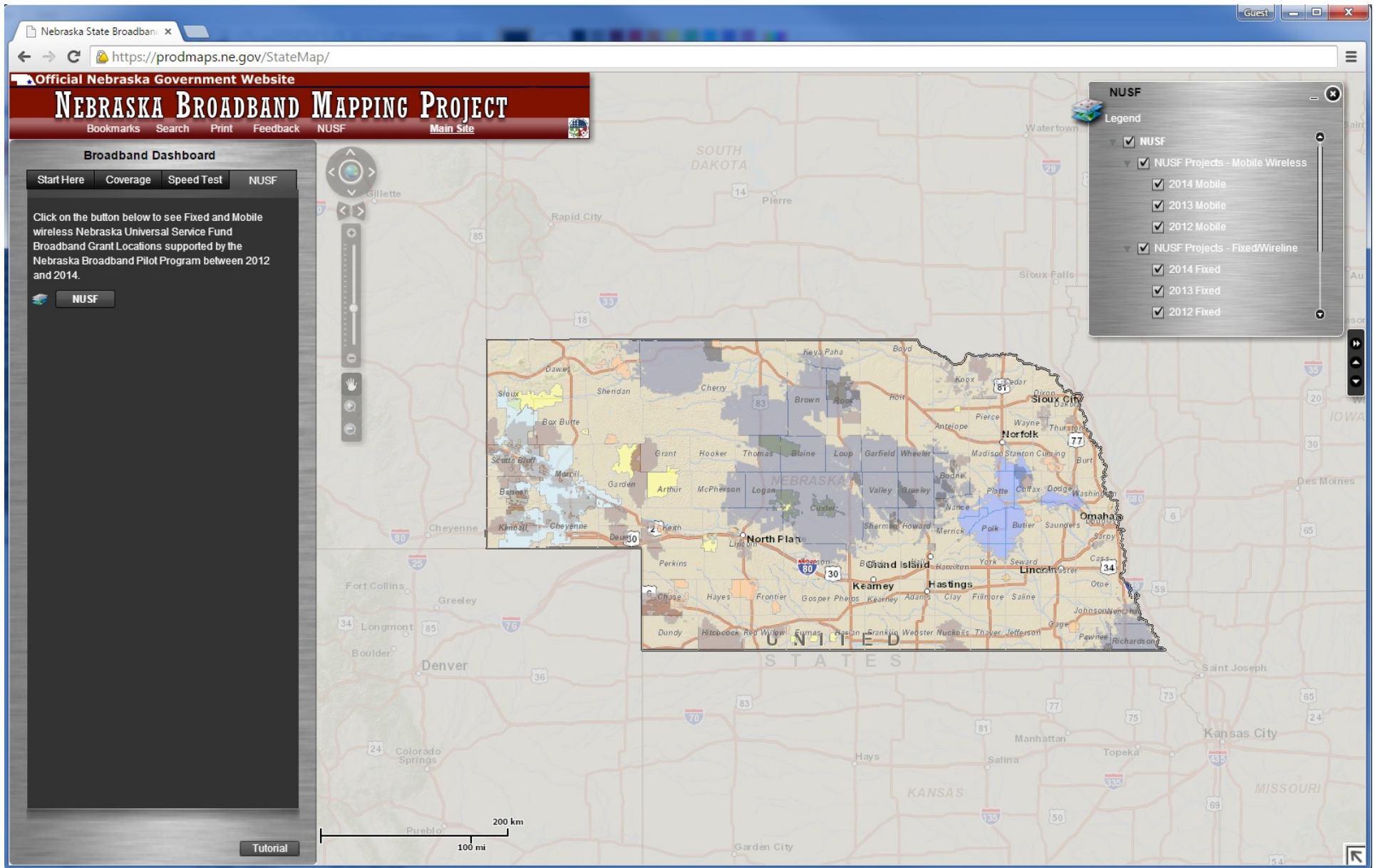
When a provider is selected, a pop-up window shows the details for that provider. Above, you can see the type of technology that Sprint provides (Terrestrial Mobile Wireless), and a link to the company's website.



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, cable, fiber, and fixed wireless are selected and shown on the map. Community Anchor Institutions are also selected and displayed.



Other options on the Coverage menu include the number of providers available for any area in the state, wired and wireless speed tier information (wired speed tiers are shown above), and any unserved areas within the state.



A new feature displays the fixed and mobile wireless Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Grant Locations awarded between 2012 and 2014. This data can be located under the “NUSF” tab, and when the NUSF button is selected, a pop-up window (shown in the upper right area of the screen) opens that allows the user to turn projects on or off.

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, 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

Prior to March 2014, the Competitive Marketplace Fund consisted 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 CenturyLink with CLECs. The QPAP became effective once CenturyLink was approved by the FCC to provide long distance service in Nebraska. Effective with Commission Order in Docket C-3943/PI-137, voluntary payments are no longer part of the QPAP filing but the reporting requirements continue.

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 2014-15 amounted to \$588.

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

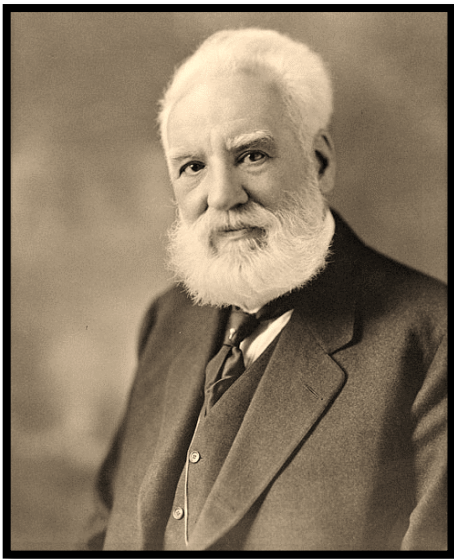
broadband at much lower rates than the average household, even when access to high-speed Internet is readily available. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, fewer than 36 percent of families with incomes less than \$25,000 subscribe to broadband at home, compared to nearly 92 percent of families with 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. On May 27, 2015, the Commission awarded funding to five projects. 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**



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Alexander Graham Bell makes the world's first long distance telephone call, about 6 miles between Brantford and Paris, Ontario, Canada.

Overview

New This Year

In 2014, the Commission opened a docket to consider revisions to the universal service fund contribution methodology. In 2015, the Commission entered an order modifying the high-cost funding allocations for price cap carriers. Also in 2015, the Commission determined that it should purchase a license to the State Broadband Cost Model (SCBM), which will provide useful information for our pending proceedings.

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 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, 2015. 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 2014-15, the NUSF collected \$48.9 million and distributed \$49.3 million to telecommunication providers in Nebraska.

As of the beginning of the 2014-15 Fiscal Year, the NUSF balance was \$34.6 million. As of June 30, 2015, the balance had increased to \$35.2 million. The current balance includes \$3.1 million earmarked for the dedicated wireless program and \$18.1 million earmarked for the Nebraska Broadband 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-two states have state funds specifically dedicated to providing high-cost support and 5 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 9.3%, 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. Arkansas has an assessment rate of 5.0% of revenues.

Some states assess both revenues and long distance minutes, therefore, the simple percentage of revenues assessed does not readily compare with states like Nebraska that assess

revenues only. For example, Oklahoma assesses 0.64 % on revenues, but also assesses about \$0.031 to \$0.047 per minute on long distance calls within the state. The assessment rates between states may not be easily compared for other 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 1.2% of revenues, only provides support to carriers to reduce monthly rates to \$30.00. 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 targeted broadband support to unserved and underserved areas. Nebraska is one of only six states in the nation with a universal service program which fund broadband deployment and funds the second largest amount for that purpose. 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. The Commission solicited numerous rounds of comments and held public hearings to determine the legality and framework of a pilot broadband program.

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 \$7.99 million for the Broadband Program in 2015.

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 fourth year of the Broadband Program on October 1, 2014. November 26, 2014, was the deadline to submit applications for year-four 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 twenty providers for capital improvement projects. These applications included 67 projects and collectively the Applicants requested approximately \$16.2 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 July 6, 2015, the Commission held a hearing on all of the broadband deployment applications received. On July 21, 2015, the Commission granted support for sixteen applications received to fund 31 projects for a total of \$ 7.99 million.

Pilot Broadband Adoption Program

On September 3, 2014, the Commission found that \$500,000 in support should be designated to initiate a pilot broadband adoption program in 2015.

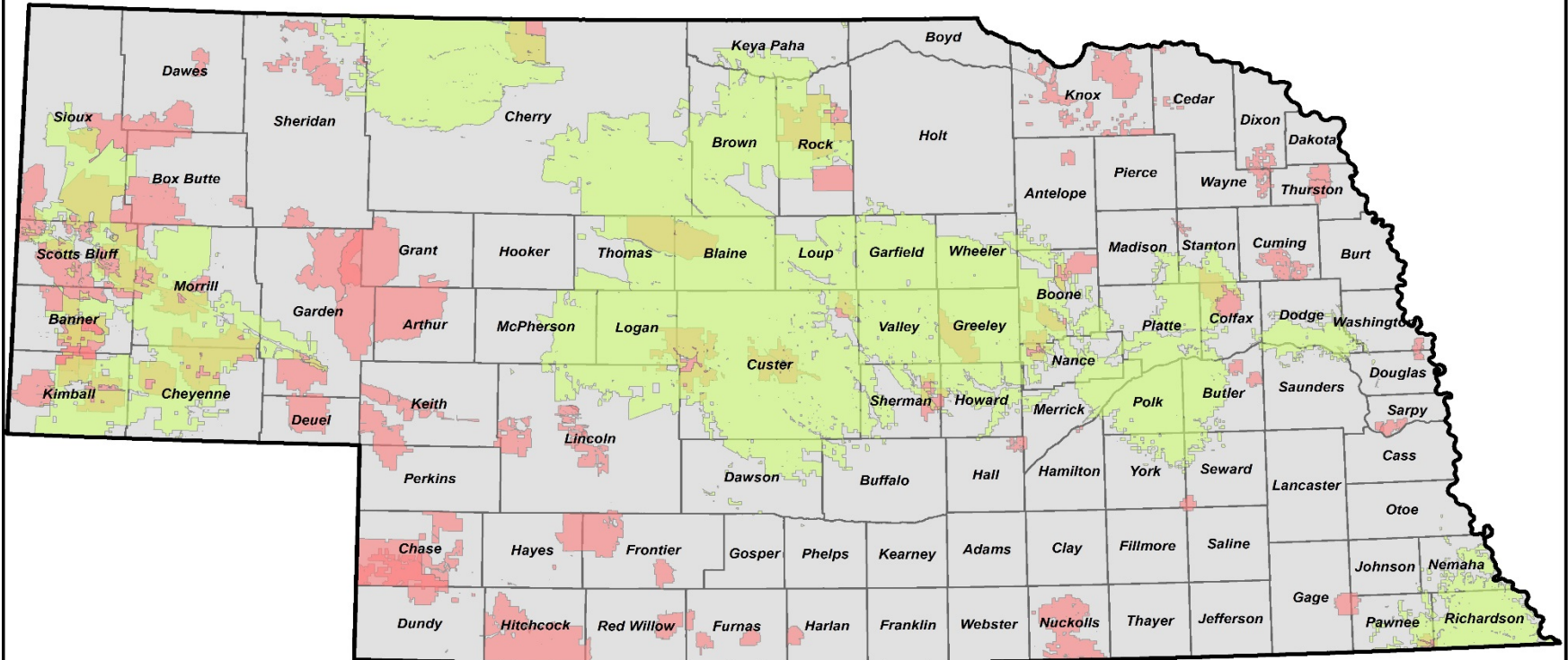
The Commission opened the application window for the pilot broadband adoption program on October 1, 2014. November 26, 2014, was the deadline to submit applications. The Commission received applications from seven providers for the pilot broadband adoption grant program. These applications included ten projects and collectively the Applicants requested approximately \$1.2 million.

The Commission considered projects on an ad hoc basis; selecting a diverse mix. The projects which were funded include end-user subsidies that will result in varying end-user charges, digital literacy training, choices for broadband speed, and access to equipment, all of which are important variables affecting broadband adoption. The Commission also considered different geographic areas, in terms of locations in different areas of the state, and locations in urban and predominantly rural areas of the state.

On April 27, 2014, the Commission held a hearing on all of the broadband adoption applications. On May 27, 2015, the Commission granted support for five applications received to fund five projects for a total of about \$533,000.

Nebraska Universal Service Fund

Broadband Grant Locations Nebraska Broadband Program (2012-2014)



NEBP Grant Locations

Mobile Fixed

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 2014-15, the Commission provided more than \$786,000 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 \$7.6 million to the NSTN.

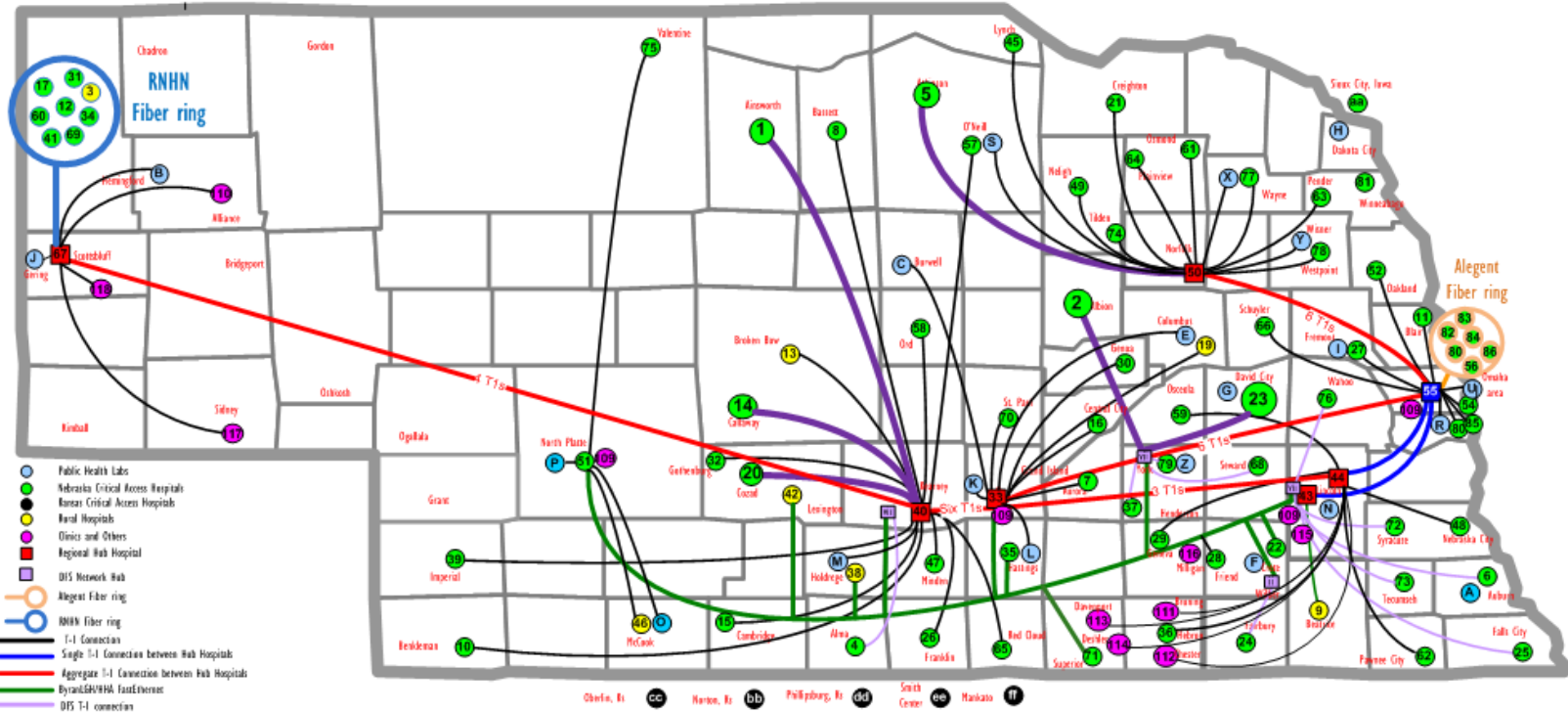
In late June 2013, the NSTN filed a request seeking changes to the structure and funding amount allocated to the Nebraska Telehealth Program. The Commission held a hearing on this matter in October 2013 and approved additional funding for necessary bridge upgrades and increased bandwidth on network backbone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

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



- Public Health Labs
- Nebraska Critical Access Hospitals
- Kansas Critical Access Hospitals
- Rural Hospitals
- Clinics and Others
- Regional Hub Hospital
- DIS Network Hub
- Alegent Fiber ring
- RNHN Fiber ring
- Single T-1 Connection between Hub Hospitals
- Aggregate T-1 Connection between Hub Hospitals
- Byran/SARNA fastlane
- DIS T-1 connection

Nebraska Hospitals

1. Ainsworth	Brown County Hosp	37. Henderson	Henderson Health Services	73. Tecumseh	Johnson County Hospital
2. Albion	Boone County Hosp	38. Holdrege	Phelps Memorial	74. Tilden	Tilden Community
3. Alliance	Box Butte General	39. Imperial	Chase County	75. Valentine	Cherry County
4. Alma	Harlan County Health Sys	40. Kearney	Good Samaritan Health Sys	76. Wahoo	Saunders County
5. Atkinson West Holt Medical Cntr		41. Kimball	Kimball County	77. Wayne	Providence
6. Auburn	Nemaha County	42. Lexington	Tri-County	78. West Point	St. Francis
7. Aurora	Memorial	43. Lincoln	Bryan/LGH	79. York	York General
8. Bassett	Rock County	44. Lincoln	St. Elizabeth's	80. Omaha	Creighton University Health Services
9. Beatrice	Beatrice Community	45. Lynch	Niobrara Valley	81. Kearney	Richard H. Young Hospital
10. Benkelman	Dundy County	46. McCook	Community Hospital	82. Omaha	Alegent Bargan Mercy Medical
11. Blair	Memorial Community	47. Minden	Kearney County	83. Omaha	Alegent Lakeside
12. Bridgeport	Morrill County	48. Nebraska City	St. Mary's	84. Omaha	Children's Hospital
13. Broken Bow	Jermie Melham	49. Neligh	Antelope Memorial	85. Omaha	Alegent Midlands Hospital
14. Callaway	Callaway District	50. Norfolk	Faith Regional Health Svcs	86. Omaha	
15. Cambridge	Tri-Valley Health System	51. North Platte	Great Plains Regional Medical Ctr		
16. Central City	Litzenberg Memorial	52. Oakland	Oakland Memorial		
17. Chadron	Chadron Community	53. Ogallala	Ogallala Community Hospital		
19. Columbus	Columbus Community	54. Omaha	Methodist Hospital		
20. Cozad	Cozad Community	55. Omaha	University of Nebraska Medical Ctr		
21. Creighton	Creighton Area	56. Omaha	Alegant Health Immanuel		
22. Crete	Crete Area	57. O'Neill	Avera St. Anthony's		
23. David City	Butler Area	58. Ord	Valley County		
24. Fairbury	Jefferson County	59. Osceola	Annie Jeffrey		
25. Falls City	Community Medical Ctr.	60. Osceola	Garden County		
26. Franklin	Franklin County	61. Osmond	Osmond General		
27. Fremont	Fremont Area	62. Pawnee City	Pawnee County		
28. Friend	Warren Memorial	63. Pender	Pender Community		
29. Geneva	Fillmore County	64. Plainview	Plainview Public		
30. Genoa	Genoa Community	65. Red Cloud	Webster County		
31. Gordon	Gordon Memorial	66. Schuyler	Alegent Health		
32. Gothenberg	Gothenberg Memorial	67. Scottsbluff	Regional West Medical Center		
33. Grand Island	St. Francis Medical Cntr	68. Seward	Seward Memorial		
34. Grant	Perkins County	69. Sidney	Memorial Health		
35. Hastings	Mary Lanning Memorial	70. St. Paul	Howard County		
36. Hebron	Thayer County	71. Superior	Broadstone Memorial		
		72. Syracuse	Community Memoria		

Nebraska Clinics/Others

109. Multiple sites	Lutheran Family Services of Nebr
110. Alliance	Panhandle Mental Health Center
111. Bruning	Bruning Medical Center
112. Chester	Chester Medical Clinic
113. Davenport	Davenport Medical
114. Deshler	Deshler Medical Clinic
115. Lincoln	State of Nebraska DHHS
116. Milligan	Milligan Medical Clinic
117. Sidney	Panhandle Mental Health Center
118. Scottsbluff	Panhandle Mental Health Center

Hospitals From Other States

aa. Sioux City, Iowa	
bb. Norton, Ks	Norton County Hospital
cc. Oberlin, Ks	Decatur County Hospital
dd. Phillipsburg, Ks	Phillips County Hospital
ff. Mankato, Ks	Jewell County Hospital

Nebraska Public Health Depts.

A. Auburn	Southeast District Health Dept.
B. Hemingford	Panhandle Public Health Dept.
C. Burwell	Loup Basin Public Health Dept.
E. Columbus	East Central District Health Dept.
F. Crete	Public Health Solutions
G. David City	Butler County Health Dept.
H. Dakota City	Dakota County Health Dept.
I. Fremont	Three Rivers Health Dept.
J. Gering	Scotts Bluff County Health Dept.
K. Grand Island	Central District Health Dept.
L. Hastings	South Heartland District Health Dept.
M. Holdrege	Two Rivers Public Health Dept.
N. Lincoln	Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Dept.
O. McCook	Red Willow County Health Dept.
P. North Platte	West Central District Health Dept.
Q. Ogallala	Sandhills District Health Dept.
R. Omaha	Douglas County Health Dept.
S. O'Neill	North Central District Health Dept.
U. Papillion	Sarpy/Cass Dept. of Health and Wellness
V.	
W.	
X. Wayne	Northeast Nebraska Public Health Dept.
Y. Winer	Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Dept.
Z. York	Four Corners Health Dept.

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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 9,399 Nebraskans are enrolled in the NTAP program and receive support from NUSF. This represents a decrease in enrollment of 25.1% since June 2014. The Commission has completed the re-certification of the entire subscriber base mandated by the FCC for 2014. The decline in enrollment is attributed to the annual re-certification process. Many subscribers that do not participate in a benefit program that can be verified through the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) database do not return proof of eligibility and are de-enrolled from the program. 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 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	-
FY 14-15	4,081	-	118,890	-

Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs)

Before carriers can participate in NTAP, they must be approved and designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier. Nebraska currently has 60 ETCs participating in NTAP. The following companies applied and received ETC designation in 2015:

C-4622/ *In the Matter of the Application of i-wireless, LLC, Newport, Kentucky, seeking*
 NUSF-90 *limited designation as a LifeLine-Only designation as an Eligible Telecommun-*

ications 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 was held in abeyance at the Applicant's request. Upon the request of the Applicant, the Commission took the matter out of abeyance. The Commission held a hearing on the application on May 12, 2015. The Commission granted the application on June 16, 2015.

C-4729 *In the Matter of the Application of Cricket Communications, Inc., San Diego, California, seeking approval to relinquish its lifeline-only Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation:*

On December 3, 2014, Cricket Communications, Inc., filed an application seeking permission to relinquish its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") designation pursuant to Section 214(e)(4) of the Telecommunications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"). Cricket had approximately 1,500 Lifeline customers in Nebraska. Cricket committed to provide a discount equivalent to the Lifeline discount to existing Lifeline customers who maintain their existing Cricket rate plan until the earlier of such time as the customer (i) voluntarily chooses another rate plan, (ii) voluntarily terminates service, (iii) voluntarily migrates to the New Cricket GSM platform, or (iv) until the sunset of its CDMA network. On January 21, 2015, the Commission granted the application.

C-4794/
NUSF-101 *In the Matter of the Application of Skybeam, LLC, Englewood, Colorado, seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) for the purpose of participating in the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Rural Broadband Experiment program and to offer Lifeline service to qualifying households.*

By Application filed with the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Skybeam, LLC, of Englewood, Colorado, sought designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) for the purpose of participating in the Federal Communication Commission's Rural Broadband Experiment Program and to participate in the low-income program of the Federal Universal Service Fund, the Lifeline program, and the Nebraska Universal Service Fund called the Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program. On July 14, 2014, the FCC adopted the Rural Experiments Order (*See Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 29 FCC Rcd 8769 (2014)*) establishing a one-time grant program awarding up to \$100 million to qualified applicants for the deployment of fixed broadband services in census blocks determined by the FCC to be unserved by voice services and by broadband speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream. On November 10, 2014, Skybeam filed an application with the FCC to participate in the Rural Broadband Experiment Program and was selected to participate in five (5) states, including 388 census blocks in Nebraska.

Skybeam, with the support from the Connect America Fund, will extend broadband and digital voice services using fixed wireless technology to offer VoIP and broadband service with less than 100ms latency at speeds ranging from 5 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream to 25

Mbps downstream and 5 Mbps upstream. Skybeam intends to make commercial and enterprise services available to community anchor institutions and private enterprise. Enterprise data services will deliver up to 1 gigabit per second. The Commission held a hearing on the application on May 12, 2015. The Commission entered an order granting the application on June 2, 2015.

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.

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:

$$E\{\text{LoopCost}_i\} = 20.49e^{-0.00026585\text{HouseHoldDensity}_i} \quad (10)$$

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 percent 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, an 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:

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

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. Theil'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 2014-15, \$39.5 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



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Engineers from Bell Labs begin work on a system to allow mobile users to place and receive telephone calls from automobiles, leading to the inauguration of mobile service on June 17th in St. Louis, Missouri.

The introduction of cellular technology, which allowed re-use of frequencies many times in small adjacent areas covered by relatively low powered transmitters, made widespread adoption of mobile telephones economically feasible.

Overview

New This Year

After the completion of a Next Generation 911 study in 2014, LB652 was introduced in the 2015 Legislative Session. At the end of the session, LR319 was introduced seeking to study, among other things, the administration of Enhanced Wireless 911 Service and proposals to implement next-generation 911 services.

In 2015, Douglas, Buffalo and Washington Counties implemented Text to 911 services. Additionally, Keith, Dodge, Antelope, Dawes, Sarpy and Sheridan Counties have filed funding requests to implement Text to 911 in their respective counties. Text to 911 is important as it allows persons who are unable to speak, either due physical restraint or the creation of a dangerous environment, to communicate with 911 officials.

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 2014-2015, the Wireless E911 Fund collected just about \$8.0 million. As of July 1, 2015, the balance of the Wireless 911 Fund was approximately \$16.2 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.

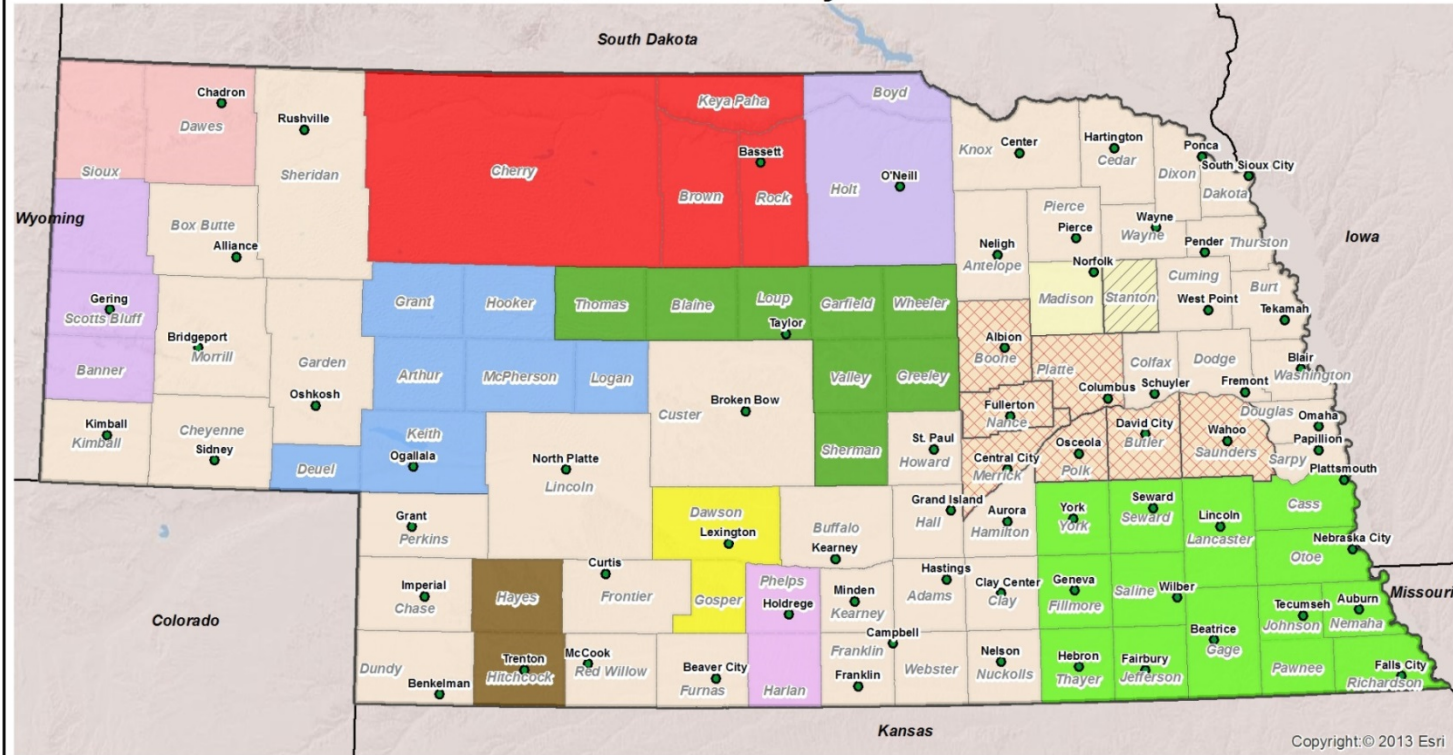
The 911-SAM has been amended since its original release. It has been converted to operate on a fiscal year running from July 1 to June 30 each year. The 911-SAM now includes an interest calculation and a cap on the WSP Grant Program. Furthermore, amounts attributable to local carrier costs have been 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 2015-2016 fiscal year. Four wireless carriers have applied for funding: Sprint, US Cellular and NE Colorado Cellular d/b/a Viaero (Viaero) and Pinpoint Wireless, d/b/a BLAZE Wireless.

During Fiscal Year 2014-2015, PSAPs received approximately \$4.6 million, wireless carriers received approximately \$430,000, and an additional \$2.4 million was paid to local carriers on behalf of PSAPs. During Fiscal year 2015-2016, it is projected that PSAPs will receive approximately \$4.8 million, wireless carriers will receive approximately \$555,000, and an anticipated \$2.4 million will be paid to local carriers.

Nebraska PSAPs Funded by Wireless Fund



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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.

Open Dockets/Issues Investigating

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

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. On September 9, 2014, the Commission entered a second progression order seeking additional comment on the need for public education on the possibilities and limitations of text to 911 services and releasing an interim funding solution staff proposal. A public hearing was held on October 7, 2014, and a workshop on public education was held on October 30, 2014. The Commission entered an order on November 4, 2014, adopting the interim text to 911 funding policy which detailed eligible costs for public safety answering points and the application process. Seven counties have been approved to receive funding: Dodge, Keith, Washington, Douglas, Sarpy, Antelope and Sheridan. All are in varying stages of completion.

911-062/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion,
C-4767/ to investigate the status of direct access to emergency services.
PI-195

The Commission opened this docket on June 16, 2015, to examine the status of direct access to emergency services from multi-line telephone systems (MLTS). Public comments were received from three telecommunications providers. A workshop was held on June 30, 2015, with Federal Communications Commissioner Ajit Pai as the featured speaker.

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	Local Exchange Carrier or CLEC Name	Monthly Surcharge Amount Collected per Line	PSAP County/City Surcharge Remitted to	Total Annual Surcharge Remitted	Total Surcharge Remitted to Jurisdiction
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Adams					
Glenvil	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.75	Adams County	\$255.06	
Hansen	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.75	Adams County	\$1,353.67	
Hastings	AT&T Corporation	\$0.75	Adams County	\$18.00	
Hastings	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$0.75	Adams County	\$504.00	
Hastings	Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	\$0.75	Adams County	\$47.59	
Hastings	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$0.75	Adams County	\$504.00	
Hastings	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$0.75	Adams County	\$26.25	
Hastings	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$0.75	Adams County	\$75.19	
Hastings	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	Adams County	\$6.00	
Hastings	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.75	Adams County	\$56,702.78	
Holstein	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp	\$0.75	Adams County	\$1,362.32	
Juniata	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.75	Adams County	\$2,950.79	
Kenesaw	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.75	Adams County	\$3,077.43	\$66,883.08
Antelope					
Brunswick	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$1,802.00	
Clearwater	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$3,701.00	
Elgin	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$6,689.71	
Elgin	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$200.00	
Neligh	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$10,910.00	
Neligh	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$36.00	
Neligh	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$4.00	
Neligh	NT&T	\$0.50	Antelope County	\$38.00	
Oakdale	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$1,394.15	
Orchard	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$3,807.00	
Tilden	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$1,281.00	
Tilden	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Antelope County	\$10.00	
Tilden	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	City of Tilden	\$195.00	\$30,067.86
Arthur (See Keith)					
Banner (See Scottsbluff)					
Blaine (See Region 26)					
Boone					
Albion	Big River Telephone Company, LLC	\$1.00	Boone County	\$1,066.00	
Albion	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Boone County	\$13,962.00	

Name of Exchange	Local Exchange Carrier or CLEC Name	Monthly Surcharge Amount Collected per Line	PSAP County/City Surcharge Remitted to	Total Annual Surcharge Remitted	Total Surcharge Remitted to Jurisdiction
Albion	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Boone County	\$163.00	
Albion	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Boone County	\$952.60	
Albion	NT&T	\$1.00	Boone County	\$153.00	
Cedar Rapids	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Boone County	\$2,764.89	
Newman Grove	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Boone County	\$207.00	
Petersburg	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Boone County	\$3,666.19	
Primrose	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Boone County	\$729.07	
Saint Edward	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Boone County	\$4,329.64	
Saint Edward	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Boone County	\$7.00	
Tilden	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Boone County	\$33.00	\$28,033.39
Box Butte					
Alliance	Allo Communications	\$0.50	Alliance PD	\$3,811.86	
Alliance	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$0.50	Alliance PD	\$18.00	
Alliance	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$0.50	Box Butte County	\$6,011.50	
Alliance	First Communications, LLC	\$0.50	Box Butte County	\$6.00	
Alliance	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$0.50	Box Butte County	\$130.00	
Alliance	MetTel	\$0.50	Box Butte County	\$6.00	
Alliance	Mobius Communication Company	\$0.50	Alliance PD	\$3,938.06	
Alliance	NT&T	\$0.50	Box Butte County	\$1,054.00	
Alliance	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$0.50	Box Butte County	\$159.00	
Alliance	CenturyLink QC	\$0.50	Alliance PD	\$7,299.00	
Hemingford	Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company	\$0.50	Alliance PD	\$4,069.62	\$26,503.04
Boyd (Consolidated with Holt)					
Atkinson	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Boyd-Holt Counties	\$6,958.32	
Atkinson	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Holt County	\$6.00	
Atkinson	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Holt County	\$12.00	
Atkinson	NT&T	\$1.00	Boyd-Holt Counties	\$2,302.00	
Butte	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Boyd County	\$1.00	
Butte	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Holt-Boyd Counties	\$59.00	
Butte	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Holt-Boyd Counties	\$3,367.00	
Chambers	K&M Tel. Company Inc.	\$1.00	Holt County	\$3,974.79	
Clearwater	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Holt-Boyd Counties	\$566.00	
Ewing	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Holt-Boyd Counties	\$2,782.17	
Inman	K&M Tel. Company Inc.	\$1.00	Holt County	\$1,343.15	
Inman	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Holt County	\$0.00	
Lynch	Three River Telco	\$1.00	Holt-Boyd Counties	\$3,347.00	
Naper	Three River Telco	\$1.00	Holt-Boyd Counties	\$1,713.00	
O'Neill	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Holt-Boyd Counties	\$105.00	

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O'Neill	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Boyd-Holt Counties	\$18,079.68	
O'Neill	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Holt County	\$11.00	
O'Neill	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Holt County	\$264.00	
O'Neill	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Holt County	\$37.32	
O'Neill	MetTel	\$1.00	Boyd County	\$32.00	
O'Neill	NT&T	\$1.00	Boyd-Holt Counties	\$3,490.00	
O'Neill	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Holt County	\$1,649.00	
Orchard	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Holt County	\$68.00	
Page	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Holt-Boyd Counties	\$1,770.77	
Spencer	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Holt-Boyd Counties	\$4,026.00	
Spencer	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Holt-Boyd Counties	\$72.00	
Stuart	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Holt-Boyd Counties	\$4,799.00	\$60,835.20
Brown					
Ainsworth	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Brown County	\$12.00	
Ainsworth	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Brown County	\$19.00	
Ainsworth	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Brown County	\$8.00	
Ainsworth	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Brown County	\$132.00	
Ainsworth	Three River Communications	\$1.00	Brown County	\$8,973.50	
Johnstown	Three River Telco	\$1.00	Brown County	\$1,273.00	
Long Pine	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Brown County	\$1,948.00	\$12,365.50
Buffalo					
Amherst	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Buffalo County	\$1,303.90	
Amherst	NT&T	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$31.20	
Elm Creek	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Buffalo County	\$10.00	
Elm Creek	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$20.85	
Elm Creek	NT&T	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$404.95	
Elm Creek	CenturyLink QC	\$0.75	Buffalo County	\$11,025.25	
Gibbon	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$4,296.26	
Kearney	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$454.35	
Kearney	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$33,933.69	
Kearney	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Buffalo County	\$44,038.15	
Kearney	FiberVision LLC	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$765.70	
Kearney	First Communications, LLC	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$0.00	
Kearney	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$603.85	
Kearney	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$652.97	

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Kearney	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$20.15	
Kearney	NT&T	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$365.30	
Kearney	Windstream Communications of the Midwest	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$5,039.22	
Miller	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$516.75	
Pleasanton	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$1,753.70	
Pleasanton	NT&T	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$7.80	
Ravenna	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$4,926.75	
Riverdale	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$1,322.75	
Riverdale	NT&T	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$15.60	
Shelton	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$2,701.88	
Sodtown	Sodtown Telephone Co	\$0.65	Buffalo County	\$540.15	\$114,751.17
Burt					
Craig	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Burt County	\$2,405.00	
Decatur	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Burt County	\$3,100.00	
Lyons	HunTel CableVision dba HunTel Communications	\$1.00	Burt County	\$1,555.00	
Lyons	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Burt County	\$7,837.38	
Oakland	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Burt County	\$12.00	
Oakland	HunTel CableVision dba HunTel Communications	\$1.00	Burt County	\$2,653.00	
Oakland	MetTel	\$1.00	City of Oakland	\$12.00	
Oakland	NT&T	\$1.00	Burt County	\$814.00	
Oakland	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Burt County	\$9,839.82	
Tekamah	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Burt County	\$12.00	
Tekamah	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Burt County	\$4.00	
Tekamah	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Burt County	\$0.00	
Tekamah	HunTel CableVision dba HunTel Communications	\$1.00	Burt County	\$5,980.00	
Tekamah	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Burt County	\$51.97	
Tekamah	NT&T	\$1.00	Burt County	\$1,166.00	
Tekamah	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Burt County	\$60.00	
Tekamah	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Burt County	\$7,452.80	\$42,954.97
Butler					
Brainard	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Butler County	\$3,511.72	
Bruno	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Butler County	\$20.00	
Bruno	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Butler County	\$1,638.77	

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Columbus	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Butler County	\$1,119.00	
David City	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Butler County	\$48.00	
David City	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Butler County	\$12.00	
David City	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Butler County	\$0.00	
David City	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Butler County	\$12,646.88	
Dwight	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Butler County	\$1,605.63	
Gresham	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Butler County	\$6.00	
Linwood	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Butler County	\$619.00	
Octavia	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Butler County	\$799.00	
Rising City	Big River Telephone Company, LLC	\$1.00	Butler County	\$59.00	
Rising City	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Butler County	\$11.65	
Rising City	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Butler County	\$2,466.84	
Seward	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Butler County	\$4.00	
Shelby	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Butler County	\$2.00	
Surprise	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Butler County	\$789.00	
Ulysses	Clarks Telecommunications	\$1.00	Butler County	\$1,769.00	
Valparaiso	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Butler County	\$16.00	\$27,143.49
Cass					
Alvo	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cass County	\$22.00	
Ashland	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Cass County	\$866.00	
Avoca	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Cass County	\$1,642.33	
Cedar Creek	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cass County	\$12.00	
Eagle	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Cass County	\$2,397.73	
Elmwood	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Cass County	\$3,390.87	
Greenwood	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cass County	\$197.36	
Greenwood	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Cass County	\$2,385.48	
Louisville	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cass County	\$12.00	
Louisville	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Cass County	\$10,321.61	
Murdock	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cass County	\$12.00	
Murdock	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Cass County	\$2,289.16	
Nehawka	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Cass County	\$1,798.79	
Plattsmouth	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Cass County	\$286.00	
Plattsmouth	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cass County	\$121.38	
Plattsmouth	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Cass County	\$12,451.80	
Plattsmouth	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Cass County	\$30,824.68	
Union	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cass County	\$4.00	
Union	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Cass County	\$2,800.28	
Waverly	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Cass County	\$44.00	
Weeping Water	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Cass County	\$6,207.34	\$78,086.81

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Cedar					
Belden	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$823.00	
Bloomfield/Cedar	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$60.37	
Coleridge	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$4,374.00	
Crofton/Cedar	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$1,581.36	
Dixon-Concord	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$120.00	
Hartington	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$12.00	
Hartington	Crexendo Business Solutions, Inc.	\$1.00	City of Hartington	\$59.00	
Hartington	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$0.00	
Hartington	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$108.00	
Hartington	Hartington Telecommunications Company, Inc.	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$14,924.95	
Hartington	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$37.74	
Hartington	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$2.00	
Laurel	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$3.00	
Laurel	HunTel CableVision dba HunTel Communications	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$2,097.00	
Laurel	NT&T	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$944.00	
Laurel	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$3,470.66	
Obert/Maskell	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$720.00	
Randolph	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$920.05	
Randolph	NT&T	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$1,227.00	
Randolph	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$532.00	
Randolph	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$3,001.34	
Wausa (Cedar County)	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$470.23	
Wynot (Fordyce, St Helena)	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cedar County	\$5,783.47	\$41,271.17
Chase					
Imperial	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Chase County	\$16,233.60	
Wauneta	Wauneta Telephone Company	\$1.00	Chase County	\$5,344.00	\$21,577.60
Cherry					
Cody	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$2,087.25	
Crookston	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$832.94	
Kilgore	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$841.99	
Merriman	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$1,338.71	
Valentine	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$12.00	
Valentine	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$12.00	
Valentine	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$55.00	
Valentine	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$11.00	

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Valentine	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$61.00	
Valentine	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$36.00	
Valentine	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$1,261.00	
Valentine	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$13,616.00	
Woodlake	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cherry County	\$992.63	\$21,157.52
Cheyenne					
Dalton	Dalton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$2,399.49	
Gurley	Dalton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$1,609.27	
Lodgepole	Dalton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$2,375.69	
Potter	CenturyLink	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$2,501.57	
Sidney	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$955.70	
Sidney	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$22.00	
Sidney	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$8,217.56	
Sidney	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$11.00	
Sidney	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$12.00	
Sidney	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$287.00	
Sidney	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$67.00	
Sidney	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$12.00	
Sidney	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$4.00	
Sidney	MetTel	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$24.00	
Sidney	Mobius Communication Company	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$48.00	
Sidney	NT&T	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$3,318.00	
Sidney	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$1,856.00	
Sidney	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Cheyenne County	\$27,379.00	\$51,099.28
Clay					
Clay Center	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Clay County	\$184.00	
Clay Center	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.50	Clay County	\$3,996.42	
Deweese	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.50	Clay County	\$895.13	
Edgar	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.50	Clay County	\$2,605.46	
Fairfield	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.50	Clay County	\$2,431.27	
Glenvil	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.50	Clay County	\$2,354.13	
Hansen	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.50	Clay County	\$2.00	
Harvard	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Clay County	\$4.00	
Harvard	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.50	Clay County	\$3,829.70	
Hastings	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.50	Clay County	\$182.00	
Ong	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Clay County	\$48.00	
Ong	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.50	Clay County	\$481.52	
Sutton	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.50	Clay County	\$8,653.16	\$25,666.79
Colfax					

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Clarkson	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$2,549.10	
Clarkson	MetTel	\$1.00	City of Clarkson	\$96.00	
Clarkson	NT&T	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$1,165.00	
Columbus	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$1,041.00	
Howells	NT&T	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$1,049.00	
Howells	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$2,431.66	
Leigh	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$3,557.00	
Schuyler	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$11.00	
Schuyler	Big River Telephone Company, LLC	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$310.00	
Schuyler	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$16.00	
Schuyler	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$0.00	
Schuyler	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$72.00	
Schuyler	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$185.00	
Schuyler	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$316.41	
Schuyler	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$12.00	
Schuyler	MetTel	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$108.00	
Schuyler	NT&T	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$1,776.00	
Schuyler	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$149.00	
Schuyler	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Colfax County	\$16,075.23	\$30,919.40
Cuming					
Bancroft	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$4,057.09	
Beemer	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$4,504.04	
West Point	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$11.00	
West Point	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$69.00	
West Point	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$16.00	
West Point	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$12.00	
West Point	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	City of West Point	\$0.00	
West Point	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$56.00	
West Point	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$2,274.45	
West Point	NT&T	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$2,792.00	
West Point	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$144.00	
West Point	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$15,967.00	
Wisner	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Cuming County	\$9,368.11	\$39,270.69
Custer					
Anselmo	Consolidated Telephone Co	\$1.00	Custer County	\$1,906.92	
Ansley	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$1.00	Custer County	\$4,648.15	

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Arnold	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Custer County	\$4,731.08	
Broken Bow	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Custer County	\$890.60	
Broken Bow	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Custer County	\$83.00	
Broken Bow	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Custer County	\$22.00	
Broken Bow	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Custer County	\$0.00	
Broken Bow	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Custer County	\$148.00	
Broken Bow	Great Plains Broadband	\$1.00	Custer County	\$2,443.01	
Broken Bow	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Custer County	\$64.36	
Broken Bow	NT&T	\$1.00	Custer County	\$2,196.00	
Broken Bow	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Custer County	\$36.00	
Broken Bow	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Custer County	\$17,798.00	
Callaway	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Custer County	\$4,681.28	
Comstock	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$1.00	Custer County	\$920.91	
Mason City	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$1.00	Custer County	\$1,589.68	
Merna	Consolidated Telephone Co	\$1.00	Custer County	\$3,270.78	
Oconto	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Custer County	\$1,381.54	
Sargent	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$1.00	Custer County	\$4,000.45	
Sumner	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Custer County	\$57.00	\$50,868.76
Dakota					
Dakota City	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$156.00	
Dakota City	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$533.00	
Dakota City	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$247.00	
Dakota City	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$1,514.16	
Dakota City	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$46.00	
Dakota City/South Sioux City	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$16,694.33	
Emerson	HunTel CableVision dba HunTel Communications	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$746.00	
Emerson	NT&T	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$839.00	
Emerson	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$1,654.76	
Homer	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$5.00	
Homer	NT&T	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$519.00	
Homer	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$1,122.51	
Jackson-Hubbard	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$6,093.00	
South Sioux City	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$21.00	
South Sioux City	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$26.00	

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South Sioux City	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$5,995.52	
South Sioux City	Long Lines Siouxland	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$15,185.00	
South Sioux City	McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$36.00	
South Sioux City	MetTel	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$120.00	
South Sioux City	NT&T	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$1,601.00	
South Sioux City	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$150.00	
South Sioux/Dakota City	FiberComm, L.C.	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$6,919.39	
Waterbury	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Dakota County	\$121.00	\$60,344.67
Dawes					
Chadron	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$185.53	
Chadron	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$14.00	
Chadron	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$0.00	
Chadron	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$159.00	
Chadron	Great Plains Broadband	\$1.00	Chadron PD	\$6,755.18	
Chadron	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$24.00	
Chadron	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$9.00	
Chadron	Mobius Communication Company	\$1.00	Chadron PD	\$2,145.03	
Chardon	NT&T	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$2,262.00	
Chadron	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$192.00	
Chadron	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Chadron PD	\$18,429.22	
Chadron/Crawford	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$40.00	
Crawford	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$37.90	
Crawford	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$12.00	
Crawford	NT&T	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$1,445.00	
Crawford/Whitney	Mobius Communication Company	\$1.00	Chadron PD	\$1,974.75	
Crawford/Whitney	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Chadron PD	\$3,483.39	
Harrison	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Dawes County	\$60.00	
Harrison	Mobius Communication Company	\$1.00	Chadron PD	\$244.70	
Harrison	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Chadron PD	\$1,030.89	\$38,503.59
Dawson					
Cozad	Cozad Telephone	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$19,732.00	
Cozad	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$6.00	
Dawson-Gothenburg	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$120.00	
Eddyville	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$819.38	
Elwood	NT&T	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$1,064.00	
Gothenburg	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$319.79	
Gothenburg	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$5.00	
Gothenburg	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$9.00	

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Gothenburg	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$4.00	
Lexington	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$560.36	
Lexington	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$12.00	
Lexington	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$12.00	
Lexington	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$25.00	
Lexington	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$0.00	
Lexington	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$120.00	
Lexington	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$330.00	
Lexington	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$117.34	
Lexington	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$2.00	
Lexington	NT&T	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$3,580.00	
Lexington	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$1,050.00	
Lexington	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$28,591.00	
Lexington	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.50	Dawson County	\$735.54	
Miller	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$12.00	
Overton	Arapahoe Telephone Co	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$3,696.12	
Sumner	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Dawson County	\$1,333.00	\$62,255.53
Deuel (See Keith)					
Dixon					
Allen	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$3,257.00	
Dixon-Concord	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$2,673.00	
Martinsburg	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$852.00	
Newcastle	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$3,533.00	
Obert/Maskell	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$660.00	
Ponca	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$0.00	
Ponca	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$6,617.27	
Ponca	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$27.48	
Ponca	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$2,870.00	
Wakefield	HunTel CableVision dba HunTel Communications	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$1,509.00	
Wakefield	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$2,833.01	
Waterbury	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Dixon County	\$849.00	\$25,680.76
Dodge					
Dodge	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$4,883.52	
Dodge	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dodge County	\$12.00	
Dodge	McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC	\$1.00	Dodge County	\$12.00	

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Fremont	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Dodge County	\$385.00	
Fremont	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$36.00	
Fremont	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Dodge County	\$63.00	
Fremont	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dodge County	\$49.00	
Fremont	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Dodge County	\$1,361.00	
Fremont	HunTel CableVision dba HunTel Communications	\$1.00	Dodge County	\$899.00	
Fremont	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	City of Fremont	\$512.00	
Fremont	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dodge County	\$371.22	
Fremont	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	City of Fremont	\$58.00	
Fremont	MetTel	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$324.00	
Fremont	NT&T	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$5,873.00	
Fremont	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Dodge County	\$114.00	
Fremont	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$0.00	
Fremont	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$69,762.92	
Fremont	Windstream Communications of the Midwest	\$0.50	Dodge County	\$5,332.77	
Hooper (Dodge Company)	Hooper Telephone Company	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$6,294.76	
Hooper (Washington Company)	Hooper Telephone Company	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$650.48	
North Bend	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$6,448.87	
North Bend	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Dodge County	\$7.00	
Scribner	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$5,383.59	
Snyder	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$2,777.42	
Uehling (Burt Company)	Hooper Telephone Company	\$0.75	Fremont PD	\$30.75	
Uehling (Cuming Company)	Hooper Telephone Company	\$0.75	Fremont PD	\$45.00	
Uehling (Dodge Company)	Hooper Telephone Company	\$1.00	Fremont PD	\$1,698.15	\$113,384.45
Douglas					
Bennington	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$31.10	
Bennington	CenturyLink QC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$2,027.21	
Douglas County	Cox	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$197,973.50	
Douglas County, Unincorporated	CenturyLink QC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$38,685.66	
Elkhorn	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Douglas County	\$12.00	
Elkhorn	Onvoy, LLC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$3.50	
Elkhorn/Omaha	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$1,362.00	
Elkhorn/Waterloo	CenturyLink QC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$6,512.25	

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Hastings	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$3.00	
Omaha	AT&T Corporation	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$20,529.00	
Omaha	ComTech21	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$6.00	
Omaha	Cox	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$545,330.00	
Omaha	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Douglas County	\$12.00	
Omaha	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Douglas County	\$293.00	
Omaha	First Communications, LLC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$68.00	
Omaha	France Telecom Corporate Solutions	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$127.00	
Omaha	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$15,314.00	
Omaha	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$2,925.50	
Omaha	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$17,249.38	
Omaha	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$5,375.91	
Omaha	McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$4,022.00	
Omaha	MetTel	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$2,114.50	
Omaha	NOS Communications	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$12.00	
Omaha	NT&T	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$5,529.00	
Omaha	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$482.00	
Omaha	PNG Telecommunications, Inc.	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$6.00	
Omaha	Quantumshift Communications dba vCom Solutions	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$72.00	
Omaha	Sprint Communications Co, LP	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$2,505.50	
Omaha	Teleport Communications America, LLC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$39,560.00	
Omaha	TW Telecom	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$265.00	
Omaha	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$1.00	
Omaha	Windstream Communications of the Midwest	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$17,355.30	
Omaha	Xo Communication Services	\$0.50	City of Omaha	\$719.50	
Omaha/Ralston/Boys Town	CenturyLink QC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$261,142.86	
Ralston	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$6.48	
Valley	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Douglas County	\$10.00	
Valley	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$22.76	
Valley	CenturyLink QC	\$0.50	Douglas County	\$3,387.52	\$1,191,053.43
Dundy					
Benkelman	Benkelman Telephone Co, Inc.	\$1.00	Dundy County	\$10,741.00	
Haigler	Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc.	\$1.00	Dundy County	\$1,873.00	
Wauneta	Wauneta Telephone Company	\$1.00	Dundy County	\$616.00	\$13,230.00
Fillmore					

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Bruning	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$22.00	
Carleton	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$6.00	
Cordova	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$6.00	
Davenport	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$2.00	
Exeter	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$3,976.71	
Fairmont	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$3,052.84	
Friend	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$2.00	
Geneva	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$0.00	
Geneva	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$97.00	
Geneva	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$7.00	
Geneva	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$23.60	
Geneva	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$13,537.84	
Grafton	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$1,125.00	
McCool Junction	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$6.00	
Milligan	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$36.00	
Milligan	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$2,578.63	
Ohiowa	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$1,226.45	
Ong	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$5.00	
Shickley	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$2,834.21	
Sutton	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$41.00	
Tobias	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Fillmore County	\$4.00	\$28,589.28
Franklin					
Bloomington	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Village of Bloomington	\$499.00	
Bloomington	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Franklin County	\$79.00	
Bloomington	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Village of Naponee	\$8.00	
Franklin	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Franklin County	\$5,294.00	
Franklin	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Franklin County	\$24.00	
Franklin	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Franklin County	\$4.00	
Franklin	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Franklin County	\$55.96	
Franklin	NT&T	\$1.00	Franklin County	\$12.00	
Hildreth	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Franklin County	\$15.00	
Hildreth	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Village of Hildreth	\$1,687.00	
Hildreth	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Village of Upland	\$154.00	

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Naponee	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Franklin County	\$5.00	
Naponee	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Village of Naponee	\$569.00	\$8,405.96
Frontier					
Curtis	Curtis Telephone	\$1.00	Frontier County	\$6,082.40	
Eustis	Consolidated Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Frontier County	\$3,590.62	
Farnam	Arapahoe Telephone Co	\$1.00	Frontier County	\$1,856.83	
Indianola (Frontier Co)	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Frontier County	\$275.13	
Maywood	Consolidated Telco, Inc.	\$1.00	Frontier County	\$2,078.77	
Wellfleet	Consolidated Telco, Inc.	\$1.00	Frontier County	\$1,224.22	\$15,107.97
Furnas					
Arapahoe	Arapahoe Telephone Co	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$7,976.34	
Arapahoe	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$12.00	
Beaver City	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$3,214.00	
Beaver City	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$84.00	
Beaver City	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$24.00	
Beaver City	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$6.00	
Beaver City	NT&T	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$48.00	
Cambridge	Cambridge Telephone Co	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$9,822.19	
Edison	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$710.00	
Edison	NT&T	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$24.00	
Edison	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$5.00	
Hendley	Arapahoe Telephone Co	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$500.89	
Holbrook	Arapahoe Telephone Co	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$1,867.47	
Oxford	NT&T	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$230.00	
Oxford	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$963.00	
Oxford	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$1,482.00	
Stamford	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$264.00	
Wilsonville	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$793.00	
Wilsonville	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	Furnas County	\$36.00	\$28,061.89
Gage					
Adams	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Gage County	\$4,127.33	
Barneston	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Gage County	\$1,170.98	
Barneston	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	City of Wymore	\$7.00	
Beatrice	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Gage County	\$56.00	

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Beatrice	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Gage County	\$351.00	
Beatrice	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Gage County	\$16.00	
Beatrice	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Gage County	\$60.00	
Beatrice	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	City of Beatrice	\$46,715.59	
Beatrice	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Gage County	\$1,086.00	
Beatrice	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	City of Wymore	\$1.00	
Clatonia	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Gage County	\$1,769.37	
Cortland	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	City of Beatrice	\$2.00	
Cortland	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Gage County	\$3,613.68	
Crete	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Gage County	\$2.00	
Dewitt	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Gage County	\$139.00	
Diller	Diller Telephone Co	\$1.00	Gage County	\$404.00	
Filley	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	City of Beatrice	\$2.00	
Filley	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Gage County	\$1,495.07	
Firth	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Gage County	\$302.00	
Hallam	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Gage County	\$36.00	
Harbine	Diller Telephone Co	\$0.00	Gage County	\$166.00	
Liberty	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Gage County	\$1,117.63	
Liberty	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	City of Wymore	\$1.00	
O'Dell	Diller Telephone Co	\$1.00	Gage County	\$3,188.00	
Pickrell	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Gage County	\$2,173.25	
Sterling	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Gage County	\$2.00	
Virginia	Diller Telephone Co	\$1.00	Gage County	\$677.00	
Wilber	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Gage County	\$10.00	
Wymore	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Gage/Wymore	\$0.00	
Wymore	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Gage County	\$12.00	
Wymore	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	City of Beatrice	\$2.00	
Wymore	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Gage County	\$279.00	
Wymore	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	City of Wymore	\$6,226.06	\$75,209.96
Garden					
Oshkosh	CenturyLink	\$1.00	Garden County	\$10,568.45	
Oshkosh	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Garden County	\$86.00	
Oshkosh	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Garden County	\$23.12	
Oshkosh	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Garden County	\$132.00	\$10,809.57
Garfield (See Region 26)					
Gosper (Calls answered by Dawson)					
Bertrand	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Gosper County	\$591.00	
Edison	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Gosper County	\$24.00	
Elwood	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Gosper County	\$24.00	

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Ellwood	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Gosper County	\$0.00	
Ellwood	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Gosper County	\$60.00	
Ellwood	MetTel	\$1.00	Gosper County	\$3.00	
Lexington	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Gosper County	\$0.00	
Smithfield	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Gosper County	\$0.00	\$702.00
Grant (See Keith					
Greeley (See Region 26)					
Hall					
Aurora	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hall County	\$14.37	
Cairo	NT&T	\$1.00	Hall County	\$717.00	
Cairo	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Hall County	\$2,106.37	
Doniphan	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hall County	\$7,160.86	
Doniphan	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Hall County	\$50.00	
Grand Island	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Hall County	\$135.30	
Grand Island	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Hall County	\$626.00	
Grand Island	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Hall County	\$424.00	
Grand Island	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	Hall County	\$70,870.96	
Grand Island	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Hall County	\$63.00	
Grand Island	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Hall County	\$31.00	
Grand Island	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Hall County	\$3,487.00	
Grand Island	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Hall County	\$684.00	
Grand Island	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Hall County	\$1,399.81	
Grand Island	Matrix Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Matrix Business Technologies d/b/a Trinsic Communications d/b/a Vartec Telecom d/b/a Excel Telecommunications d/b/a Clear Choice Communications	\$1.00	Hall County	\$24.00	
Grand Island	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	Hall County	\$173.00	
Grand Island	MetTel	\$1.00	Hall County	\$1,090.00	
Grand Island	NT&T	\$1.00	Hall County	\$6,874.00	
Grand Island	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Hall County	\$4,886.00	
Grand Island	Teleport Communications America, LLC	\$1.00	Hall County	\$192.00	
Grand Island	Windstream Communications of the Midwest	\$1.00	Hall County	\$17,953.40	
Grand Island/Alda	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Hall County	\$88,537.51	
Hampton	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hall County	\$2.13	
Hansen	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Hall County	\$173.00	
Phillips	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hall County	\$66.90	
Wood River	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Hall County	\$19.00	
Wood River	NT&T	\$1.00	Hall County	\$830.00	

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Wood River	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Hall County	\$3,216.12	\$211,806.73
Hamilton					
Harvard	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$8.00	
Polk	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$42.00	
Sutton	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$12.00	
Aurora	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$0.00	
Aurora	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$33,571.18	
Central City	Big River Telephone Company, LLC	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$46.00	
Central City	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$528.00	
Doniphan	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$26.89	
Giltner	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$2,903.16	
Hampton	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$3,940.14	
Hordville	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$1,471.03	
Marquette	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$2,861.05	
Marquette	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$38.34	
Phillips	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$3,931.97	
Stockham	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$574.32	
Trumbull	Hamilton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Hamilton County	\$1,389.27	\$51,343.35
Harlan (Consolidated with Phelps)					
Alma	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Harlan-Phelps Counties	\$6,841.00	
Alma	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$118.00	
Alma	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$4.00	
Alma	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$12.00	
Alma	NT&T	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$65.00	
Alma	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	Harlan-Phelps Counties	\$224.00	
Atlanta	NT&T	\$1.00	City Of Holdrege	\$96.00	
Atlanta	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	Harlan-Phelps Counties	\$48.00	
Atlanta	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Harlan-Phelps Counties	\$393.46	
Bertrand	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Village of Bertrand	\$2,363.00	
Bertrand	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Phelps County	\$1,171.00	
Bertrand	NT&T	\$1.00	City Of Holdrege	\$48.00	
Bertrand	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	Harlan-Phelps Counties	\$3.00	
Edison	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$73.00	
Funk	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation	\$1.00	City of Holdrege	\$2,802.17	
Holdrege	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Harlan-Phelps Counties	\$997.49	
Holdrege	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Harlan-Phelps Counties	\$228.00	

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Holdrege	Crexendo Business Solutions, Inc.	\$1.00	City of Holdrege	\$1.00	
Holdrege	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Phelps County	\$11.00	
Holdrege	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	City of Holdrege	\$0.00	
Holdrege	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Phelps County	\$0.00	
Holdrege	Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	\$1.00	Phelps County	\$9.75	
Holdrege	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Phelps County	\$259.00	
Holdrege	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	City of Holdrege	\$14.00	
Holdrege	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Phelps County	\$8.00	
Holdrege	NT&T	\$1.00	City of Holdrege	\$2,154.00	
Holdrege	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Phelps County	\$75.00	
Holdrege	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	Harlan-Phelps Counties	\$68.00	
Holdrege	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Harlan-Phelps Counties	\$16,281.54	
Huntley	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Harlan-Phelps Counties	\$445.31	
Kearney	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	City of Holdrege	\$7.00	
Kearney	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Phelps County	\$120.00	
Loomis	Arapahoe Telephone Co	\$1.00	Phelps County	\$2,538.14	
Naponee	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$1.00	
Orleans	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$2,557.00	
Orleans	NT&T	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$23.00	
Oxford	NT&T	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$85.00	
Republican City	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$1,805.00	
Republican City	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Village of Naponee	\$25.00	
Stamford	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Harlan County	\$1,239.00	\$43,213.86
Hayes (See Hitchcock)					
Hitchcock (Also answers calls for Hayes)					
Culbertson	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Hitchcock County	\$4,217.36	
Hayes Center	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Hitchcock County	\$2,412.51	
Palisade	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Hitchcock County	\$2,355.61	
Stratton	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Hitchcock County	\$2,619.74	
Trenton	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Hitchcock County	\$4,046.71	
Trenton	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Hitchcock County	\$78.00	\$15,729.93
Holt (Consolidated with Boyd)					
Hooker (See Keith)					

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Howard					
Boelus	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$1.00	Howard County	\$1,729.53	
Cotesfield	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Howard County	\$588.28	
Dannebrog	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$1.00	Howard County	\$3,433.61	
Elba	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$1.00	Howard County	\$1,186.96	
Farwell	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Howard County	\$12.00	
Farwell	NT&T	\$1.00	Howard County	\$343.00	
Farwell	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Howard County	\$556.35	
Palmer	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Howard County	\$249.00	
Saint Libory	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Howard County	\$5.00	
Saint Libory	NT&T	\$1.00	Howard County	\$787.00	
Saint Libory	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Howard County	\$1,501.47	
Saint Paul	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Howard County	\$36.00	
Saint Paul	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Howard County	\$72.00	
Saint Paul	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$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	\$24.00	
Saint Paul	NT&T	\$1.00	Howard County	\$1,151.00	
Saint Paul	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Howard County	\$7,172.20	\$18,895.40
Jefferson					
Beatrice	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$20.00	
Chester, Hubbell, Reynolds	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$679.36	
Diller	Diller Telephone Co	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$2,714.00	
Daykin	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$1,631.00	
Dewitt	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$30.00	
Fairbury	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$141.00	
Fairbury	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$48.00	
Fairbury	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$12.00	
Fairbury	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$4,275.88	
Fairbury	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$19,762.84	
Harbine	Diller Telephone Co	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$908.00	
Hebron	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$2.00	
Johnson	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$1,092.10	
O'Dell	Diller Telephone Co	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$1.00	
Plymouth	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$3,002.76	
Steele City	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$719.47	
Swanton	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$4.00	

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Western	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Jefferson County	\$6.00	\$35,049.41
Johnson (Also Answers calls for Pawnee)					
Burchard	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Pawnee County	\$1,554.13	
Burr	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$666.60	
Cook	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$24.00	
Cook	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$1,886.33	
Crab Orchard	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$635.37	
Crab Orchard	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Pawnee County	\$2.00	
Dubois	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Pawnee County	\$1,385.95	
Elk Creek	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$778.59	
Elk Creek	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Pawnee County	\$12.00	
Filley	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$4.00	
Humboldt	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Pawnee County	\$14.00	
Johnson	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$8.00	
Liberty	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Pawnee County	\$45.00	
North Summerfield	Blue Valley Tele-Communications, Inc.	\$0.53	Pawnee County	\$250.16	
Pawnee City	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Pawnee County	\$0.00	
Pawnee City	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Pawnee County	\$1,913.60	
Pawnee City	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Pawnee County	\$4,696.91	
Steinauer	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$6.00	
Steinauer	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Pawnee County	\$978.97	
Sterling	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$3,524.40	
Table Rock	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Pawnee County	\$12.00	
Table Rock	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Pawnee County	\$1,407.80	
Talmage	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$12.00	
Tecumseh	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$36.00	
Tecumseh	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$24.00	
Tecumseh	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$2,465.00	
Tecumseh	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Johnson County	\$8,420.60	
Tecumseh	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Pawnee County	\$16.00	\$30,779.41
Kearney					
Axtell	NT&T	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$490.00	
Axtell	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$1,941.92	
Heartwell	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$36.00	
Heartwell	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$723.00	
Kearney	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$1,044.00	

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Hildreth	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$164.00	
Minden	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$278.46	
Minden	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$0.00	
Minden	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$63.00	
Minden	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$16.00	
Minden	NT&T	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$1,898.00	
Minden	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$0.65	Kearney County	\$23.40	
Minden	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$72.00	
Minden	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$7,414.08	
Norman	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$867.83	
Ragan	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$460.70	
Wilcox	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Kearney County	\$2,031.51	\$17,523.90
Keith (Answers calls for Keith, Deuel, Arthur, Grant, Hooker, McPherson & Logan)					
Arthur	Consolidated Telephone Co	\$1.00	Arthur County	\$1,422.76	
Ashby	Consolidated Telephone Co	\$1.00	Grant County	\$762.26	
Big Springs	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Keith County	\$105.67	
Big Springs	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Deuel County	\$1.00	
Big Springs	NT&T	\$1.00	Keith County	\$473.00	
Big Springs/Ogallala	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Keith County	\$187.00	
Bingham	Consolidated Telephone Co	\$1.00	Grant County	\$359.15	
Brule	Arapahoe Telephone Co	\$1.00	Keith County	\$2,746.86	
Brule	ATC Communications	\$1.00	Keith County	\$9.43	
Chappell	CenturyLink	\$1.00	Keith County	\$5,238.08	
Deuel	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Deuel County	\$60.00	
Hyannis	Consolidated Telephone Co	\$1.00	Grant County	\$3,443.67	
Keystone	Glenwood Network Services	\$0.60	Arthur County	\$98.56	
Keystone	Glenwood Network Services	\$1.00	Keith County	\$1,878.57	
Keystone	Glenwood Network Services	\$1.00	McPherson County	\$51.73	
Lemoyne	Glenwood Network Services	\$1.00	Keith County	\$2,714.33	
Lemoyne	Glenwood Network Services	\$1.00	McPherson County	\$8.27	
Lewellen	CenturyLink	\$1.00	Keith County	\$24.00	
Mullen	Consolidated Telephone Co	\$1.00	Hooker County	\$5,465.94	
Ogallala	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Keith County	\$11,585.53	
Ogallala	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Keith County	\$132.00	
Ogallala	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Keith County	\$0.00	
Ogallala	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Keith County	\$442.00	
Ogallala	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Keith County	\$0.00	
Ogallala	NT&T	\$1.00	Keith County	\$1,498.00	
Ogallala	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Keith County	\$321.00	

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Ogallala	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Keith County	\$11,594.50	
Paxton	Consolidated Telco, Inc.	\$1.00	Keith County	\$3,968.33	
Stapleton	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Keith County	\$3,230.84	
Tryon	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Keith County	\$2,242.37	
Whitman	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$1.00	Grant County	\$1,161.45	\$61,226.30
Keya Paha					
Bassett	Rock County Telephone Company	\$1.00	Keya Paha County	\$96.00	
Newport	Rock County Telephone Company	\$1.00	Keya Paha County	\$138.00	
Springview	Three River Telco	\$1.00	Keya Paha County	\$5,035.50	\$5,269.50
Kimball					
Bushnell	Dalton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Kimball County	\$1,358.69	
Dix	Dalton Telephone Company	\$1.00	Kimball County	\$1,226.80	
Kimball	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Kimball County	\$12.00	
Kimball	CenturyLink	\$1.00	Kimball County	\$11,017.20	
Kimball	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Kimball County	\$33.00	
Kimball	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Kimball County	\$69.28	\$13,716.97
Knox					
Bloomfield/Knox	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Knox County	\$9,844.48	
Bloomfield	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Knox County	\$20.00	
Center	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Knox County	\$1,507.71	
Creighton	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Knox County	\$9,093.35	
Crofton/Knox	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Knox County	\$7,229.40	
Niobrara	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Knox County	\$6,222.65	
Niobrara	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Knox County	\$0.00	
Verdel	Three River Telco	\$1.00	Knox County	\$1,118.00	
Verdigre	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Knox County	\$4,413.65	
Walnut	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Knox County	\$657.57	
Wausa (Knox Co)	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Knox County	\$4,949.70	
Winnetoon	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Knox County	\$1,148.97	\$46,205.48
Lancaster					
Ashland	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$22.00	
Beatrice	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$2.00	
Bennet	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$7,264.02	
Ceresco	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$4.00	
Cortland	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$316.00	
Crete	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$307.00	
Davey	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$3,757.52	
Denton	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$24.00	
Denton	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$4,327.30	
Eagle	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$5,377.69	
Firth	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$5,643.93	

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Garland	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$2.00	
Greenwood	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$179.00	
Hallam	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$1,638.99	
Hastings	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$4.00	
Hickman	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$10,785.85	
Lincoln	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$505.00	
Lincoln	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	City of Lincoln	\$89.00	
Lincoln	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$24.00	
Lincoln	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$7,024.00	
Lincoln	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	City of Lincoln	\$436.00	
Lincoln	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$6,758.79	
Lincoln	MetTel	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$48.00	
Lincoln	MetTel	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$252.00	
Lincoln	NT&T	\$1.00	City of Lincoln	\$25,533.00	
Lincoln	Sprint Communications Co, LP	\$1.00	City of Lincoln	\$568.00	
Lincoln	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$304,016.16	
Lincoln	TW Telecom	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$144.00	
Lincoln	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$650,248.02	
Lincoln	XO Communication Services	\$0.50	City of Lincoln	\$196.00	
Malcolm	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$5,753.50	
North Platte	Windstream Communications of the Midwest	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$10.00	
Martell	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$3,683.53	
Palmyra	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$6.00	
Panama	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$2,409.61	
Pleasant Dale	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$2,105.39	
Raymond	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$48.00	
Raymond	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$5,261.36	
Superior	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$2.00	
Valparaiso	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$4,304.14	
Walton	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$41.00	
Waverly	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$106.84	
Waverly	NT&T	\$1.00	City of Lincoln	\$466.00	
Waverly	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$12,984.43	
Wilber	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Lancaster County	\$2.00	\$1,072,681.07
Lincoln (Also answers calls for the City of Gothenburg)					
Brady	Consolidated Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$3,576.82	
Brady	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Lincoln County	\$5.54	
Gothenburg	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$93.00	
Gothenburg	NT&T	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$1,701.00	
Gothenburg	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$6,662.87	

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Hershey	Hersey Cooperative Telephone Co	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$6,386.00	
Hershey	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Lincoln County	\$24.00	
North Platte	Allo Communications	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$26,707.83	
North Platte	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	North Platte City	\$0.00	
North Platte	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$497.00	
North Platte	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	Lincoln County	\$23,982.73	
North Platte	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Lincoln County	\$21.00	
North Platte	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Lincoln County	\$8.00	
North Platte	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	City of North Platte	\$40.00	
North Platte	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Lincoln County	\$1,714.00	
North Platte	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$488.00	
North Platte	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Lincoln County	\$245.69	
North Platte	Matrix Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Matrix Business Technologies d/b/a Trinsic Communications d/b/a Vartec Telecom d/b/a Excel Telecommunications d/b/a Clear Choice Communications	\$1.00	Lincoln County	\$24.00	
North Platte	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$20.00	
North Platte	MetTel	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$356.00	
North Platte	NT&T	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$4,828.00	
North Platte	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Lincoln County	\$1,549.00	
North Platte	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$36.00	
North Platte	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$0.00	
North Platte	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$50,284.74	
North Platte	Windstream Communications of the Midwest	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$3,955.22	
Maxwell	Consolidated Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$2,063.82	
Sutherland	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$5,496.77	
Wallace	Consolidated Telco, Inc.	\$1.00	North Platte PD	\$2,630.37	\$143,397.40
Logan (See Keith)					
Loup (See Region 26)					
Madison (PSAPs at Madison County and Norfolk Police Department)					
Battle Creek	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Madison County	\$5,147.00	
Battle Creek	NT&T	\$1.00	Madison County	\$27.00	
Hoskins	Pierce Telephone Co, Inc.	\$1.00	Norfolk PD	\$3,174.00	
Hoskins	PBN, LCC	\$1.00	Madison County	\$726.00	
Madison	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Madison County	\$338.00	

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Madison	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Madison County	\$7,792.00	
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	\$1,212.27	
Madison	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	Madison County	\$73.00	
Madison	NT&T	\$1.00	Madison County	\$103.00	
Madison	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Madison County	\$9,394.00	
Meadow Grove	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Madison County	\$2,028.00	
Newman Grove	Big River Telephone Company, LLC	\$1.00	Madison County	\$284.00	
Newman Grove	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Madison County	\$3,864.00	
Newman Grove	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Madison County	\$250.18	
Norfolk	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Norfolk City	\$0.00	
Norfolk	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Madison County	\$27.00	
Norfolk	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	City of Norfolk	\$70.00	
Norfolk	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Madison County	\$1,408.00	
Norfolk	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	City of Norfolk	\$675.00	
Norfolk	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Madison County	\$21,917.13	
Norfolk	McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC	\$1.00	City of Norfolk	\$43.00	
Norfolk	MetTel	\$1.00	Norfolk PD	\$236.00	
Norfolk	NT&T	\$1.00	City of Norfolk	\$8,687.00	
Norfolk	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Madison County	\$11,336.00	
Norfolk	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Norfolk PD	\$53,024.00	
Pierce	Pierce Telephone Co, Inc.	\$1.00	Norfolk PD	\$12,547.00	
Pilger	NT&T	\$1.00	City of Norfolk	\$502.00	
Pilger	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Norfolk PD	\$4,100.00	
Tilden	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Madison County	\$3,726.00	
Tilden	NT&T	\$1.00	Madison County	\$48.00	\$152,770.58
McPherson (See Keith)					
Merrick					
Archer	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$733.13	
Central City	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$20.23	
Central City	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$23.00	
Central City	Big River Telephone Company, LLC	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$1,044.00	
Central City	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$48.00	

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Central City	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$7.00	
Central City	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$0.00	
Central City	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$228.00	
Central City	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$21.00	
Central City	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$1,313.60	
Central City	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$7.00	
Central City	NT&T	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$2,389.00	
Central City	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$50.00	
Central City	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$9,650.07	
Chapman	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$2,697.80	
Chapman	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$7.00	
Clarks	Clarks Telecommunications	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$3,830.00	
Duncan	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$12.00	
Grand Island	Windstream Communications of the Midwest	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$34.00	
Palmer	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$3,188.00	
Palmer	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$36.99	
Palmer	NT&T	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$24.00	
Silver Creek	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$24.00	
Silver Creek	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$1.00	
Silver Creek	NT&T	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$564.00	
Silver Creek	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Merrick County	\$1,886.93	\$27,839.75
Morrill					
Bayard	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Morrill County	\$12.00	
Bayard/Bridgeport	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Morrill County	\$36.00	
Bridgeport	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Morrill County	\$3,425.00	
Bridgeport	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Morrill County	\$252.00	
Bridgeport	Mobius Communication Company	\$1.00	Morrill County	\$97.91	
Bridgeport	NT&T	\$1.00	Morrill County	\$1,132.00	
Bridgeport	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Morrill County	\$190.00	
Bridgeport	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Morrill County	\$4,526.00	
Morrill	CenturyLink	\$1.00	Morrill County	\$6,229.31	\$15,900.22
Nance					
Belgrade	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Nance County	\$1,150.17	
Fullerton	Big River Telephone Company, LLC	\$1.00	Nance County	\$530.00	
Fullerton	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Nance County	\$24.00	
Fullerton	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Nance County	\$492.01	

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Fullerton	MetTel	\$1.00	Nance County	\$216.00	
Fullerton	NT&T	\$0.50	Nance County	\$610.50	
Fullerton	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Nance County	\$4,384.00	
Genoa	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Nance County	\$3,486.00	
Genoa	Big River Telephone Company, LLC	\$1.00	Nance County	\$491.00	
Genoa	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Nance County	\$467.88	
Monroe	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Nance County	\$2.00	
Palmer	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Nance County	\$12.00	\$11,865.56
Nemaha					
Auburn	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$196.00	
Auburn	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$59.17	
Auburn	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$5,731.15	
Auburn	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$14,930.38	
Brock	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$974.56	
Brownville	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$1,917.38	
Dubois	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$105.00	
Elk Creek	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$18.00	
Humboldt	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$8.00	
Johnson	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$3,086.56	
Julian	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$648.67	
Nemaha	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$999.94	
Peru	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$2,532.58	
Talmage	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$26.00	
Tecumseh	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Nemaha County	\$6.00	\$31,239.39
Nuckolls					
Davenport	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Nuckolls County	\$60.00	
Deweese	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Nuckolls County	\$36.00	
Edgar	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Nuckolls County	\$28.00	
Guide Rock	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Nuckolls County	\$20.00	
Hardy	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Nuckolls County	\$1,316.52	
Nelson	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Nuckolls County	\$96.00	
Nelson	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Nuckolls County	\$4,130.39	
Ruskin	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Nuckolls County	\$977.09	
Superior	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Nuckolls County	\$12,085.14	\$18,749.14
Otoe					
Avoca	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$46.00	
Bennet	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$38.00	

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Burr	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$133.00	
Cook	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$63.00	
Douglas	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$1,625.14	
Dunbar	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$1,966.76	
Eagle	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$77.00	
Elmwood	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$10.00	
Julian	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$35.00	
Nebraska City	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$156.00	
Nebraska City	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$75.44	
Nebraska City	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$41.00	
Nebraska City	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$9,521.00	
Nebraska City	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$26,315.71	
Nehawka	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$12.00	
Otoe	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$12.00	
Otoe	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$1,002.40	
Palmyra	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$12.00	
Palmyra	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$4,742.08	
Panama	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$20.00	
Peru	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$4.00	
Sterling	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$2.00	
Syracuse	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$54.00	
Syracuse	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$12,115.99	
Talmage	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$1,609.67	
Unadilla	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$2,267.66	
Union	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Otoe County	\$8.00	\$61,964.85
Pawnee (See Johnson)					
Perkins					
Elsie	Elsie Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	Perkins County	\$1,717.81	
Grant	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Perkins County	\$24.00	
Grant	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Perkins County	\$8,801.69	
Grant	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Perkins County	\$36.00	
Madrid	Consolidated Telco, Inc.	\$1.00	Perkins County	\$2,741.03	
Venango & West Venango, CO	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Perkins County	\$1,072.04	\$14,392.57
Phelps (See Harlan)					
Pierce					
Brunswick	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Pierce County	\$8.00	
Hadar	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Pierce County	\$238.14	

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Hadar	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Pierce County	\$6.00	
Neligh	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Pierce County	\$8.00	
Norfolk	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Norfolk City	\$0.00	
Norfolk	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Pierce County	\$216.00	
Osmond	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Pierce County	\$12.00	
Pierce	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	Pierce County	\$13.00	
Plainview	Plainview Telephone Co, Inc.	\$1.00	Pierce County	\$10,582.58	
Tilden	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Pierce County	\$45.00	\$11,128.72
Platte					
Bellwood	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$8.00	
Columbus	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Columbus City	\$48,245.00	
Columbus	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$17,255.00	
Columbus	Big River Telephone Company, LLC	\$1.00	Platte County	\$390.00	
Columbus	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Platte County	\$36.00	
Columbus	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Platte County	\$858.00	
Columbus	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Platte County	\$650.16	
Columbus	McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC	\$1.00	Platte County	\$12.00	
Columbus	NT&T	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$1,247.00	
Columbus	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$38,490.30	
Creston	NT&T	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$497.00	
Creston/Humphrey	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$5,535.03	
Duncan	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Columbus City	\$575.00	
Duncan	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$1,660.00	
Genoa	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$359.00	
Genoa	NT&T	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$24.00	
Humphrey	Big River Telephone Company, LLC	\$1.00	Platte County	\$114.00	
Humphrey	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Platte County	\$3.00	
Humphrey	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Platte County	\$95.59	
Humphrey	NT&T	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$1,810.00	

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Leigh	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$776.00	
Lindsay	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$2,588.00	
Lindsay	NT&T	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$92.00	
Madison	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$2.00	
Monroe	Big River Telephone Company, LLC	\$1.00	Platte County	\$43.00	
Monroe	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$2,103.00	
Monroe	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Platte County	\$40.00	
Newman Grove	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$498.00	
Newman Grove	NT&T	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$12.00	
Platte Center	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Platte County	\$4,246.00	
Platte Center	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Columbus City	\$48.00	
Platte Center	NT&T	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$10.00	
Platte County	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Columbus PD	\$445.00	\$128,767.08
Polk					
Bellwood	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Polk County	\$6.00	
Columbus	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Polk County	\$108.00	
Duncan	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Polk County	\$532.00	
Gresham	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Polk County	\$32.00	
Osceola	Big River Telephone Company, LLC	\$1.00	Polk County	\$189.00	
Osceola	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Polk County	\$102.00	
Osceola	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Polk County	\$169.78	
Osceola	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Polk County	\$25.00	
Osceola	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Polk County	\$6,076.10	
Polk	Big River Telephone Company, LLC	\$1.00	Polk County	\$35.00	
Polk	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Polk County	\$100.54	
Polk	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Polk County	\$2,686.58	
Shelby	Big River Telephone Company, LLC	\$1.00	Polk County	\$84.00	
Shelby	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Polk County	\$71.69	
Shelby	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Polk County	\$3,965.02	
Stromsburg	Big River Telephone Company, LLC	\$1.00	Polk County	\$332.00	
Stromsburg	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Polk County	\$295.35	

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Stromsburg	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Polk County	\$7,228.17	
Surprise	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Polk County	\$10.00	\$22,048.23
Red Willow					
Bartley	Cambridge Telephone Co	\$1.00	McCook PD	\$2,049.54	
Danbury	Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc.	\$1.00	Red Willow County	\$1,234.00	
Indianola (Red Willow Co)	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	McCook PD	\$3,241.44	
Lebanon	Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc.	\$1.00	Red Willow County	\$743.00	
McCook	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Red Willow County	\$3,669.78	
McCook	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	McCook PD	\$24.00	
McCook	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Red Willow County	\$19.00	
McCook	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	City of McCook	\$0.00	
McCook	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Red Willow County	\$0.00	
McCook	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Red Willow County	\$506.00	
McCook	Great Plains Broadband	\$1.00	Red Willow County	\$66.99	
McCook	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	City of McCook	\$31.00	
McCook	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Red Willow County	\$12.52	
McCook	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	City of McCook	\$12.00	
Mc Cook	NT&T	\$1.00	City of McCook	\$3,327.00	
McCook	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Red Willow County	\$1,543.00	
McCook	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	\$1.00	McCook PD	\$6,880.00	
McCook	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	McCook PD	\$20,901.00	\$44,260.27
Region 26 (Answers calls for Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Valley, Greeley and Sherman Counties)					
Ashton	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$1.00	Region 26	\$1,538.89	
Arcadia	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$1.00	Region 26	\$2,473.32	
Bartlett	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Wheeler County	\$2,006.00	
Brewster	Consolidated Telephone Co	\$1.00	Region 26	\$1,898.18	
Brownlee	Consolidated Telephone Co	\$1.00	Region 26	\$937.81	
Burwell	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Garfield County	\$12.00	
Burwell	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$1.00	Region 26	\$10,687.52	
Clearwater	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Wheeler County	\$414.00	
Dunning	Consolidated Telephone Co	\$1.00	Region 26	\$1,215.11	
Ericson	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$1.00	Region 26	\$1,430.84	
Greeley	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Greeley County	\$2,664.00	
Greeley	NT&T	\$1.00	Region 26	\$36.00	
Halsey	Consolidated Telephone Co	\$1.00	Region 26	\$909.12	
Litchfield	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$1.00	Region 26	\$1,645.03	
Loup City	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Sherman County	\$7.00	

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Loup City	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Sherman County	\$12.00	
Loup City	NT&T	\$1.00	Region 26	\$1,082.00	
Loup City	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Region 26	\$3,671.00	
North Burwell	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$1.00	Region 26	\$1,021.76	
North Loup	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$1.00	Region 26	\$2,531.29	
Ord	Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	\$1.00	Region 26	\$3,361.18	
Ord	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Valley County	\$12,020.00	
Ord	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Valley County	\$65.00	
Ord	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Valley County	\$12.00	
Ord	NT&T	\$1.00	Region 26 Council	\$145.00	
Pleasanton	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Sherman County	\$51.00	
Purdum	Consolidated Telephone Co	\$1.00	Region 26	\$1,089.61	
Rockville	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$1.00	Region 26	\$542.44	
Scotia	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$1.00	Region 26	\$2,485.43	
Seneca	Consolidated Telephone Co	\$1.00	Region 26	\$528.94	
Spalding	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Region 26	\$4,469.77	
Taylor	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	\$1.00	Region 26	\$2,294.77	
Theadford	Consolidated Telephone Co	\$1.00	Region 26	\$3,008.20	
Theadford	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Thomas County	\$12.00	
Wolbach	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Region 26	\$2,073.11	\$68,351.32
Richardson					
Dawson	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.50	Village of Humboldt	\$1.00	
Falls City	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Richardson County	\$8.00	
Falls City	Southeast Nebraska Communications	\$1.00	Falls City PD	\$2,195.00	
Falls City	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Richardson County	\$4,379.00	
Humboldt	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$0.50	Richardson County	\$5.00	
Humboldt	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	City of Humboldt	\$558.45	
Humboldt	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.50	Village of Humboldt	\$2,347.49	
Tri City	Southeast Nebraska Communications	\$1.00	Falls City PD	\$470.00	\$9,963.94
Rock					
Bassett	Rock County Telephone Company	\$1.00	Rock County	\$6,724.00	
Newport	Rock County Telephone Company	\$1.00	Rock County	\$1,589.00	\$8,313.00
Saline (PSAPs at Saline County and Crete PD)					
Clatonia	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saline County	\$4.00	
Cordova	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saline County	\$2.00	
Crete	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Saline County	\$426.00	
Crete	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Saline County	\$11.97	

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Crete	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Crete PD	\$4,308.00	
Crete	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	City of Crete	\$20,181.06	
Crete	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saline County	\$350.00	
Daykin	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saline County	\$14.00	
De Witt	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Saline County	\$67.08	
De Witt	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saline County	\$3,586.02	
Dorchester	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saline County	\$2,985.10	
Friend	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Saline County	\$31.00	
Friend	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	City of Crete	\$2.00	
Friend	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saline County	\$6,289.45	
Milligan	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saline County	\$53.00	
Ohioa	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saline County	\$2.00	
Plymouth	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saline County	\$10.00	
Swanton	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saline County	\$842.32	
Tobias	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saline County	\$1,174.04	
Western	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saline County	\$1,745.93	
Wilber	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Saline County	\$1.00	
Wilber	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Saline County	\$23.60	
Wilber	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	City of Crete	\$2.00	
Wilber	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saline County	\$9,960.67	\$52,072.24
Sarpy					
Bellevue	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$2.00	
Bellevue	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$28,917.11	
Bellevue	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$1,445.30	
Bellevue	McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$86.00	
Bellevue	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$7,965.60	
Gretna	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$11.00	
Gretna	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$103.38	
Gretna	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$7,965.60	
La Vista	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$1,522.19	
LaVista/Papillion/Millard	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$91,760.99	
Omaha	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$655.00	
Omaha	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$89.00	
Omaha	McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$1,597.00	
Omaha	NT&T	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$2,772.00	
Omaha	Windstream Communications of the Midwest	\$0.50	Sarpy County	\$4,943.56	

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Papillion	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$4,345.00	
Papillion	EnTelegent Solutions, Inc.	\$0.50	Sarpy County	\$90.00	
Papillion	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$0.00	
Papillion	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$4,196.00	
Papillion	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$338.72	
Papillion	Matrix Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Matrix Business Technologies d/b/a Trinsic Communications d/b/a Vartec Telecom d/b/a Excel Telecommunications d/b/a Clear Choice Communications	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$40.00	
Papillion	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$1,079.00	
Papillion	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$144.00	
Papillion	Teleport Communications America, LLC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$600.00	
Sarpy County	Cox	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$389,097.00	
Sarpy County	Xo Communication Services	\$0.50	Sarpy County	\$188.00	
Sarpy County, Unincorporated	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$23,616.17	
Springfield	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$4.00	
Springfield	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$45.17	
Springfield	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Sarpy County	\$4,434.13	\$578,052.92
Saunders					
Cedar Bluffs	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$3,675.28	
Ashland	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$38.00	
Ashland	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.50	City of Ashland	\$8,067.92	
Ashland	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$634.00	
Brainard	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$2.00	
Bruno	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$4.00	
Ceresco	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$43.32	
Ceresco	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$5,083.20	
Colon	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$1,124.77	
Davey	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$4.00	
Ithaca	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$1,588.81	
Linwood-Morse Bluff	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$2,624.00	
Mead	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$3,829.18	
Prague	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$91.28	
Prague	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$3,848.00	
Valparaiso	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$774.00	
Wahoo	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$11.00	
Wahoo	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$359.00	

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Wahoo	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$36.00	
Wahoo	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$2,635.75	
Wahoo	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$2,699.50	
Wahoo	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$19,812.81	
Weston/Malmo	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$4,547.00	
Yutan	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$73.80	
Yutan	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Saunders County	\$7,729.82	\$69,336.44
Scottsbluff (Answers calls for Scotts Bluff, Banner and South Half of Sioux Counties)					
Gering	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$11,284.41	
Gering	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$6.00	
Gering	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$1,099.00	
Gering	Allo Communications	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$38,166.48	
Gering	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$33.00	
Gering	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$260.00	
Harrisburg	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$0.50	Banner County	\$4.00	
Minatare	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$21.00	
Mitchell	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$12.00	
Scottsbluff	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$318.00	
Scottsbluff	CenturyLink	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$70,245.16	
Scottsbluff	Crexendo Business Solutions, Inc.	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$27.00	
Scottsbluff	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$74.00	
Scottsbluff	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$326.58	
Scottsbluff	MetTel	\$1.00	Scotts Bluff County	\$31.00	\$121,907.63
Sidney	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$0.50	Banner County	\$12.00	
Seward					
Beaver Crossing	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Seward County	\$2,947.11	
Cordova	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Seward County	\$874.00	
Crete	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Seward County	\$55.00	
Denton	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Seward County	\$26.00	
Dorchester	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Seward County	\$8.00	
Dwight	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Seward County	\$22.00	
Friend	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Seward County	\$10.00	
Garland	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Seward County	\$2,259.34	
Gresham	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Seward County	\$24.00	
Malcolm	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Seward County	\$66.00	
Milford	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Seward County	\$11,234.06	
Pleasant Dale	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Seward County	\$341.00	
Raymond	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Seward County	\$103.00	
Seward	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Seward County	\$12.00	

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Seward	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	Seward County	\$19.14	
Seward	McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC	\$1.00	Seward County	\$4.00	
Seward	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	Seward County	\$7,804.75	
Seward	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Seward County	\$26,236.59	
Staplehurst	Clarks Telecommunications	\$1.00	Seward County	\$1,909.00	
Tamora	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Seward County	\$1,326.00	
Ulysses	Clarks Telecommunications	\$1.00	Seward County	\$84.00	
Utica	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Seward County	\$4,577.28	
Valparaiso	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Seward County	\$20.00	\$59,962.27
Sheridan					
Gordon	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Sheridan County	\$13,041.03	
Hay Springs	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Sheridan County	\$4,383.73	
Mirage Flats	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Sheridan County	\$1,129.79	
Rushville	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Sheridan County	\$0.00	
Rushville	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Sheridan County	\$7,320.04	
Rushville	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Sheridan County	\$361.00	
White Clay	Golden West Telecom	\$1.00	Sheridan County	\$702.74	\$26,938.33
Sherman (See Region 26)					
Sioux					
Harrison	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Sioux County	\$12.00	\$12.00
Stanton (Calls Answered by Norfolk PD)					
Leigh	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Stanton County	\$189.00	
Madison	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	\$1.00	Stanton County	\$230.00	
Stanton	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Stanton County	\$11.00	
Pilger	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Stanton County	\$119.22	
Stanton	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Stanton County	\$0.00	
Stanton	Stanton Telcom, Inc.	\$1.00	Stanton County	\$11,639.22	\$12,188.44
Thayer					
Alexandria	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Thayer County	\$1,194.94	
Blue Hill	Windstream Communications of the Midwest	\$1.00	Thayer County	\$4.00	
Bruning	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Thayer County	\$2,491.04	
Byron & South Byron, KS	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Thayer County	\$1,912.95	
Carleton	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Thayer County	\$1,029.84	
Chester, Hubbell, So Chester	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Thayer County	\$2,885.73	
Davenport	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Thayer County	\$2,631.65	

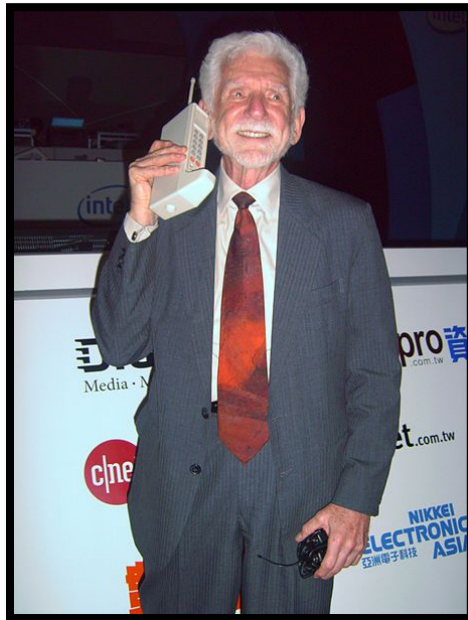
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Deshler	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Thayer County	\$5,423.90	
Hebron	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Thayer County	\$40.00	
Hebron	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Thayer County	\$11,174.20	
Ohioa	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Thayer County	\$14.00	\$28,802.25
Thomas (See Region 26)					
Thurston					
Macy	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Thurston County	\$3,811.00	
Pender	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Thurston County	\$8.00	
Pender	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Thurston County	\$72.00	
Pender	HunTel CableVision dba HunTel Communications	\$1.00	Thurston County	\$3,710.00	
Pender	NT&T	\$1.00	Thurston County	\$1,285.00	
Pender	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Thurston County	\$5,218.00	
Rosalie	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Thurston County	\$1,149.00	
Walthill	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Thurston County	\$4,200.00	
Winnebago	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Thurston County	\$7,762.00	\$27,215.00
Valley (See Region 26)					
Washington					
Arlington	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Washington County	\$1.00	
Arlington City	Arlington Telephone Company	\$0.75	Washington County	\$3,289.50	
Arlington Rural	Arlington Telephone Company	\$1.00	Washington County	\$4,295.00	
Bennington	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Washington County	\$1,994.52	
Blair	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Washington County	\$11.00	
Blair	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$0.75	Washington County	\$37.50	
Blair	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Washington County	\$16.72	
Blair	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	Washington County	\$30.00	
Blair	Windstream Communications of the Midwest	\$1.00	Washington County	\$156.00	
Blair City	Blair Telephone Company	\$0.75	Washington County	\$29,215.50	
Blair Rural	Blair Telephone Company	\$1.00	Washington County	\$18,053.00	
Fort Calhoun	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Washington County	\$12.00	
Fort Calhoun City	Blair Telephone Company	\$0.75	Washington County	\$3,645.00	
Fort Calhoun Rural	Blair Telephone Company	\$1.00	Washington County	\$4,478.00	
Herman	Great Plains Communications	.75 & 1.00	Washington County	\$3,132.58	
Hooper (Washington Company)	Blair Telephone Company	\$0.75	Washington County	\$866.25	
Kennard City	Blair Telephone Company	\$0.75	Washington County	\$866.25	
Kennard Rural	Blair Telephone Company	\$1.00	Washington County	\$1,922.00	
Omaha	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Washington County	\$4,049.48	\$76,071.30
Wayne					

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Dixon-Concord	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Wayne County	\$42.00	
Wakefield	NT&T	\$1.00	City Of Wayne	\$837.00	
Wayne	AT&T Corporation	\$1.00	Wayne County	\$40.00	
Wayne	BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	\$1.00	Wayne PD	\$133.00	
Wayne	dishNET Wireline, L.L.C fka Liberty Bell Telecom	\$1.00	Wayne County	\$7.00	
Wayne	First Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Wayne County	\$12.00	
Wayne	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	Wayne County	\$78.00	
Wayne	HunTel CableVision dba HunTel Communications	\$1.00	Wayne County	\$8,588.00	
Wayne	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	\$1.00	Wayne County	\$48.00	
Wayne	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Wayne County	\$37.94	
Wayne	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	City of Wayne	\$53.00	
Wayne	NT&T	\$1.00	City of Wayne	\$1,501.00	
Wayne	OrbitCom, Inc.	\$1.00	Wayne County	\$1,392.00	
Wayne	CenturyLink QC	\$1.00	Wayne PD	\$12,672.00	
Winside	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Wayne County	\$3,249.00	\$28,689.94
Webster (PSAP/MidRivers 911)					
Blue Hill	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	Webster County	\$4.00	
Carroll	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company	\$1.00	Village of Carroll	\$2,165.00	
Guide Rock	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	Guide Rock	\$1,578.32	
Roseland, Bladen, Lawrence, Blue Hill, Upland, Campbell	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation	\$1.00	Campbell	\$19,811.80	
Red Cloud	Great Plains Communications	\$1.00	Mid Rivers	\$8,480.99	\$32,040.11
Wheeler (See Region 26)					
York					
Benedict	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	York County	\$1,871.62	
Bradshaw	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	York County	\$2,045.51	
Cordova	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	York County	\$24.00	
Exeter	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	York County	\$26.00	
Gresham	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	York County	\$1,968.34	
Henderson	Henderson Coop. dba Mainstay Communications	\$1.00	York County	\$9,987.00	
Henderson	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	York County	\$12.00	
McCool Junction	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.50	York County	\$2.00	
McCool Junction	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	York County	\$3,341.57	
Polk	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	York County	\$48.00	
Seward	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	York County	\$2.00	
Sutton	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	York County	\$2.00	

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Utica	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	York County	\$34.00	
Utica	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.50	York County	\$16.95	
Waco	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	York County	\$3,316.05	
Waco	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.50	York County	\$2.00	
York	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$0.50	York County	\$34.00	
York	Level 3 Communications, LLC	\$1.00	York County	\$19.40	
York	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,	\$1.00	York County	\$6.00	
York County	Time Warner Cable Information Services (Nebraska) LLC	\$1.00	York County	\$13,412.00	
York	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	\$1.00	York County	\$257.50	
York	Windstream Nebraska	\$1.00	York County	\$799.00	
York	Windstream Nebraska	\$0.50	York County	\$14,846.47	\$52,073.41
Total				\$6,000,562.39	\$6,000,550.39

PART V

Telecommunications



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Martin Cooper, a Motorola researcher and executive, made the first mobile telephone call from handheld subscriber equipment, placing a call to Dr. Joel S. Engel of Bell Labs. The prototype handheld phone used by Dr. Cooper weighed 2 lbs. 7 oz. and measured a little over 9 in. long, 5 in. deep, and 1.75 in. wide. The prototype offered a talk time of just 30 minutes and took 10 hours to re-charge.

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 101 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 2014-2015 fiscal years to provide local service in the corresponding territories in Nebraska:

Carrier	Territory to be Served	Authority Granted
Crown Castle NG Central, LLC	Statewide	10/28/14
Skywave Wireless, Inc.	Statewide	11/4/14
Talk America Services, LLC	Statewide	12/9/14
Huntel Communications Inc.	Statewide	11/4/14
GC Pivotal, LLC d/b/a Global Capacity	Statewide	11/24/14
Missouri Network Alliance, LLC d/b/a Bluebird Network, LLC	Statewide	11/13/14
Peerless Network of Nebraska, LLC	Statewide	3/17/15
NebraskaLink Holdings, LLC	Statewide	5/5/15
CenturyLink Public Communications, Inc.	Statewide	5/27/15

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 a website with official maps of the exchange boundaries of all local telephone companies operating in Nebraska. The site, located on the PSC website, now hosts maps showing boundaries for all Nebraska ILEC exchanges. Maps are searchable by exchange name and company name. 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. 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-4694 *In the Matter of the Application of Steve Werner, Minden, Nebraska, seeking authority to receive telephone service from the Minden exchange of the Glenwood Telephone Company.*

On July 15, 2014, an application was filed by Steve Werner, of Minden, Nebraska, seeking a boundary change to receive telephone service from the adjacent Glenwood Telephone Company's Blue Hill exchange in lieu of his current telephone service from CenturyLink. CenturyLink notified the Commission that it did not oppose the proposed boundary change. No hearing was necessary. The Commission granted the application on September 23, 2014.

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.

C-4697 *In the Matter of the Request of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC, Denver, Colorado, seeking approval to update the boundaries of the Broken Bow Exchange.*

On July 22, 2014, a request was filed with the Nebraska Public Service Commission by Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC of Denver, Colorado, seeking approval to update the

boundaries of the Broken Bow Exchange of CenturyLink. CenturyLink received a request for service from a customer located in an area that was unserved near CenturyLink's Broken Bow Exchange. CenturyLink agreed to provide service to the customer. CenturyLink filed an application with the Commission seeking to modify its Broken Bow Exchange to include the area where the customer is located so boundary maps will reflect service by CenturyLink in the currently unserved area. The Commission approved the application on September 9, 2015.

C-4722 *In the Matter of the Application of Jerry & Kerri Sundberg, Kris & Renee Erickson and the Shoup Family Ltd. c/o Kim Shoup, Clarks, Nebraska, seeking authority to receive telephone service from the Hordville Exchange of the Hamilton Telephone Company.*

On October 16, 2014, an application was filed by Jerry and Kerri Sundburg, Kris and Renee Erickson and the Shoup Family Ltd. c/o Kim Shoup of Clarks, Nebraska, seeking a boundary change to receive advanced telecommunications capability service from the adjacent exchange of Hordville from Hamilton Telephone Company in lieu of their current service from the Central City Exchange of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC. Both companies agreed to the boundary change and the Commission entered an order granting the application on February 24, 2015.

C-4744 *In the Matter of the Application of Terry Hoit, Guide Rock, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Blue Hill Exchange of Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation.*

On February 9, 2015, an application was filed by Terry Hoit of Guide Rock, Nebraska, seeking a boundary change to receive advanced telecommunications service from the adjacent Blue Hill Exchange of the Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation in lieu of his current service from the Guide Rock Exchange of Windstream Nebraska, Inc. Both companies agreed to the boundary change and the Commission entered an order granting the application on March 31, 2015.

C-4745 *In the Matter of the Application of Roxine Hoit, Guide Rock, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Blue Hill Exchange of Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation.*

On February 9, 2015, an application was filed by Roxine Hoit of Guide Rock, Nebraska, seeking a boundary change to receive advanced telecommunications service from the adjacent Blue Hill Exchange of the Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation in lieu of her current service from the Guide Rock Exchange of Windstream Nebraska, Inc. Both companies agreed to the boundary change and the Commission entered an order granting the application on March 31, 2015.

C-4749 *In the Matter of the Application of Aaron and Elysabeth Kierl, Guide Rock, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Blue Hill Exchange of Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation.*

On March 25, 2015, an application was filed by Aaron and Elysabeth Kierl of Guide Rock, Nebraska, seeking a boundary change to receive telephone service from the adjacent Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation Blue Hill Exchange in lieu of their current telephone service from Windstream. Windstream notified the Commission that it did not oppose the proposed boundary change. No hearing was necessary. The Commission granted the application on May 12, 2015.

C-4752 *In the Matter of the Application of Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company, Hemingford, seeking authority to change the boundary of the Hemingford Exchange.*

On March 27, 2015, an application was filed with the Nebraska Public Service Commission by Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company of Hemingford, Nebraska, seeking approval to change the boundary of the Hemingford and Scottsbluff Exchanges. Hemingford stated that it was providing service to three (3) households located in an area within the Scottsbluff Exchange of United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a CenturyLink via facilities that are owned and maintained by Hemingford. CenturyLink does not have any existing telecommunications facilities located within the area and does not have facilities to serve the three (3) households. Hemingford requested the boundaries of the Hemingford and Scottsbluff Exchanges be modified to reflect the service by Hemingford in the area. Representatives of the three (3) households executed a letter to the Commission expressing support for the proposed boundary change and CenturyLink filed a letter indicating it had no objection to the proposed boundary change. The Commission approved the boundary modification on May 12, 2015.

C-4762 *In the Matter of the Application of Craig Kuehler, Osmond, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Pierce Exchange of Pierce Telephone Company.*

On May 11, 2015, an application was filed by Craig Kuehler of Osmond, Nebraska, seeking a boundary change to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Pierce Exchange of the Pierce Telephone Company in lieu of his current telephone service from Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company. Eastern Telephone Company notified the Commission that it did not oppose the proposed boundary change. No hearing was necessary. The Commission granted the application on June 23, 2015.

C-4764 *In the Matter of the Application of Pamela Steinke, Clarks, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications service from the Hordville Exchange of Hamilton Telephone Company.*

On May 18, 2015, an application was filed by Pamela Steinke of Clarks, Nebraska, seeking a boundary change to receive advanced telecommunications capability service from Hamilton Telephone Company in lieu of her current service from Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC. Both companies agreed to the boundary change and the Commission entered an order granting the application on July 1, 2015.

ETC's

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

Pay Station Waiver's

C-4711 *In the Matter of Nebraska Central Telephone Company, Gibbon, seeking a waiver of the requirement of Title 291 NAC Ch.5, Rule 002.06 regarding public pay stations.*

On September 4, 2014, the Nebraska Public Service Commission received a request from Nebraska Central Telephone Company of Gibbon, Nebraska, for a waiver of the requirement contained in Title 291 NAC Ch.5, Rule 002.06 of the Commission's Telecommunications Rules and Regulations regarding public pay stations. Commission rules require each local exchange carrier supply at least one public pay station in each municipality served by the exchange carrier. The rules further allow for the requirement to be waived by the Commission for reasons such as abusive vandalism or damage, excessive cost of maintaining the pay station, or lack of use. The Company gave three reasons for why the Commission should grant the requested waiver: 1) Low usage; 2) excessive cost, the combined revenue from the pay stations in the requested communities in 2013 totaled \$32.50 while it cost the Company over \$5,000 to operate, resulting in a significant loss to the Company plus the upcoming costs associated with repairing glass broken due to vandalism to the pay station in Sargent; and 3) damage to the pay stations in previous years. The Commission granted the requested waiver on October 28, 2014.

Long Distance/Interexchange Carriers

There are over 215 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.

Discontinue Services

C-4770 *In the Matter of the Application of Sprint Communications Company, L.P., Overland Park, Kansas, seeking approval to discontinue wireline consumer long-distance services and related features:*

On June 19, 2015, Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (“Sprint”) of Overland Park, Kansas, filed an application seeking approval to discontinue wireline consumer long-distance services and related features in the State of Nebraska. In support of its Application, Sprint committed to meet the requirements of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-134 by notifying its subscribers at least 30 days prior to the effective date of discontinuation of Sprint Services; providing refunds of unused prepaid subscription charges to customers will be made prior to the discontinuation of Sprint Services; and reimbursing customers for charges incurred in obtaining substitute services. On August 11, 2015, the Commission granted Sprint’s application.

Transfers

C-4731 *In the Matter of the Joint Application of Glenwood Network Services, Inc., KeyArt Comm., Inc., Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc., and its Division, Glenwood Long Distance and Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation, Blue Hill, seeking approval of the change in control and transfer in ownership of property.*

On December 11, 2014, a joint application was filed by Glenwood Network Services, Inc., KeyArt Comm., Inc., Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc., and its Division Glenwood Long Distance and Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation, Blue Hill, seeking approval of the change in control and transfer in ownership of property. Applicants stated the change would be beneficial to customers because it will standardize the Glenwood name on the long distance services they receive from the company. All other assets were transferred to KeyArt’s parent, GNS. The Commission approved the change in control and transfer of property on January 27, 2015.

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.

There are significant issues consumers need to be educated on when migrating to VoIP service. One is the fact VoIP service is not line powered like traditional telephone service is meaning consumers will be responsible for the battery backup at their location. Another issue is the reliability of 911 services based on recent complaints to the Commission.

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 is two cents (\$.02). The surcharge remains at its current two cent (\$.02) level.

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 2014-15, total prepaid wireless remittances received for the TRS fund were \$54,469 compared to \$62,870 for fiscal year 2013-14.

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 2014-15, \$128,138 was expended by NSTEP and provided equipment to 424 households compared to \$128,146 to 441 households for fiscal year 2013-14. The Commission has included Sprint, Verizon and Viera Wireless on the list of participating providers giving consumers wireless device options through NSTEP. The Verizon process allows an Applicant to redeem a NSTEP voucher at any retail Verizon store.

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 2014-15, intrastate minutes of use for traditional TRS declined nearly 22% from the previous year. The decline the previous year was nearly 13%. 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 2014-15 fiscal period, the landline-based CapTel service experienced the same level of decline equating to an overall minutes of use decline of 22%. For fiscal year 2013-14, CapTel minutes of use experienced only a modest gain of nearly 1% compared to the previous fiscal year.

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				Srchrng Revenue (\$)	Srchrng Rate (\$)
							TRS Prg. Trad'l (\$Amt.)	TRS Prg. CapTel (\$Amt.)	Total Program (\$Amt.)	Total Equipment Program (\$)		
							Jul-13	4,709	5.19	12,379		
Aug-13	4,600	4.72	11,902	1,361	10,541	18,531	11,806	33,171	44,977	10,927	62,314	\$0.03
Sep-13	4,671	5.66	13,517	2,818	10,699	18,312	11,983	32,779	44,763	10,178	67,359	\$0.03
Oct-13	5,685	5.36	15,586	2,771	12,816	19,292	14,353	34,533	48,886	14,607	67,690	\$0.03
Nov-13	4,542	5.42	12,410	1,618	10,792	20,337	12,087	36,403	48,490	8,034	64,813	\$0.03
Dec-13	4,240	5.21	11,847	1,803	10,044	20,611	11,249	36,894	48,143	8,032	64,480	\$0.03
Jan-14	4,141	5.08	11,745	1,529	10,216	19,996	11,442	35,793	47,235	18,316	64,569	\$0.03
Feb-14	4,182	5.15	10,899	1,003	9,896	18,921	11,083	33,868	44,951	6,862	63,164	\$0.03
Mar-14	4,069	5.00	9,926	939	8,987	18,114	10,065	32,424	42,489	10,908	62,975	\$0.03
Apr-14	4,345	5.09	10,866	859	10,007	16,057	11,208	28,741	39,949	10,632	63,011	\$0.03
May-14	4,655	4.46	11,061	894	10,168	18,057	11,388	32,321	43,709	8,611	62,437	\$0.03
Jun-14	5,128	4.61	12,091	1,192	10,899	18,043	12,207	32,296	44,503	7,865	60,893	\$0.03
Jul-14	4,452	3.85	8,289	894	7,395	18,202	12,128	32,581	44,709	12,867	47,420	\$0.02
Aug-14	4,258	3.68	7,749	751	6,998	16,628	11,476	29,764	41,240	6,829	43,863	\$0.02
Sep-14	4,486	4.04	8,895	823	8,072	16,234	13,239	29,059	42,298	11,239	43,174	\$0.02
Oct-14	3,972	4.73	8,998	929	8,069	16,403	13,233	29,361	42,595	13,522	43,871	\$0.02
Nov-14	3,681	4.16	8,781	819	7,962	14,342	13,058	25,672	38,730	6,419	42,688	\$0.02
Dec-14	4,125	4.72	10,148	763	9,385	15,798	15,391	28,279	43,671	14,431	43,108	\$0.02
Jan-15	3,744	4.99	9,421	696	8,725	14,590	14,309	26,116	40,424	10,492	45,457	\$0.02
Feb-15	3,703	5.01	9,877	673	9,204	14,245	15,094	25,499	40,593	5,944	41,169	\$0.02
Mar-15	3,937	4.37	9,926	687	9,239	13,614	15,152	24,368	39,520	12,170	41,719	\$0.02
Apr-15	3,841	4.23	8,085	526	7,559	12,635	12,397	22,616	35,013	6,542	42,192	\$0.02
May-15	4,373	4.11	9,019	765	8,254	11,574	13,536	20,718	34,254	19,538	42,151	\$0.02
Jun-15	3,712	4.19	6,974	625	6,349	10,930	10,412	19,564	29,976	6,144	42,138	\$0.02

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	423	353
402	781	0
531	9	767

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 and mandatory 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	281	275	1926	1655	1749	351
531	3	3	0	68	22	N/A

The Pooling Administrator estimates that 102 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, 370 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 by porting their number to a wireless carrier 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



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Steve Jobs along with Steve Wozniak co-found Apple to sell Wozniak's Apple I personal computer. Beginning in 1997 with the Think different campaign, Jobs works closely with designer Jonathan "Jony" Ive on a line of devices that would have larger cultural ramifications: the iMac; iPod; iPhone; and iPad.

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 submitted to the Commission regarding local exchange company earnings is not included in this report. 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.

	2013	2014	Change
Total Access Lines Served in the State	690,677	699,118	8,441
Total Access Lines Served by ILECs	403,021	376,999	(26,022)
Total Access Lines Served by CLECs	287,656	253,086	(34,570)
Total Lines Served by a reporting VoIP provider		69,033	
Percentage of Total Access Lines Served by CLECs	41.6%	36.2%	(5.4%)
Percent of Access Lines Having Competitive Alternatives	90.5%	90.9%	0.4%
Number of Access Lines Without Competitive Alternatives	65,788	63,276	2,512
Total Number of Exchanges	450	450	0
Total Number of Exchanges Without Competitive Alternatives	202	202	0

As of December 31, 2014, 41 incumbent local exchange carriers (including cooperative telephone companies) and 103 competitive local exchange carriers have been certificated by the Commission to operate in Nebraska. Cox Nebraska Telcom, LLC, is the largest carrier with 155,768 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, 2015, 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	223	\$31.20	44,652
Action Communications, Inc.	VoIP	0	VoIP	18
Airespring, Inc.	VoIP	0	VoIP	67
Allo Communications	\$18.00	2,003	\$31.00	7,479
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	1,272	\$27.50 \$37.55	532
Arlington Telephone Company	\$19.95	647	\$30.00	106
Benkelman Telephone Company	\$19.95	592	\$27.50	266
Big River Telephone Company, LLC	VoIP	420	VoIP	195
Blair Telephone Company	\$19.95	3,996	\$30.00	1,529
Bullseye Telecom, Inc.	N/A	0	\$27.55	633
Cambridge Telephone Company	\$17.50	676	\$27.50	286
CenturyLink QC	\$20.46	57,474	\$31.00	65,492
Charter Advanced Services (NE), LLC	VoIP	21,029	VoIP	1,580
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska (d/b/a Frontier)	\$20.50	12,286	\$31.50	13,655
Clarks Telecommunications Company	\$17.50	498	\$27.50	145
Comtech21, LLC	N/A	0	N/A	1
Consolidated Telco, Inc.	\$19.95	750	\$27.50	332
Consolidated Telecom, Inc.	\$19.95	618	\$27.50	174
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$19.95	1,784	\$27.50	537
Cox Nebraska Telecom LLC	\$21.00	95,343	\$31.89	60,425
Cozad Telephone Company	\$19.95	963	\$29.95	634
Curtis Telephone Company	\$19.95	340	\$27.50	169
Dalton Telephone Company	\$19.25	557	\$29.95	143
Diller Telephone Company	\$19.95	599	\$27.50	113
dishNET Wireline, LLC	35.00	784	N/A	0
Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company	\$19.95	1,478	\$30.00	879
Elsie Telecom, Inc.	\$19.25	104	\$29.95	33
Entelegent Solutions, Inc.	19.99	0	19.99	9
FiberComm, Inc.	\$19.00	126	\$19.00	411
First Communications, LLC	\$31.00	79	\$27.55	0
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	VoIP	0	VoIP	32
Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation	\$17.50	1,703	\$27.50	344
Granite Telecommunications	\$18.15	0	\$27.55	5,615
Great Plains Broadband, Inc.	VoIP	251	VoIP	273
Great Plains Communications	\$19.20	14,611	\$29.95	5,709

Carriers	Residential Rates	Residential Lines Served	Business Rates	Business Lines Served
Hamilton Telephone Company	\$17.95	3,166	\$17.95	1,544
Hartington Telephone Company	\$17.50	846	\$27.50	398
Hartman Telephone Exchange	\$19.95	243	\$27.50	60
Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company	\$19.90	519	\$27.50	161
Henderson Cooperative Telephone d/b/a Mainstay	\$17.50	599	\$27.50	224
Hershey Cooperative Telecom, Inc.	\$17.50	524	\$27.50	96
Hooper Telephone d/b/a Westel Systems	\$17.50	524	\$27.50	183
Huntel Cablevision, Inc. d/b/a American Broadband Nebraska Communications, Inc.	\$19.95	1,425	\$30.00	932
Ionex Communications North, Inc. Qwest Exchange	\$20.00	68	\$37.55	680
K&M Telephone Company	\$17.50	341	\$17.50	86
Keystone-Arthur Telephone Company (Glenwood Network Services, Inc.)	\$17.50	287	\$27.50	77
Level 3 Communications, LLC	VoIP	0	VoIP	8,618
Long Lines Siouxland LLC	\$10.00	917	\$25.00	418
MCImetro Access Transmission Services	\$20.99	115	\$30.99	213
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Paetec Business Services	N/A	0	\$29.50	456
Matrix Telecom, Inc.	\$34.95	23	\$43.75	2
Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska Inc.	\$18.15	0	\$27.55	1,375
Mitel Cloud Services, Inc.	VoIP	0	VoIP	93
Mobius Communications Company	\$17.50	958	\$27.50	0
Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications, Inc. (NT&T)		10,345		2,635
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	3,803	\$27.50	1,278
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$17.50	4,533	\$27.50	957
NOS Communications	\$18.15	0	\$32.84	2
Onvoy, LLC	VoIP	0	VoIP	7
OrbitCom, Inc.	\$18.50	48	\$27.00	2,344
PBN, LLC	\$17.50	0	\$20.45	79
Pierce Telephone Company, Inc.	\$17.50	951	\$20.45	332
Pinpoint Communications Inc.	\$17.50	466	\$27.50	209
Plainview Telephone Company	\$19.95	633	\$27.50	226
Quantumshift Communications, Inc.	N/A	0	32.84	12

Carriers	Residential Rates	Residential Lines Served	Business Rates	Business Lines Served
Rock County Telephone Company	\$19.95	520	\$30.00	186
Sodtoun Telephone Company	\$17.50	60	\$17.50	5
Southeast Nebraska Telephone Company	\$17.50	1,891	\$27.50	691
Stanton Telephone Company, Inc.	\$17.50	755	\$27.50	185
TCG Omaha	N/A	0	\$42.55	5,694
Three River Communications, LLC	\$16.34	465	\$24.80	273
Three River Telco	\$17.50	865	\$27.50	211
Time Warner Cable	\$49.95	28,248	N/A	5,951
TNCI Operating Company, LLC	N/A	0	\$22.00	61
tw telecom data services, LLC	VoIP	0	VoIP	162
United Telephone Co. of the West (d/b/a CenturyLink)	\$17.50	6,041	\$27.50	2,908
Velocity The Greatest Phone Company Ever, Inc.	VoIP	0	VoIP	2
Wauneta Telephone Company	\$19.95	368	\$27.50	124
Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	\$17.50	82,278	\$31.99	65,294
Windstream Communications of the Midwest, Inc.	\$16.00	140	\$37.00	6,980
XO Communications Services, LLC	N/A	0	29.35	53

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	COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
ADAMS	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	ALMA	Citizens Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
AINSWORTH	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	AT&T		Pinpoint Communications
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.	AMHERST	Citizens Telecommunications
	dishNET Wireline, LLC		Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	ANSELMO	Consolidated Telephone Co.
	Orbitcom Inc.	ANSLEY	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
	Three Rivers	ARAPAHOE	Arapahoe Telephone Company
ALBION	Citizens Telecommunications		Applied Communication Tech
	Big River Telephone Company, LLC (VOIP)	ARCADIA	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
	Bullseye Telecom, Inc.	ARCHER	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	ARLINGTON	Arlington Telephone Company
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska	ARNOLD	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	ARTHUR	Consolidated Telephone Co.
ALDA	Orbitcom Inc.	ASHBY	Consolidated Telephone Co.
ALEXANDRIA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	ASHLAND	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunication LLC		Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Granite Telecommunications LLC
ALLEN	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
ALLIANCE	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC	ASHTON	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
	Allo Communications	ATKINSON	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.		dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	First Communications, LLC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Orbitcom Inc.
	Ionex Communications	ATLANTA	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Mobius Communications		Pinpoint Communications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		
	Orbitcom Inc.		

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING	COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
AUBURN	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	BEEMER	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska	BELDON	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	BELGRADE	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	Time Warner Cable Information Services (VOIP)	BELLEVUE	See Omaha
AURORA	Hamilton Telephone Company	BELLWOOD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
AVOCA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	BENEDICT	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
AXTELL	Qwest Corp. dba CenturyLink QC		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	BENKELMAN	Benkelman Telephone Company
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	BENNET	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
BANCROFT	Great Plains Communications, Inc.		Granite Telecommunications LLC
BARNESTON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	BENNINGTON	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
BARTLETT	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company		Granite Telecommunications LLC
BARTLEY	Cambridge Telephone Company		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BASSETT	Rock County Telephone Company	BERTRAND	Citizens Telecommunications
BATTLE CREEK	Citizens Telecommunications		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Pinpoint Communications
	TNCI Operating Company, LLC	BIG SPRINGS	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
BAYARD	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink		Allo Communications
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.		BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)		dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Granite Telecommunications LLC
BEATRICE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	BINGHAM	Consolidated Telephone Co.
	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	BLADEN	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska	BLAIR	Blair Telephone Company
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		AT&T
BEAVER CITY	Citizens Telecommunications	BLOOMFIELD	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	BLOOMINGTON	Citizens Telecommunications
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	BLUE SPRINGS	See Wymore
BEAVER CROSSING	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	BLUE HILL	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING	COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
BOELUS	Nebraska Central Telephone Company		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BRADSHAW	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	BRUNO	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Granite Telecommunications LLC
BRADY	Consolidated Telecom, Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BRAINARD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	BRUNSWICK	Citizens Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	BURCHARD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
BREWSTER	Consolidated Telephone Co.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BRIDGEPORT	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC	BURR	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Allo Communications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.	BURWELL	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)	BUSHNELL	Dalton Telephone Company
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	BUTTE	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska	BYRON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	Mobius Communications	CAIRO	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)
	Orbitcom Inc.		Granite Telecommunications, LLC
BRISTOW	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
BROADWATER	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink		Orbitcom Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	CALLAWAY	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
BROCK	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	CAMBRIDGE	Cambridge Telephone Company
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	CAMPBELL	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.
BROKEN BOW	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC	CARLETON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Allo Communications	CEDAR BLUFFS	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	AT&T		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.		Time Warner Cable Information Services (VOIP)
	dishNET Wireline, LLC	CEDAR RAPIDS	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	CENTER	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	Great Plains Broadband, Inc. (VOIP)	CENTRAL CITY	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.		Allo Communications
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska		AT&T
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Big River Telephone Company, LLC (VOIP)
	Orbitcom Inc.		BullsEye Telecom Inc.
BROWNLEE	Consolidated Telephone Co.		dishNET Wireline, LLC
BROWNVILLE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Granite Telecommunications, LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Ionex Communications
BRULE	Arapahoe Telephone Company		Matrix Telecom, Inc.
BRUNING	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		
	Granite Telecommunications, LLC		

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING	COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska	COLERIDGE	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	COLON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Orbitcom Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
CERESCO	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	COLUMBUS	Citizens Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications, LLC		AT&T
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Big River Telephone Company, LLC (VOIP)
CHADRON	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC		BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Allo Communications		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.		Ionex Communications North, Inc.
	dishNET Wireline, LLC		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Granite Telecommunications, LLC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Great Plains Broadband, Inc. (VOIP)		Time Warner Cable Information Services (VOIP)
	Ionex Communications		tw telecom data services llc
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska	COMSTOCK	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
	Mobius Communications	COOK	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.	CORDOVA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
CHAMBERS	K & M Telephone Company, Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
CHAPMAN	Great Plains Communications, Inc.	CORTLAND	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
CHAPPELL	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	COTESFIELD	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
CHESTER/HUBBELL/REYNOLDS	Great Plains Communications, Inc.	COZAD	Cozad Telephone Company
CLARKS	Clarks Telecommunications Co.	CRAB ORCHARD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
CLARKSON	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	CRAIG	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska	CRAWFORD/WHITNEY	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Allo Communications
CLATONIA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Ionex Communications
CLAY CENTER	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Mobius Communications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska		Orbitcom Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	CREIGHTON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
CLEARWATER	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	CRESTON	See Humphrey
CODY	Great Plains Communications, Inc.	CRETE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
			Granite Telecommunications LLC

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	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	DILLER	Diller Telephone Company, Inc.
	Time Warner Cable Information Services (VOIP)	DIX	Dalton Telephone Company
CROFTON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.	DIXON	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
CROOKSTON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.	DODGE	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
CULBERTSON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.		Time Warner Cable Information Services (VOIP)
CURTIS	Curtis Telephone Company, Inc.	DONIPHAN	Hamilton Telephone Company
DAKOTA CITY	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC	DORCHESTER	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
DALTON	Dalton Telephone Company		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
DANBURY	Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc.	DOUGLAS	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
DANNEBROG	Nebraska Central Telephone Company		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
DAVENPORT	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	DUBOIS	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications, LLC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	DUNBAR	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
DAVEY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	DUNCAN	Citizens Telecommunications
DAVID CITY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	DUNNING	Consolidated Telephone Co.
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska	DWIGHT	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Time Warner Cable Information Services (VOIP)	EAGLE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
DAWSON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
DAYKIN	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	EDGAR	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Granite Telecommunications LLC
DECATUR	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
DENTON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	EDISON	Citizens Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Time Warner Cable Information Services (VOIP)		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
			Pinpoint Communications
DESHLER	Great Plains Communications, Inc.	ELBA	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
DEWEESE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	ELGIN	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	ELK CREEK	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Granite Telecommunications LLC
DEWITT	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	ELKHORN/WATERLOO	Qwest Corp. dba CenturyLink QC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Bullseye Telecom Inc.
			dishNET Wireline, LLC

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	Granite Telecommunications LLC	FAIRFIELD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	McLeodUSA		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	FAIRMONT	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Onvoy, LLC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
ELM CREEK/ODESSA	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC	FALLS CITY	Southeast Nebraska Telephone Company
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)		Time Warner Cable Information Services (VOIP)
	dishNET Wireline, LLC	FARNAM	Arapahoe Telephone Company
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	FARWELL	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Ionex Communications		Allo Communications
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
ELMWOOD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	FILLEY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Granite Telecommunications LLC
ELSIE	Elsie Communications, Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
ELWOOD	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC	FIRTH	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Allo Communications		Granite Telecommunications, LLC
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	FORT CALHOUN	Blair Telephone Company
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska	FRANKLIN	Citizens Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Granite Telecommunications LLC
EMERALD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
EMERSON	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Pinpoint Communications
	Huntel Cablevision (VOIP)	FREMONT	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		AT&T
ERICSON	Nebraska Central Telephone Company		BullsEye Telecom Inc.
EUSTIS	Consolidated Telecom, Inc.		dishNET Wireline, LLC
EWING	Great Plains Communications, Inc.		First Communications, LLC
EXETER	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Huntel Cablevision (VOIP)
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Ionex Communications
FAIRBURY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		McLeodUSA
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska		MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Time Warner Cable Information Services (VOIP)		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
			Orbitcom Inc.

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	Time Warner Cable Information Services (VOIP)		Allo Communications
	Trans National Communications International, Inc.		BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Windstream of the MidWest Inc		Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)
FRIEND	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Ionex Communications
FULLERTON	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC		Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Big River Telephone Company, LLC (VOIP)		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Pinpoint Communications, Inc.
	Ionex Communications	GRAFTON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	GRAND ISLAND	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
FUNK	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.		Allo Communications
GARLAND	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		AT&T
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		BullsEye Telecom Inc.
GENEVA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		First Communications, LLC
	Ionex Communications North, Inc.		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska		Ionex Communications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC
GENOA	Citizens Telecommunications		Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Big River Telephone Company, LLC (VOIP)		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Orbitcom Inc.
GERING	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink		TCG Omaha
	Allo Communications		Trans National Communications International, Inc.
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.		Windstream of the MidWest Inc
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)	GRANT	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	GREELEY	Citizens Telecommunications
GIBBON	Nebraska Central Telephone Company		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
GILTNER	Hamilton Telephone Company	GREENWOOD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
GLENVIL	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
GORDON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.	GRESHAM	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
GOTHENBURG	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
		GRETNA	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC

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	Bullseye Telecom Inc.		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	dishNET Wireline, LLC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	HAY SPRINGS	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	MCI metro Access Transmission Service LLC	HAYES CENTER	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	HEARTWELL	Citizens Telecommunications
GUIDE ROCK	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Pinpoint Communications, Inc.
GURLEY	Dalton Telephone Company	HEBRON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
HADAR	Orbitcom Inc.		Granite Telecommunications LLC
HAIGLER	Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc.		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
HALLAM	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	HEMINGFORD	Hemingford Cooperative Telephone Company
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	HENDERSON	Henderson Cooperative Telephone
HALSEY	Consolidated Telephone Co.	HENDLEY	Arapahoe Telephone Company
HAMPTON	Hamilton Telephone Company	HERMAN	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
HANSON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	HERSHEY	Hershey Cooperative Telephone
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	HICKMAN	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Granite Telecommunications LLC
HARBINE	Diller Telephone Company, Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
HARDY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	HILDRETH	Citizens Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	HOLBROOK	Arapahoe Telephone Company
HARRISON	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC	HOLDREGE	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Allo Communications		Allo Communications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		AT&T
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.		Bullseye Telecom Inc.
	Mobius Communications		Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Orbitcom Inc.		Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.
HARTINGTON	Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.		Granite Telecommunications LLC
HARVARD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Ionex Communications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
HASTINGS	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Orbitcom Inc.
	AT&T		Pinpoint Communications
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)	HOLSTEIN	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.
	Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	HOMER	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		AT&T
	Ionex Communications North, Inc.		dishNET Wireline, LLC

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	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Orbitcom Inc.	KEARNEY	Citizens Telecommunications
HOOPER	Hooper Telephone Company		AT&T
HORDVILLE	Hamilton Telephone Company		BullsEye Telecom Inc.
HOSKINS	Pierce Telephone Company, Inc.		Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)
HOWELLS	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Ionex Communications North, Inc.
	Ionex Communications		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
HUBBELL	Great Plains Communications, Inc.		Windstream of the MidWest Inc
HUMBOLT	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	KENESAW	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Time Warner Cable Information Services (VOIP)	KENNARD	Blair Telephone Company
HUMPHREY/CRESTON	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC	KEYSTONE	Keystone - Arthur Telephone Company
	Big River Telephone Company, LLC (VOIP)	KILGORE	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	dishNET Wireline, LLC	KIMBALL	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Ionex Communications		Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	McLeodUSA	LAUREL	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		AT&T
	Consolidated Telephone Co.		dishNET Wireline, LLC
HYANNIS	Great Plains Communications, Inc.		Granite Telecommunications LLC
IMPERIAL	Great Plains Communications, Inc.		Huntel Cablevision (VOIP)
INDIANOLA			Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
INMAN	K & M Telephone Company, Inc.		
ITHACA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	LAVISTA	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	LAWRENCE	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.
JACKSON	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	LEMOYNE	Keystone - Arthur Telephone Company
JANSEN	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	LEBANON	Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	LEIGH	Citizens Telecommunications
JOHNSON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	LEWELLEN	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	LEXINGTON	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
JOHNSTON	Three River Telco		Allo Communications
JULIAN	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		AT&T
JUNIATA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		

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	BullsEye Telecom Inc.	LYNCH	Three River Telco
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)	LYMAN	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink
	dishNET Wireline, LLC		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	LYONS	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Ionex Communications		dishNET
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Huntel Cablevision (VOIP)
	Orbitcom Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Trans National Communications International, Inc.	MACY	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company
LIBERTY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	MADISON	Citizens Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Granite Telecommunications LLC
LINCOLN/EMERALD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	AT&T		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Airespring, Inc.	MADRID	Consolidated Telco, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	MALCOLM	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Ionex Communications North, Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska	MARQUETTE	Hamilton Telephone Company
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	MARTELL	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	NOS Communications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	TNCI Operating Company, LLC	MARTINSBURG	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
	Time Warner Cable Information Services (VOIP)	MASON CITY	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
	tw telecom data services llc	MAXWELL	Consolidated Telecom, Inc.
LINDSAY	Citizens Telecommunications	MAYWOOD	Consolidated Telco, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	MCCOOK	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
LINWOOD	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company		Allo Communications
LITCHFIELD	Nebraska Central Telephone Company		BullsEye Telecom Inc.
LODGEPOLE	Dalton Telephone Company		dishNET Wireline, LLC
LONG PINE	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company		Granite Telecommunications LLC
LOOMIS	Arapahoe Telephone Company		Great Plains Broadband, Inc. (VOIP)
LOUISVILLE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Ionex Communications
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
LOUP CITY	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC		Orbitcom Inc.
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)		Pinpoint Communications
	dishNET Wireline, LLC	MCCOOL JUNCTION	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
		MEAD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING	COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	MURRAY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
MEADOW GROVE	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
MERNA	Consolidated Telephone Co.	NAPER	Three River Telco
MERRIMAN	Great Plains Communications, Inc.	NAPONEE	Citizens Telecommunications
MILFORD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	NEBRASKA CITY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
MILLER	Citizens Telecommunications		Time Warner Cable Information Services (VOIP)
MILLIGAN	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	NEHAWKA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	NELIGH	Citizens Telecommunications
MINATARE	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	NELSON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
MINDEN	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Allo Communications		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	NEMAHA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	NEWCASTLE	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
	Orbitcom Inc.	NEWMAN GROVE	Citizens Telecommunications
	Pinpoint Communications		Big River Telephone Company, LLC (VOIP)
MIRAGE FLATS	Great Plains Communications, Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
MITCHELL	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink	NEWPORT	Rock County Telephone Company
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.	NIOBRARA	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)	NORFOLK	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		AT&T
MONROE	Citizens Telecommunications		BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Big River Telephone Company, LLC (VOIP)		dishNET Wireline, LLC
MORRILL	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink		First Communications, LLC
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)		Ionex Communications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Matrix Telecom, Inc.
MULLEN	Consolidated Telephone Co.		McLeodUSA
MURDOCK	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING	COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		First Communications, LLC
	Orbitcom Inc.		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	PBN, LLC		Huntel Cablevision (VOIP)
	TCG Omaha		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
NORMAN	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
NORTH BEND	Great Plains Communications, Inc.	OBERT	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
NORTH BURWELL	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	OCONTO	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
NORTH LOUP	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	OCTAVIA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
NORTH PLATTE	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Allo Communications	ODELL	Diller Telephone Company, Inc.
	AT&T	ODESSA	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Big River Telephone Company, LLC (VOIP)	OGALLALA	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.		Allo Communications
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)		AT&T
	dishNET Wireline, LLC		BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	First Communications, LLC		Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Ionex Communications		Ionex Communications
	MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska		Orbitcom Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Pinpoint Communications
	Orbitcom Inc.	OHIOWA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Pinpoint Communications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Windstream of the MidWest Inc	OMAHA/ BELLEVUE/LAVISTA/ PAPILLION	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Velocity The Greatest Phone Company Ever		Allo Communications
ONEILL	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC		AT&T
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.		BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	dishNET Wireline, LLC		ComTech 21, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Cox Nebraska Telecom LLC
	Ionex Communications		dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Matrix Telecom, Inc.		First Communications, LLC
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Ionex Communications
	Orbitcom Inc.		MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC
OAKDALE	Great Plains Communications, Inc.		McLeodUSA
OAKLAND	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC		Matrix Telecom, Inc.
			Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING	COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
	Mitel NetSolutions, Inc. (VOIP)	PAGE	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	PALISADE	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	Orbitcom Inc.	PALMER	Citizens Telecommunications
	QuantumShift Communications, Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	TCG Omaha	PALMYRA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Trans National Communications Intl, Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	tw telecom data service llc	PANAMA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Windstream of the MidWest Inc		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	XO Communications Services, LLC	PAPILLION	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
ONG	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	PAWNEE CITY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
ORCHARD	Citizens Telecommunications		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
ORD	Citizens Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecom
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)		Time Warner Cable Information Services (VOIP)
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	PAXTON	Consolidated Telco, Inc.
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska	PENDER	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		dishNET Wireline, LLC
ORLEANS	Citizens Telecommunications		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Huntel Cablevision (VOIP)
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
OSCEOLA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	PERU	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Big River Telephone Company, LLC (VOIP)		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	PETERSBURG	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska	PHILLIPS	Hamilton Telephone Company
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	PICKRELL	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
OSHKOSH	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	PIERCE	Pierce Telephone Company, Inc.
OSMOND	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company	PILGER	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
OTOE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
OVERTON	Arapahoe Telephone Company	PLAINVIEW	Plainview Telephone Company
OXFORD	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC	PLATTE CENTER	Citizens Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	PLATTSMOUTH	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Ionex Communications		Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)
	MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Pinpoint Communications	PLEASANT DALE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.

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	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	RIVERTON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
PLEASANTON	Citizens Telecommunications	ROCKVILLE	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)	ROSALIE	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	ROSELAND	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	RUSHVILLE	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
PLYMOUTH	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	RUSKIN	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Granite Telecommunications LLC
POLK	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Big River Telephone Company, LLC (VOIP)	SARGENT	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	SCHUYLER	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		AT&T
PONCA	Great Plains Communications, Inc.		Big River Telephone Company, LLC (VOIP)
POTTER	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink		dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Granite Telecommunications LLC
PRAGUE	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company		Ionex Communications
PRIMROSE	Great Plains Communications, Inc.		MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC
PURDUM	Consolidated Telephone Co.		Metropolitan Telecom of Nebr
RAGAN	Great Plains Communications, Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
RANDOLPH	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC		Orbitcom Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	SCOTIA	Nebraska Central Telephone Company
	Ionex Communications	SCOTTSBLUFF	United Telephone Company of the West dba CenturyLink
	MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC		Allo Communications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Orbitcom Inc.		Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)
RAVENNA	Nebraska Central Telephone Company		Granite Telecommunications LLC
RAYMOND	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Ionex Communications North, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
RED CLOUD/RIVERTON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.		Mitel NetSolutions, Inc. (VOIP)
REPUBLICAN CITY	Citizens Telecommunications	SCRIBNER	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	SENECA	Consolidated Telephone Co.
REYNOLDS	Great Plains Communications, Inc.	SEWARD	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
RISING CITY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Big River Telephone Company, LLC (VOIP)		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
RIVERDALE	Citizens Telecommunications		Time Warner Cable Information Services (VOIP)
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	SHELBY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.

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	Big River Telephone Company, LLC (VOIP)		Orbitcom Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	SPALDING	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
SHELTON	Nebraska Central Telephone Company	SPENCER	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
SHICKLEY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	SPRINGFIELD	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Granite Telecommunications LLC
SIDNEY	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC	SPRINGVIEW	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Allo Communications		Three River Telco
	AT&T	ST EDWARD	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	BullsEye Telecom Inc.	ST LIBORY	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)		Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)
	dishNET Wireline, LLC		dishNET Wireline, LLC
	First Communications, LLC		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Matrix Telecom, Inc.
	Ionex Communications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska	ST PAUL	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Mobius Communications		Allo Communications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		AT&T
	Orbitcom Inc.		BullsEye Telecom Inc.
SILVER CREEK	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC		Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)
	Allo Communications		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	dishNET Wireline, LLC		Ionex Communications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
SNYDER	Great Plains Communications, Inc.	STAMFORD	Citizens Telecommunications
SODTOWN	Sodtown Telephone Company		Granite Telecommunications LLC
SOUTH SIOUX CITY	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC	STANTON	Stanton Telecom, Inc.
	AT&T	STAPLEHURST	Clarks Telecommunications Co.
	dishNET Wireline, LLC	STAPLETON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	FiberComm LLC		Orbitcom Inc.
	First Communications, LLC	STEELE CITY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Ionex Communications	STEINAUER	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Long Lines Siouland		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	McLeodUSA	STERLING	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	STOCKHAM	Hamilton Telephone Company

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STRATTON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.		dishNET Wireline, LLC
STROMSBURG	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Big River Telephone Company, LLC (VOIP)		Huntel Cablevision (VOIP)
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
STUART	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company		Orbitcom Inc.
SUMNER	Citizens Telecommunications	THEDFORD	Consolidated Telephone Co.
SUPERIOR	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Orbitcom Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	TILDEN	Citizens Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
SURPRISE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	TOBIAS	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
SUTHERLAND	Great Plains Communications, Inc.	TRENTON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
SUTTON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	TRI CITY	Southeast Nebraska Telephone Company
	Granite Telecommunications LLC	TRUMBULL	Hamilton Telephone Company
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	TRYON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
SWANTON	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	UEHLING	Hooper Telephone Company
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	ULYSSES	Clarks Telecommunications Co.
SYRACUSE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	UNADILLA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska	UNION	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Granite Telecommunications, LLC
TABLE ROCK	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	UPLAND	Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.
	Time Warner Cable Information Services (VOIP)	UTICA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
TALMAGE	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
TAMORA	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	VALENTINE	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Allo Communications
TAYLOR	Nebraska Central Telephone Company		AT&T
TECUMSEH	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Ionex Communications
	Time Warner Cable Information Services (VOIP)		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
TEKAMAH	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	AT&T	VALLEY	Orbitcom Inc.
			Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC

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	dishNET Wireline, LLC		AT&T
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Orbitcom Inc.		First Communications, LLC
VALPARAISO	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Huntel Cablevision (VOIP)
VENANGO	Great Plains Communications, Inc.		Ionex Communications
VERDEL	Three River Telco		MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC
VERDIGRE	Great Plains Communications, Inc.		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
VIRGINIA	Diller Telephone Company, Inc.		Mitel NetSolutions, Inc. (VOIP)
WACO	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Orbitcom Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	WEEPING WATER	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
WAHOO	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska	WELLFLEET	Consolidated Telco, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	WEST POINT	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
WAKEFIELD	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC		AT&T
	dishNET		BullsEye Telecom Inc.
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		dishNET Wireline, LLC
	Huntel Cablevision (VOIP)		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
WALLACE	Consolidated Telco, Inc.		Orbitcom Inc.
WALNUT	Great Plains Communications, Inc.	WESTERN	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
WALTHILL	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
WATERLOO	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC	WESTON	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
WATERBURY	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company	WHITMAN	Consolidated Telephone Co.
WAUNETA	Wauneta Telephone Company	WHITNEY	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
WAUSA	Great Plains Communications, Inc.	WILBER	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
WAVERLY	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska	WILCOX	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications	WILSONVILLE	Citizens Telecommunications
WAYNE	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC		Pinpoint Communications

COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING	COMMUNITIES	COMPANIES SERVING
WINNEBAGO	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Mitel NetSolutions, Inc. (VOIP)		Orbitcom Inc.
WINNETOON	Great Plains Communications, Inc.	WYMORE/BLUE SPRINGS	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
WINSIDE	Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company		Granite Telecommunications LLC
WISNER	Great Plains Communications, Inc.		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
WOLBACH	Great Plains Communications, Inc.	WYNOT	Great Plains Communications, Inc.
WOOD LAKE	Great Plains Communications, Inc.	YORK	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
WOOD RIVER	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC		AT&T
	Allo Communications		Granite Telecommunications LLC
	Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC (VOIP)		Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska
	Granite Telecommunications LLC		Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications
	Ionex Communications		Time Warner Cable Information Services (VOIP)
	Metropolitan Telecommunications of Nebraska	YUTAN	Windstream Nebraska, Inc.
			Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications

2015 Local Rate Changes

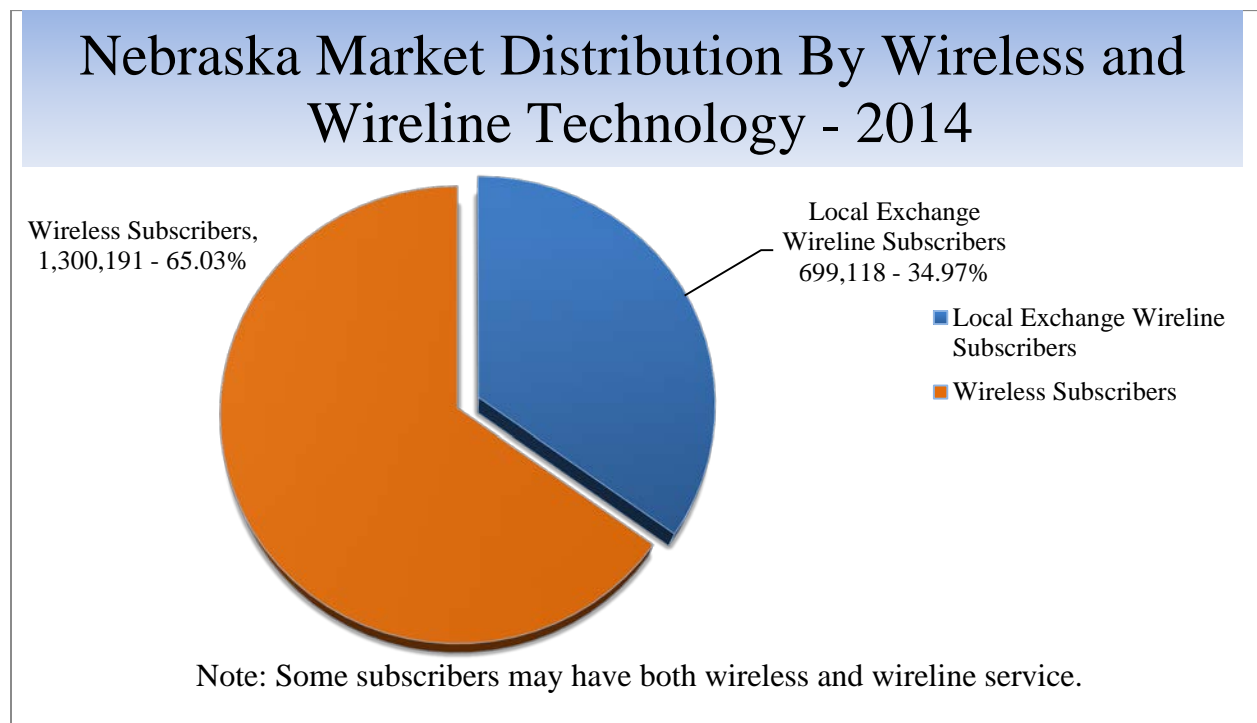
Cozad Telephone Company had both a business and residential local rate change in 2014-15.

Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC had a residential local rate change in 2014-15.

Citizens Telecommunications Company d/b/a Frontier Communications of Nebraska had both a business and residential local rate change in 2014-15.

Nebraska Market Distribution by Technology

Nebraska, like most of the states, continues to see increases 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 consumers have cut the cord and use exclusively a wireless telephone. The table below shows the number of subscribers in Nebraska of each type of technology as of December 31, 2014. 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 214 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.	Entelegent Solutions, Inc.	Opex Communications, Inc.
365 Wireless, LLC	FiberComm, L.C.	Orbitcom, Inc.
800 Response Information Services, LLC	First Choice Technology, Inc.	Paetec Communications, Inc.
Access One, Inc.	First Communications, LLC	Pay Tel Communications, Inc.
Access Point, Inc.	France Telecom Corporate Solutions, LLC	Peerless Network of Nebraska, LLC
Accessline Communications Corporation	Frontier Communications Of America, Inc.	Peetz Cooperative Telephone Company
ACN Communication Services, Inc.	GC Pivotal, LLC	Pinpoint Communications, Inc.
Action Communications, Inc.	Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	PNG Telecommunications, Inc.
Advantage Telecommunications Corp.	Global Connection Inc. Of America	Primus Telecommunications, Inc.
Aero Communications, LLC	Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc.	Protel Advantage, Inc.
Affinity Network, Inc.	Global Tel*Link Corporation	Protocall LLC
Airespring, Inc.	Gold Line Telemanagement Inc.	Public Communications Services, Inc.
Airus, Inc.	Granite Telecommunications, LLC	Quantumshift Communications, Inc.
Alec, LLC	Grasshopper Group, LLC	Reduced Rate Long Distance, LLC
Alliance Global Networks, LLC	Great Plains Communications Long Distance, Inc.	Reliant Communications, Inc.
Alliance Group Services, Inc.	Hamilton Long Distance Company	SBC Long Distance, LLC
Allo Communications, LLC	Hartington Telecommunications Company, Inc.	Securus Technologies, Inc.
American Telecommunications Systems, Inc.	Henderson Cooperative Telephone Company	Silv Communication, Inc.
Americatel Corporation	HTC Communications, LLC	Skywave Wireless, Inc.
Amerivision Communications, Inc.	Huntel Cablevision, Inc.	Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc.
ANPI Business, LLC	Huntel Communications, Inc.	Southwest Communications, Inc.
ANPI, LLC	Hypercube Telecom, LLC	Spectrotel, Inc.
Arapahoe Telephone Company	Ibasis Retail, Inc.	Sprint Communications Company L.P.
AT&T Corp.	IDT America, Corp.	Stanton Long Distance, LLC
Bandwidth.Com CLEC, Inc.	inContact, Inc.	Stratus Networks, Inc.
BCE Nexxia Corporation	Inetworks Group, Inc.	Talk America Services, LLC
BCM One, Inc.	Inmate Calling Solutions, LLC	TDS Long Distance Corporation
BCN Telecom, Inc.	Intellicall Operator Services, Inc.	Telecom Management, Inc.
Bellsouth Long Distance, Inc.	International Telecom, Ltd.	Telecom North America Inc.
Benkelman Telephone Company	Intrado Communications, Inc.	Teledias Communications, Inc.
Betterworld Telecom, LLC	Ionex Communications North, Inc.	Teleport Communications of America, LLC
Big River Telephone Company, LLC	Iowa Network Services, Inc.	Teleuno, Inc.
Broadband Dynamics, LLC	KDDI America, Inc.	Three River Telco
Broadview Networks, Inc.	Keyart Comm., Inc.	Time Warner Cable Info. Services (Nebr.), LLC
Broadvox-Clec, LLC	Lattice Incorporated	Toly Digital Networks, Inc.
Broadwing Communications, LLC	LCR Telecommunications, LLC	Total Holdings, Inc.
BT Communications Sales, LLC	Legacy Long Distance International, Inc.	TNCI Operating Company, LLC
BullsEye Telecom, Inc.	Level 3 Communications, LLC	Treasure Lake, L.P.
Business Telecom, Inc. (BTI)	Mainstay Technologies, LLC	Tri-M Communications, Inc.
Cause Based Commerce, Inc.	Masergy Communications, Inc.	TTI National, Inc.
CenCom, Inc.	Matrix Telecom, Inc.	tw telecom data services llc
Central Telecom Long Distance, Inc.	MCI Communications Services, Inc.	U.S. South Communications, Inc.
CenturyLink Communications, LLC	McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC	U.S. Telecom Long Distance, Inc.
CenturyLink Public Communications, Inc.	Metropolitan Telecommunications Of Nebr., Inc.	Unite Private Networks, LLC
CenturyLink QC	Mitel Netsolutions, Inc.	United Telecom Inc.
Charter Fiberlink-Nebraska, LLC	Mobilitie, LLC	USA Digital Communications, Inc.
Cincinnati Bell Any Distance, Inc.	Mobius Communications Company	Value-Added Communications , Inc.
Citistream Communications, Inc.	National Directory Assistance, LLC	Velocity The Greatest Phone Company Ever, Inc.
Clear World Communications Corporation	Nebraska Central Telecom, Inc.	Verizon Long Distance LLC
Comcast Phone Of Nebraska, LLC	Nebraskalink Holdings, LLC	Verizon Select Services, Inc.
Common Point, LLC	Nebraska Long Distance Company, LLC	Voicecom Telecommunications, LLC
Community Internet Systems, Inc.	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications, Inc.	Wholesale Carrier Services, Inc.
Comtech 21, LLC	Nebraskalink, LLC	Wide Voice, LLC
Consolidated Long Distance, Inc.	NECC Telecom, Inc.	Williams Communications, LLC
Consolidated Telecom, Inc.	Net One International, Inc.	Wimactel, Inc.
Consumer Telecom, Inc.	Network Billing Systems, LLC	Windstream Communications, Inc.

Long Distance Telephone Carriers Continued

Convergia, Inc.	Network Communications International Corp.	Windstream IT-Comm, LLC
Correct Solutions, LLC	NetworkIP, LLC	Windstream KDL, Inc.
Cox Nebraska Telcom, LLC	Neutral Path Communications, LLC	Windstream Norlight, Inc.
Cozad Telephone Company	Neutral Tandem-Nebraska, LLC	Windstream NTI, Inc.
Crexendo Business Solutions Inc.	New Horizons Communications Corp.	Windstream Systems Of The Midwest, Inc.
Custom Teleconnect, Inc.	Newcastle Holdings, Inc.	Working Assets Funding Service, Inc.
Dalton Telecommunications, Inc.	Nextlink Wireless, LLC	X2comm, Inc.
DCT Telecom Group, Inc.	Nobeltel, LLC	XO Communications, LLC
Deltacom, Inc.	Norstan Network Services, Inc.	Yestel USA, Inc.
Diode Telecom, Inc.	NOS Communications, Inc.	Zayo Group, LLC
Discount Long Distance, LLC	Nosva Limited Partnership	Zito Midwest, LLC
dishNET Wireline L.L.C	Nyecom Teleservices, Inc.	
Earthlink Business, LLC	Onelink Communications, Inc.	
Easton Telecom Service, LLC	Onestar Long Distance, Inc.	
Encartele, Inc.	Onvoy, Inc.	
Enhanced Communications Group, LLC	Opcom, Inc.	
Enhanced Communications Network, Inc.	Operator Service Company, 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 2014-15 Fiscal Year there were a total of 77 outages reported to the Commission. The causes of the outages were: 41 cable cuts, 21 telephone equipment malfunctions, 6 weather related, 4 accidental, 5 maintenance.

Applications and Tariffs

The Communications Department received a total of 81 separate applications during the period of July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015. 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	10	Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation	2
Interexchange Certification	9	Withdrawal	12
Amend Certification	5	Transfer of Control	10
Boundary/Customer	12	Name Change	4
Access Tariffs	2	Trade Name	1
Loan/Indebtedness	3	Rate Increase	4
Commission-Initiated	3	Other	3
Interconnection	10		

There were 176 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	2013-2014			2014-2015		
	Complaints	Access Lines	% of Total Lines	Complaints	Access Lines	% of Total Lines
Windstream	72	157,615	22.8	67	147,572	21.1
CenturyLink fka Qwest	99	132,874	19.2	93	122,966	17.6
NT&T	31	13,670	2.0	31	12,980	1.9
Cox	18	155,320	22.5	29	155,768	22.3
Frontier	8	28,984	4.2	22	25,941	3.7
Great Plains	1	21,381	3.1	2	20,320	2.9
CenturyLink fka Embarq	0	10,224	1.5	0	8,949	1.3
AT&T	1	45,310	6.6	1	44,875	6.4
MCI	0	435	0.1	0	328	0.1
Time Warner	14	31,832	4.6	11	34,199	4.9
Consolidated	0	2,355	0.3	0	2,321	0.3
Others	30	90,677	13.1	20	122,899	17.5
TOTAL	274	690,677	100.0	276	699,118	100.0

Long Distance Carriers

The following table shows the number of complaints filed against long distance companies. 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	2012-2013		2013-2014		2014-2015	
	Complaints	%	Complaints	%	Complaints	%
AT&T	4	8.7	1	7.7	1	7.7
Advantage Telecom	9	19.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Consumer Telecom	1	2.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Excel	0	0.0	1	7.7	0	0.0
ILD Teleservices	1	2.2	1	7.7	0	0.0
MCI	3	6.5	0	0.0	3	23.1
Qwest	1	2.2	1	7.7	1	7.7
Reliant Communication	3	6.5	2	15.4	0	0.0
Sprint	1	2.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Windstream	6	13.0	2	15.4	1	7.7
Zero Plus Dialing, Inc.	3	6.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Miscellaneous	14	30.4	5	38.4	7	53.8
TOTAL	46	100.0	13	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	2012-2013		2013-2014		2014-2015	
	Complaints	%	Complaints	%	Complaints	%
AT&T	7	4.8	4	1.3	6	3.6
Cricket	7	4.8	5	1.6	10	6.0
Sprint	22	15.0	29	9.3	27	16.1
T-Mobile	3	2.0	3	1.0	3	1.8
TracFone Wireless	7	4.8	7	2.2	7	4.2
US Cellular	4	2.7	16	5.1	11	6.6
Verizon Wireless	78	53.1	233	74.4	86	51.5
Viaero Wireless	8	5.4	5	1.6	4	2.4
Virgin Mobile	6	4.1	5	1.6	1	0.6
Others	5	3.3	6	1.9	12	7.2
TOTAL	147	100.0	313	100.0	167	100.0

Relay Service Complaints

There were two complaints related to traditional relay calls (excluding CapTel) for the year ending June 30, 2015. One incident involved slow typing speed by the relay operator and one involved the operator’s failure to keep the party informed on the status of the call. There was one complaint for traditional relay for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. 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 46 customer contacts with three categorized as service-related, 26 categorized as technical and 17 inquiries for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. The center experienced 73 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. However, two of the service complaints were related to accuracy of captions. 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.

2014 – 2015 Complaint Type By Carrier Type

2014-2015 Types	LECs	IXCs	Wireless	Miscellaneous
Billing	78	11	69	22
Service	173	1	94	67
Telemarketing	16	1	1	0
Customer Service	3	0	3	0
Slamming	3	0	0	0
Directory	2	0	0	0
Area Code	0	0	0	0
Auto Dialer	0	0	0	0
Carrier to Carrier	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	276	13	167	89

Historical By Carrier Type

	2013-2014		2014-2015	
LECs	274	40.9%	276	50.7%
IXCs	13	1.9%	13	2.4%
Wireless	313	46.7%	167	30.6%
Miscellaneous	70	10.5%	89	16.3%
TOTAL	670	100.0%	545	100.0%

Historical By Complaint Type

Types by Year	2013-2014	2014-2015
Billing	153	180
Service	478	335
Auto Dialer	1	0
Telemarketing	23	18
Customer Service	3	6
Slamming	1	3
Directory	11	2
Carrier to Carrier	0	1
Area Code	0	0
TOTAL	670	545

Of the 545 complaints received during Fiscal Year 2014-15, 135 resulted in savings to the customer totaling \$23,412.37. This represents an average savings of approximately \$173.42 per customer.

PART VII

Recommendations for the 2016 Legislative Session



1999

The first full internet service on mobile phones was introduced by NTT DoCoMo in Japan. It was not until the widespread availability of good quality 3G coverage in the mid-2000s that specialized devices appeared to access the mobile internet.

2009

It had become clear that 3G networks would be overwhelmed by the growth of bandwidth-intensive applications like streaming media. Consequently, the industry began looking to data-optimized 4th-generation technologies.

The first two commercially available technologies billed as 4G were the WiMAX standard offered in the U.S. by Sprint and the LTE standard, first offered in Scandinavia by TeliaSonera.

Recommendations for 2016 Legislative Session

The Commission continues to monitor Next Generation 911 and broadband deployment issues across Nebraska and both federal and state activity for possible legislation regarding telecommunications in the 2016 Session.

