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January 27, 2015

Hon. Pete Ricketts, Governor
State of Nebraska
2nd Floor N.E., State Capitol
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Dear Governor Ricketts:

Enclosed you will find the report of the Nebraska Public Service Commission required pursuant to section 4-113 of the Nebraska Statutes. The report details the results of verifications made by the agency to ensure that applicants for public benefits have lawful presence in the United States.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Cordially,

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Mr. Patrick J. O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature
Room 2018, State Capitol
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**Nebraska Public Service Commission
Annual Report Regarding Public Benefit Verification Compliance
January 27, 2015**

This report is being filed pursuant to section 4-113 to report the compliance of the Nebraska Public Service Commission with sections 4-108 to 4-113 of the Nebraska statutes.

This report covers the dates January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

The Commission administers two programs which require the applicant's status to be verified through E-Verify; the Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP) and the Nebraska Specialized Telecommunications Equipment Program (NSTEP). The NTAP program assists qualifying low-income individuals with obtaining and retaining telephone service by lowering monthly service and connection costs. The NSTEP program enables qualified deaf, hard-of-hearing and/or speech impaired citizens to obtain specialized telecommunications equipment at no cost.

The following information details for calendar year 2014 the number of applicants approved for each program, the number that required verification of lawful presence and the number of applicants rejected based upon such verification.

Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program

Total number of approved applications: 4,805

Number of applicants requiring verification of lawful presence status: 263

Number of applicants denied benefits: 0

Nebraska Specialized Telecommunications Assistance Program

Total number of approved applications: 590

Number of applicants requiring verification of lawful presence status: 0

Number of applicants denied benefits: 0