

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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January 25, 2023

The Honorable Jim Pillen Governor of the State of Nebraska State Capitol, Second Floor Northeast Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

Brandon Metzler Clerk of the Legislature State Capitol, Room 2028 Lincoln, NE 68509

Re: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 4-113 Annual Report

Dear Governor Pillen and Mr. Metzler:

Please accept this letter as the Nebraska Public Service Commission's report on Public Benefit Verification Compliance for January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, pursuant to Sec. 6 of LB 403, 2009 Legislature, codified as Neb. Rev. Stat. § 4-113.

The Commission administers two programs that require eligibility status verifications through Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE): the Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP), which assists qualifying low-income individuals with obtaining and retaining telephone service by lowering monthly service and connection costs; and the Nebraska Specialized Telecommunications Equipment Program (NSTEP), which enables qualified deaf, hard-of-hearing and/or speech impaired citizens to obtain specialized telecommunications equipment at no cost.

Thomas W. Golden, Executive Director

Public Service Commission

The Commission reports the following activity for calendar year 2022:

Program	Applications Received	Lawful Presence Verified	Applications Denied Due to Lack of Lawful Presence
NTAP	174	4	0
NSTEP	1,085	1	0

Please contact me at 402-471-0211 or <u>Thomas.Golden@nebraska.gov</u>, should you have any questions about this report.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Golden Executive Director