

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. NUSF-139
Public Service Commission, on)
its own Motion, to consider)
appropriate modifications to)
the high-cost distribution and) ORDER SCHEDULING WORKSHOP
reporting mechanisms in its)
Universal Service Fund program)
in light of federal and state)
infrastructure grants.) Entered: October 8, 2024

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") initiated this proceeding, on its own motion, on August 29, 2023 ("August 29, 2023 Order"), to consider appropriate modifications to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund ("NUSF") high-cost distribution mechanism and associated reporting requirements.

The Commission recently entered into an agreement with CostQuest Associates, LLC, to receive certain updates to the State Broadband Cost Model ("SBCM") which it utilizes to estimate the relative costs of building and maintaining a fiber-based network for the purposes of determining its high-cost support allocation. In order to provide the interested parties with an opportunity to discuss the model updates and processes for calculating support, the Commission hereby schedules a workshop which will be held on **Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. Central Time**, in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 and via WebEx at <https://sonvideo.webex.com/meet/PSCWebex>.

The updated SBCM data is available to parties in this proceeding who have executed the nondisclosure agreement attached to the Commission's Supplemental Protective Order entered on September 9, 2024, executed the relevant CostQuest licensing agreements attached to the Supplemental Protective Order, and who have been granted permission to access the data from CostQuest. As this process may take some time, parties interested in having access to the updated SBCM data prior to the workshop should promptly execute the appropriate licensing agreements as soon as practicable. While the Commission intends for this workshop to be a vehicle to allow CostQuest to provide a high level overview of the updates to the SBCM and to allow parties to ask questions of CostQuest or the staff, to the extent that the discussion includes

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protected or confidential licensed data, the Commission reserves the right to close the workshop to include only persons who have been granted access to the licensed data.

If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at the meeting, please call the Commission at (402) 471-3101. For people with hearing/speech impairments, please call the Commission at (402) 471-0213 (TDD) or the Nebraska Relay System at (800) 833-7352 (TDD) or (800) 833-0920 (Voice). Advance notice of at least seven (7) days is needed when requesting an interpreter.




O R D E R


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that a workshop to discuss the updated version of the Nebraska State Broadband Cost Model shall be held on **Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Central Time**, in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 and via WebEx as indicated above.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 8th day of October, 2024.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


Chair

ATTEST:


Executive Director