

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. C-5561
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, to administer) ORDER REVISING
the Nebraska Broadband Bridge) GRANT AWARDS
Program in the 2024 program)
year.) Entered: March 11, 2024

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 6, 2024, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") initiated this proceeding on its own motion to administer the 2024 program year of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program ("NBBP"). On May 14, 2024, the Commission released an order adopting the 2024 grant application procedural schedule and application materials ("May 14 Order"). The Program Guide was then adjusted via Commission order dated June 25, 2024.

Awards in the 2024 NBBP program year were issued by order of the Commission on January 14, 2025 ("Jan. 14 Order"). This order further required that awardees must submit to the Commission a completed Grantee Acknowledgement and Attestation Form by January 28, 2025. Also pursuant to that order, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("Qwest") was awarded \$135,125 to provide broadband service in the Valley Waterloo area ("Valley Waterloo Project").

On January 28, 2025, Qwest filed a motion seeking an extension of the deadline to submit its Grantee Acknowledgement and Attestation Form for the Valley Waterloo Project. The motion was granted by order of the Hearing Officer in this matter, and Qwest was granted 30 days' time to file the Grantee Acknowledgement and Attestation Form, until February 28, 2025.

On February 28, 2025, Qwest filed a letter with the Commission stating that it "must decline the NBBP grant offered to support the project in the Valley Waterloo area." Qwest did not file the required Grantee Acknowledgement and Attestation Form for the project.

The Commission finds that at this time, the grant award previously made to Qwest for the Valley Waterloo area should be rescinded. As no grant funds were distributed to Qwest, the Commission finds that this matter does not require a hearing. However, the Commission reserves the right to consider this matter in future NBBP grant cycles and make a determination at that time

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whether scoring for any applicants who previously declined to perform awarded projects should be affected.

Additionally, the Commission finds that the previously issued Attachment C to the Jan. 14 Order should be revised to reflect that Qwest is not eligible for the Valley Waterloo grant award. A revised Attachment C is attached hereto.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission that the grant award for the Valley Waterloo Project previously made to Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC shall be rescinded, and that no grant funds shall be distributed to Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC for this project.


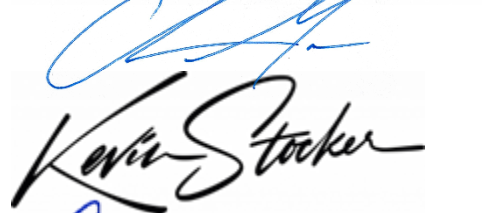

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the previously issued Attachment C, listing grant awards made in the 2024 NBBP program year, shall be revised and the revised Attachment C attached hereto shall be adopted.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that all other program awards, deadlines, and program requirements previously set forth in this proceeding shall remain in place and unmodified.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 11th day of March, 2025.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



Chair

ATTEST:


Executive Director

Commission Docket No. C-5561
 Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program – 2024 Grant Cycle
Attachment C: Grant Awards
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Applicant	Project	Disposition	Grant Award
ALLO Communications LLC	Northwest Kearney	Approved	\$ 128,328
	Fremont to Schuyler	Approved	\$ 496,697
	West Scottsbluff	Approved	\$ 139,591
	North Conestoga Lake	Approved	\$ 339,282
	North of North Platte	Approved	\$ 604,725
	Northwest Lake Maloney	Approved	\$ 158,149
	West Lake Maloney	Approved	\$ 586,393
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Fillmore County 3	Approved	\$ 1,584,196
	York County 2	Approved	\$ 981,962
	Glenvil Spur	Approved	\$ 271,203
	Strang	Approved	\$ 68,353
Mobius Communications	24_MOBIUS_DAWES	Approved	\$ 805,910
	24_MOBIUS_BBC	Approved	\$ 1,013,659
Pinpoint Communications, Inc.	North Syracuse	Approved	\$ 2,185,286
	North Platte Southeast	Approved	\$ 2,625,000
	Gothenburg 2	Approved	\$ 888,944
	Gothenburg 1	Approved	\$ 756,155
	Gothenburg 3	Approved	\$ 3,450,000
	Beaver City 1	Approved	\$ 300,000
	Beaver City 3	Approved	\$ 1,476,769
	South Stamford-Orleans	Approved	\$ 1,275,000