

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of the Nebraska)
Telecommunications Association for)
Investigation and Review of Processes and)
Procedures Regarding the Nebraska)
Universal Service Fund: Application to the)
Nebraska Broadband Pilot Program (NEBP))
Received from Nebraska Central Telephone)
Company)

Application No. NUSF-77.14



DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ANDREW D. JADER IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION

Q. Please state your name.

A. Andrew D. Jader.

Q. Please state your position with and the name of your current employer and provide a summary of your duties.

A. I am the Vice President – Administration for Nebraska Central Telephone Company (“NCTC”) and have served in this role since January 1992. My duties include oversight of NCTC’s business offices, end user and carrier billing, planning, cost studies, and industry relations.

Q. Prior to assuming your current positions what was your employment background?

A. I began my telephone carrier in 1980 with United Telecommunications, Inc. as an internal auditor. Following that assignment I held a variety of positions in financial management, including corporate budgeting, pricing, rate case, capital recovery, and cost separations with United Telephone Services Inc. and United Telephone Company’s Midwest Group.

Q. Please describe the Applicant and its business.

A. NCTC is a common carrier subject to the jurisdiction of the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission"). NCTC holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by this Commission and provides wireline telecommunications services in central Nebraska. NCTC's serving territory covers approximately 3,275 square miles and includes 20 telephone exchanges. As of December 31, 2012, NCTC served approximately 5,400 voice lines. NCTC also provides broadband Internet access and distance education transport services to seven K-12 schools in its territory.

Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

A. My testimony is provided to support the application filed by NCTC for funding from the Nebraska Broadband Fund ("Application").

Q. Can you please generally describe the Application?

A. NCTC applied for funding for four projects each located close to the following towns: Ashton, Boelus, Scotia, and Sargent. Of these projects, I would like to provide specific information regarding the Sargent project.

For the Sargent project, NCTC will construct fiber optic plant facilities and associated electronic equipment to provide broadband service to an underserved rural area in NCTC's Sargent exchange. The Sargent project consists of 14.6 square miles and includes 24 households. The project will provide broadband to these household at the 4/1 Mbps speed.

Q. Are there additional details and supporting information in the Application?

A. Yes. These details are contained in the Application filed with the Commission. Additionally, Staff requested and was provided additional information.

Q. Do you support the Staff recommendation regarding the Application?

A. Yes. I appreciate the Staff's recommendation to approve the Application for the Sargent project and believe that the Commission should adopt the Staff's recommendation regarding the Application.

Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

A. Yes.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 27th day of September, 2013, the original, five copies, and an electronic copy of the foregoing pleading was delivered to:

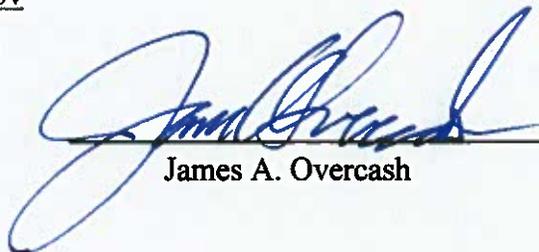
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