

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska)	
Public Service Commission, on)	
its own motion, seeking to)	Application No. NUSF-92.10
administer the Nebraska)	
Universal Service Fund's)	
Broadband Program: application)	
to the Nebraska Broadband)	
Program Received from Nebraska)	
Central Telephone Company.)	

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ANDREW D. JADER IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION

Q. Please state your name.

A. My name is 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 position what was your employment background?

A. I began my telecommunications career 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. The Commission’s September 30, 2013 Annual Report to the Legislature regarding telecommunications shows that 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 with the Commission by NCTC for funding from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program (“Application”). The Application is incorporated in my testimony by reference.

Q. Can you please generally describe the Application?

A. NCTC applied for funding for four projects each located in proximity to the following towns: Ashton, Boelus and Scotia. Of these projects, I would like to focus on the Ashton East, Ashton West and Scotia projects, all of which have been recommended for funding by the Commission Staff. For the Ashton East project, NCTC will construct facilities and install associated electronic equipment to provide broadband service to an underserved rural area located in the Eastern portion of NCTC’s Ashton Exchange. For the Ashton West project, NCTC will construct facilities and install associated electronic equipment to provide broadband service to an underserved rural area located in the Western portion of NCTC’s Ashton Exchange. For the Scotia project, NCTC will construct facilities and

associated electronic equipment to provide broadband service to an underserved rural area in NCTC's Scotia Exchange. All of the projects will provide broadband to households at the 4/1 Mbps or higher speeds.

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

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

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

A. Yes. I appreciate the Staff's recommendation to approve the Application for the Ashton East, Ashton West and Scotia projects 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 9th day of May, 2014, the original, five copies, and an electronic copy of the foregoing pleading was delivered to:

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