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Lincoln, November 5, 2020 – The Nebraska Public Service Commission has entered an Order (NUSF-92 PO#10 (https://www.nebraska.gov/psc/orders/telecom/2020-11-04%20NUSF-92%20PO%2010%20Order%20Extending%20Program%20Window.pdf)) that will continue to allow carriers to seek reimbursement for providing broadband service to low-income families affected by the COVID-19 emergency.

In March, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission allocated $1 million through the NUSF Broadband Adoption Program (NUSF-92 (http://tiny.cc/NUSF92)) to assist carriers in providing low-income subscriber's access to broadband services to facilitate online learning. The new Order approved November 4 will extend the program through the end of 2020.

"As we enter the fall, we find Nebraska consumers continue to face many of the same challenges associated with the pandemic as they did in the spring," said Commission Chair Mary Ridder. "We hope extending this program will help carriers to continue to provide affordable broadband service to facilitate online learning for low-income subscribers."

During the initial program which ran from mid-March through May 31, the Commission approved reimbursements to carriers totaling nearly $205,000 providing support to roughly 2,000 consumers.

Ridder said, "With three-quarters of a million dollars remaining in the program, we hope to incentivize carriers to continue to seek ways to ensure that the families most likely to have difficulty paying for internet, receive the service they need as we continue to cope with the effects of this health emergency."

The continuation of the Broadband Adoption support will apply to low-income families added between August 1, and December 31, 2020.

Telecommunications carriers certificated as a local exchange carrier or registered with the Commission as a communications provider seeking reimbursement for this extended period may file requests consistent with the parameters of the program adopted in March @ < https://tinyurl.com/PSCNUSF92PO10 (https://tinyurl.com/PSCNUSF92PO10) >. ###

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State Offices Closed
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8:00am

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Commission Meeting
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10:00am

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C-5236/Communications Annual Report Hearing
Location: Commission Hearing Room

11:00am

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C-5272 Hearing (Broadband Bridge Act)
Location: Commission Hearing Room

1:00pm

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