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PSC TO KEEP NUSF RATE AT 6.95 PERCENT

LINCOLN – The Nebraska Public Service Commission will retain the 6.95 percent rate to provide monies in the fifth year for the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF).

The Commission made the decision to keep the monthly surcharge at the same rate at which it has been since creation of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund by the Nebraska Legislature in the summer of 1999. The rate was established for the 2004-2005 fiscal year, which begins July 1.

The state's universal service fund is intended to keep monthly charges for local telephone service affordable for all Nebraskans. The Commission's decision on the rate followed the recommendation of its Universal Service Fund Department and an advisory board consisting of telecommunications industry and public representatives.

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