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**PSC ISSUES DESIGNATION TO FIRST WIRELESS COMPANY  
AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER**

LINCOLN – A Colorado wireless company earned the Nebraska Public Service Commission’s designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for consideration of funding from the federal Universal Service Fund.

The Commission voted 4-0 Tuesday to designate Viaero Wireless of Fort Morgan, Colorado, as eligible for federal support to serve high cost rural areas of Nebraska. Viaero, which operates in Colorado and Nebraska, testified that it would target rural areas rather than lower cost urban areas with its services.

Commission Chairman Jerry Vap of McCook, whose 51-county Fifth District would particularly benefit from Viaero’s designation, said, “Viaero must still file a five-year business plan with the Commission that outlines its intent for clear, long-term expansion of service in areas that currently have no cellular service or limited wireless capabilities.” Viaero testified that it hopes to have broad coverage within that time frame.

In its designation of Viaero, the Commission agreed that the company is a common carrier and provides essential supported services including access to the public switched telephone network, local usage, access to emergency and operator services as well as access to directory assistance and long distance services.

Viaero serves about 30,000 customers in in a region that includes about the western two-thirds of Nebraska and northeastern Colorado.

Vap said the Commission’s ruling was effective immediately.

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