

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Universal Service Fund Council

SUMMARY OF JUNE 18, 2014 MEETING

Meeting Date/Time: June 18, 2014, 1:00 PM

Place: Public Service Commission Building, Flambeau River Conf. Rm. - Madison, WI

Council Members: Jean Pauk – USFC Chair (TDS), Jim Jermain (AT&T), Bob Jones (WISCAP Association), Kathy Schmitt (DATCAP), Scott Bohler (Frontier Communications) (by phone), David Byers (NEIT Wireless) (by phone), Jack Cassell (DOA/TRS) (by phone), John Eich (UW School of Medicine/WORH) (by phone), Celeste Flynn (Time Warner Cable) (by phone), Pam Hollick (tw telecom) (by phone)

Commission staff: Jeff Richter, Dennis Klaila, Duane Wilson

Others: Shalon Atkins (for Vanessa Johnson) (by phone)

Chairperson Pauk called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM and welcomed those in attendance. Jeff Richter called role and quorum was present and he briefed the Council on the purpose of the meeting and possible outcomes.

Chairperson Pauk moved the election of a Vice Chair to the first agenda item. Jim Jermain expressed willingness to serve as Vice Chair and was nominated, seconded and approved by the Council members.

The USFC reviewed and approved the minutes of the June 11, 2013 meeting.

The USFC reviewed the staff draft USF budget for Fiscal Year 2015. Following questions and discussion, motion was made by Pamela Hollick, seconded by David Byers, and passed to recommend to the Commission adoption of the staff draft FY15 USF budget.

Jeff Richter noted the following:

- Wisconsin was allocated \$174,000 by the FCC for FY14 for the assessments, purchase and installation of equipment, administration, and train recipients as part of the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program. Great progress was made in ramping up this program and the FCC allocated an additional \$70,000 to the PSC's \$174,000 budget allocation for FY13. A significant portion of those funds will get used.
- The Nonprofit Grant decisions made by the Commission for 2014.
- Progress is being made by staff on the rules package that will go to the Commission later in the summer for the Commission to decide on the issuance of a Notice of Hearing for the USF rulemaking. Staff will send the timeline for action in the docket and the Notice to the USFC members when issued.

- Very little progress s been made getting Department of Health Services and Department of Revenue buy-in on the Lifeline and Database Project so it is included again in the budget for FY15.
- The TEPP program is running well and close to budget.

Dennis Klaila noted the following:

- The Nonprofit Grant decisions made by the Commission for 2014& 2015.

The USFC adjourned at 2:50 pm.

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