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January 24, 2014

Mr. Patrick J. O'Donnell
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Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

Enclosed you will find the report of the Nebraska Public Service Commission required pursuant to section 4-113 of the Nebraska Statutes. The report details the results of verifications made by the agency to ensure that applicants for public benefits have lawful presence in the United States.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Cordially,

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Steve Meradith
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Enclosures

**Nebraska Public Service Commission
Annual Report Regarding Public Benefit Verification Compliance
January 24, 2014**

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This report covers the dates January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

The Commission administers two programs which require the applicant's status to be verified through E-Verify; the Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP) and the Nebraska Specialized Telecommunications Equipment Program (NSTEP). The NTAP program assists qualifying low-income individuals with obtaining and retaining telephone service by lowering monthly service and connection costs. The NSTEP program enables qualified deaf, hard-of-hearing and/or speech impaired citizens to obtain specialized telecommunications equipment at no cost.

The following information details for calendar year 2013 the number of applicants approved for each program, the number that required verification of lawful presence, and the number of applicants rejected based upon such verification.

Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program

Total number of approved applications: 6,429

Number of applicants requiring verification of lawful presence status: 517

Number of applicants denied benefits: 0

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Total number of approved applications: 530

Number of applicants requiring verification of lawful presence status: 0

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