

## **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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January 23, 2024

The Honorable Jim Pillen Governor of the State of Nebraska State Capitol, Second Floor Northeast Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

**Brandon Metzler** Clerk of the Legislature State Capitol, Room 2028 Lincoln, NE 68509

Re: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 4-113 Annual Report

Dear Governor Pillen and Mr. Metzler:

Please accept this letter as the Nebraska Public Service Commission's report on Public Benefit Verification Compliance for January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, pursuant to Sec. 6 of LB 403, 2009 Legislature, codified as Neb. Rev. Stat. § 4-113.

The Commission administers two programs that require eligibility status verifications through Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE): the Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP), which assists qualifying low-income individuals with obtaining and retaining telephone service by lowering monthly service and connection costs; and the Nebraska Specialized Telecommunications Equipment Program (NSTEP), which enables qualified deaf, hard-of-hearing and/or speech impaired citizens to obtain specialized telecommunications equipment at no cost.

Thomas W. Golden, Executive Director

The Commission reports the following activity for calendar year 2023:

Program	Applications Received	Lawful Presence Verified	Applications Denied Due to Lack of Lawful Presence
NITAD	1 / /	2	0
NTAP	144	<b>Z</b>	U

Please contact me at 402-471-0211 or <u>Thomas.Golden@nebraska.gov</u>, should you have any questions about this report.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Golden Executive Director