

Public Service Commission awards broadband grants

(KLZA)-- The Nebraska Public Service Commission approved the awarding of 60 grants Tuesday totaling nearly \$18-million from the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program.

Nebraska Public Service Commission Chairman Dan Watermeier said the funding will go a long way in the state's efforts to help make high speed broadband available to unserved and underserved Nebraskans.

The 60 grants awarded were submitted by 19 providers for a total of \$17,771,964. Certain applicants, whose applications were denied due to a challenge to only part of the project will be given a chance to apply for the remaining funding of just over \$2-million.

Among those receiving funding was Pinpoint Communications, Inc. to serve Nemaha County, Nebraska which will received \$870,400 to serve 98 locations and Peru will receive \$150,597 to serve 88 locations.

Windstream Nebraska, Inc. will receive \$61,114 to provide service to 205 locations in Union and \$219,155 to provide broadband service to 857 locations in Wymore.

In all, the grants will provide broadband service to 12,392 locations across Nebraska through 19 providers.

Many Signals Communications