

Agency 014 - PUBLIC SERVICE COMM

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

The State Railway Commission was established by constitutional amendment in 1906. The scope of authority and organization are contained in Article IV, Section 20, and Article X, Sections 1-8 of the Nebraska Constitution, as well as Chapters 71, 75, 86, 88 and 89 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes 1943. The agency name was changed in 1972 to the Public Service Commission. A complete set of the current rules and regulations is on file with the Revisor of Regulations.

VISION:

Our vision is for Nebraska citizens to be provided safe and affordable services in the areas under PSC jurisdiction.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The Public Service Commission is charged with the responsibility of regulating and exercising general control of common carriers and natural gas utilities.

GOALS:

The goals of the Public Service Commission are to execute its constitutional and statutory duties in a consistent, professional and forthright manner at the least cost and for the greatest benefit to the State of Nebraska.

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Financial Data

	FY10 Actual	FY11 Approp	FY12 Request	FY12 Recomm	FY13 Request	FY13 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	2,396,532	2,509,079	2,493,620	2,273,288	2,478,052	2,301,708
Cash Fund	3,175,540	4,344,208	4,374,398	4,268,777	4,369,585	4,306,473
Federal Fund	1,238,344	0	319,207	1,567,169	0	849,327
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations Funding	6,810,415	6,853,287	7,187,225	8,109,234	6,847,637	7,457,508
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	55,037,746	71,668,992	73,665,000	71,655,750	73,590,000	71,580,750
Federal Fund	100,759	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	55,138,505	71,668,992	73,665,000	71,655,750	73,590,000	71,580,750
Total Funding						
General Fund	2,396,532	2,509,079	2,493,620	2,273,288	2,478,052	2,301,708
Cash Fund	58,213,286	76,013,200	78,039,398	75,924,527	77,959,585	75,887,223
Federal Fund	1,339,102	0	319,207	1,567,169	0	849,327
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	61,948,920	78,522,279	80,852,225	79,764,984	80,437,637	79,038,258

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Program 014 - SALARIES-PUB SERV COMM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The powers and duties of the five Commissioners, as defined by the Constitution, include the regulation of rates and services and general control of common carriers. The Commissioners are each paid an annual salary of \$75,000, effective January of 2007, plus benefits, as set by statute, and are elected for a 6-year term of office.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Provide compensation for the Commissioners of the Public Service Commission.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

There are no performance measures attributable to this program.

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Program 014 - SALARIES-PUB SERV COMM

Financial Data

	FY10 Actual	FY11 Approp	FY12 Request	FY12 Recomm	FY13 Request	FY13 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	489,750	504,807	489,216	489,216	489,216	489,216
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations Funding	489,750	504,807	489,216	489,216	489,216	489,216
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	489,750	504,807	489,216	489,216	489,216	489,216
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	489,750	504,807	489,216	489,216	489,216	489,216

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Program 016 - COMMISSIONERS EXPENSES

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

This program provides funds to cover expenses such as conference registration, commuting, meals, lodging and other related expenses.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this program is to account for, control and provide reasonable funding to allow the Commissioners to perform their duties.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Commission staff is continually monitoring the timeliness of the payments related to reimbursement requests to ensure performance goals are being met. In addition, staff, as well as the Auditor's Office, review the expenditures to make sure all expenditures for Commissioners are accounted for in this program.

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Program 016 - COMMISSIONERS EXPENSES

Financial Data

	FY10 Actual	FY11 Approp	FY12 Request	FY12 Recomm	FY13 Request	FY13 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	49,168	53,067	51,540	51,540	51,540	51,540
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations Funding	49,168	53,067	51,540	51,540	51,540	51,540
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	49,168	53,067	51,540	51,540	51,540	51,540
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	49,168	53,067	51,540	51,540	51,540	51,540

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Program 019 - MODULAR HOUSING UNITS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The PSC Housing and Recreational Vehicle program is responsible for protecting the health and safety of those living in or using manufactured (mobile) homes, modular housing units and recreational vehicles. This protection is achieved by requiring manufacturers to develop and implement a construction process quality assurance program. The Commission monitors the manufacturer's quality assurance program at the factories to assure that construction codes and approved drawings are being followed.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The department protects the health and safety of those living in or using manufactured homes, modular housing units and recreational vehicles without placing unnecessary burdens upon manufacturers. In addition, when occasion arises, the department will educate the public in the use of such products and promote state and local agreements for interstate shipment of these products. This furthers the acceptance and use of these products, thereby increasing these products' manufacturing rates and creating more jobs for Nebraskans.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

The department's goal is to continue assisting in developing market areas for these homes without sacrificing consumer protection and unnecessarily increasing costs to the consumer. This is accomplished by continuing training of staff, keeping manufacturers abreast of construction code changes, following up on market area requests for these homes, and maintaining the state's low level of consumer complaints.

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Program 019 - MODULAR HOUSING UNITS

Financial Data

	FY10 Actual	FY11 Approp	FY12 Request	FY12 Recomm	FY13 Request	FY13 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	362,710	625,929	561,954	538,805	541,002	545,755
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations Funding	362,710	625,929	561,954	538,805	541,002	545,755
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	362,710	625,929	561,954	538,805	541,002	545,755
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	362,710	625,929	561,954	538,805	541,002	545,755

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Program 054 - ENF OF STDS-COMMON CARRIERS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Commission regulates market entry and service of the following industries: grain warehouses and grain dealers; household goods movers and passenger transportation carriers (includes rate regulation); and telecommunications and automatic dialing and announcing devices.

The Commission receives and investigates formal and informal consumer complaints. Telecommunications consumer assistance includes wireless customers.

Additionally, the Commission has regulatory authority over electrical transmission line placement; gas pipeline placement; grain moisture meters; private water company rates; and railroad locomotive and track safety.

See discussion regarding broadband funding.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of this program include the following:

1. Ensure that rates, charges, and regulations governing common carriers are necessary and reasonable;
2. Insure that adequate service is provided by common carriers;
3. Prevent and correct unjust discrimination on prices or services;
4. Insure the public safety and protection in all jurisdictions.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

1. Provide for a process in which rates and charges are reviewed for all common carriers;
2. Provide a process for reviewing informal and formal complaints by individuals and industry. Also provide for performance monitoring;
3. Provide for enforcement of noncompliance with Rules and Regulations;
4. Provide for proper licensing, adequate insurance and regulating entrance and exit of carriers.

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Program 054 - ENF OF STDS-COMMON CARRIERS

Financial Data

	FY10 Actual	FY11 Approp	FY12 Request	FY12 Recomm	FY13 Request	FY13 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	1,857,614	1,951,205	1,952,864	1,732,532	1,937,296	1,760,952
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	1,238,344	0	319,207	1,567,169	0	849,327
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations Funding	3,095,958	1,951,205	2,272,071	3,299,701	1,937,296	2,610,279
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	1,857,614	1,951,205	1,952,864	1,732,532	1,937,296	1,760,952
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	1,238,344	0	319,207	1,567,169	0	849,327
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	3,095,958	1,951,205	2,272,071	3,299,701	1,937,296	2,610,279

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Program 060 - GRAIN WAREHOUSE SURV

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Grain Warehouse Surveillance Cash Fund was established in FY 84-85 to account for personal needs arising from the surveillance of troubled grain warehouses.

The Grain Warehouse Auditing Fund was established in 1996 (LB 1123) to allow the Commission to enter into contracts with public or private entities for purposes of performing audit or examination work. The Commission has a contract with the Nebraska Soybean Board to do soybean check-off audits.

The Moisture Testing Cash Fund was established in 1992 (LB 366) to utilize fees from moisture testing activities to fund the purchase and maintenance of moisture testing equipment.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

This program is comprised of the Grain Warehousing Surveillance Cash Fund, the Moisture Testing Program, and the Grain Warehouse Auditing Cash Fund. The Grain Warehouse Surveillance Cash Fund was established by the Legislature on July 1, 1984, to be used by the Commission to pay for expenses in the closing of a grain warehouse. The Moisture Testing Program is responsible for inspecting every moisture meter used in the state to determine the moisture content of grain delivered for sale or storage. The Grain Warehouse Auditing Cash Fund was established in February of 1997 to offset costs and purchase of necessary equipment in the performance of soybean check-off audits for the Nebraska Soybean Board.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Grain Warehouse Surveillance Cash Fund:

The Commission uses this fund to pay operating expenses and salaries when it becomes necessary to liquidate grain inventories at insolvent grain warehouses.

Grain Warehouse Auditing Cash Fund:

Our goal is to complete as many audits as the Soybean Board requests us to do in the course of a year's time provided it does not interfere with our examination schedule of grain warehouses.

Moisture Testing Program:

Performance is based on how many meters are rejected over the course of a year. By working with manufacturers and analyzing laboratory findings, the Commission's goal is to have an accurate meter at each testing location that will be within one-half percent plus or minus tolerance of our meters.

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Program 060 - GRAIN WAREHOUSE SURV

Financial Data

	FY10 Actual	FY11 Approp	FY12 Request	FY12 Recomm	FY13 Request	FY13 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	13,984	40,282	36,319	36,315	36,619	36,615
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations Funding	13,984	40,282	36,319	36,315	36,619	36,615
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	13,984	40,282	36,319	36,315	36,619	36,615
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	13,984	40,282	36,319	36,315	36,619	36,615

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Program 064 - TELEPHONE RELAY SYSTEM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

This fund was established in 1990-1991 and contains surcharge revenue to provide for the cost of the Telecommunications Relay System in Nebraska. Revenue is derived from a monthly surcharge on each telephone number or functional equivalent in the State. The Commission is required before April 1 of each year to hold a public hearing to determine the amount of the surcharge necessary to carry out the Telecommunications Relay System Act. The surcharge established subsequent to the hearing is effective for the next year beginning July 1.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Enable hearing and/or speech impaired persons to communicate fully with others using conventional telephone systems 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

1. Establish procedures to evaluate service quality in accordance with contractual and FCC requirements;
2. Provide a process for addressing service quality issues via informal and formal complaint process;
3. Provide a process to issue eligible individuals vouchers used to purchase the equipment to be able to communicate using relay services;
4. Review performance and accuracy of billings.

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Program 064 - TELEPHONE RELAY SYSTEM

Financial Data

	FY10 Actual	FY11 Approp	FY12 Request	FY12 Recomm	FY13 Request	FY13 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	832,757	1,083,297	1,027,035	1,026,173	1,068,340	1,068,702
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations Funding	832,757	1,083,297	1,027,035	1,026,173	1,068,340	1,068,702
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	320,711	437,000	380,000	380,000	380,000	380,000
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	320,711	437,000	380,000	380,000	380,000	380,000
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	1,153,468	1,520,297	1,407,035	1,406,173	1,448,340	1,448,702
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	1,153,468	1,520,297	1,407,035	1,406,173	1,448,340	1,448,702

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Program 071 - NE INTERNET ENHMT FUND

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

This program provides financial assistance to counties and municipalities to assist them in obtaining broadband and other advanced telecommunications services.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this program is to ensure broadband and advanced telecommunications services can be made available to citizens by private entities where the initial costs of the programs may prevent them from being provided without the funding.

Action Plan: Review grant applications and provide awards for projects meeting the Commission criteria.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

The Commission and the task force are reviewing the areas of the State where broadband is not available and will determine whether this program may be a solution to the lack of advanced telecommunications service.

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Program 071 - NE INTERNET ENHMT FUND

Financial Data

	FY10 Actual	FY11 Approp	FY12 Request	FY12 Recomm	FY13 Request	FY13 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	11,736	13,362	11,808	12,914	11,806	13,106
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations Funding	11,736	13,362	11,808	12,914	11,806	13,106
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	37,503	56,242	100,000	100,000	25,000	25,000
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	37,503	56,242	100,000	100,000	25,000	25,000
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	49,239	69,604	111,808	112,914	36,806	38,106
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	49,239	69,604	111,808	112,914	36,806	38,106

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Program 212 - NE COMPETITIVE TEL MARKETPLACE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

This program monitors the competitive performance of a regional bell operating company (Qwest in Nebraska).

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Objective: Assure that Qwest is providing service to competitive carriers' customers that is equal to the service Qwest provides its own customers.

Action Plans:

1. Review the components of providing service and compare them to the standards the Commission set up for Qwest in the Performance Assurance Plan (PAP).
2. Require voluntary payments from Qwest to the competitive carriers who are harmed by the service they receive from Qwest Communications.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Continue to monitor Qwest's compliance with the provision of the Performance Assurance Plan ("PAP") assessing fines for deviations from the PAP standards.

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Program 212 - NE COMPETITIVE TEL MARKETPLACE

Financial Data

	FY10 Actual	FY11 Approp	FY12 Request	FY12 Recomm	FY13 Request	FY13 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	2,621	1,900	17,000	17,000	12,000	12,000
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations Funding	2,621	1,900	17,000	17,000	12,000	12,000
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	2,621	1,900	17,000	17,000	12,000	12,000
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	2,621	1,900	17,000	17,000	12,000	12,000

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Program 583 - ENHANCED WIRELESS 911 FUND

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The program provides financial assistance to Public Safety Answering Points and wireless carriers for the implementation and on-going costs for Phase I and II wireless 911. An advisory board has been appointed to assist with implementation activities and to review requests for funding. Program funding is currently a \$.50 monthly surcharge on wireless access lines.

Additionally, the Commission applied for and received federal funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, pursuant to the Ensuring Needed Help Arrives Near Callers Employing 911 Act of 2004 (ENHANCE 911 Act). This funding provides for the purchase and installation of equipment and software for the provision of Phase II 911 service for Public Safety Answering Points.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Objective: The purpose of this program is to provide funding to assist with the implementation of enhanced wireless 911 service throughout the State of Nebraska.

Objective (ENHANCE 911 Act): To ensure federal funding is available for equipment and software installations necessary for the transition to Next Gen (Next Generation) internet connectivity for wireless 911 access.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Action Plans:

1. Development of a funding model to implement provisions of LB 1222 [2006];
2. Establishment of a sustainable funding mechanism pursuant to LB 1222 [2006];
3. Review and make payment for initial and monthly costs of Phase I and Phase II implementation consistent with the funding mechanism established pursuant to LB 1222 [2006];
4. Develop a plan to address funding needs for the transition to Next Generation 911.

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Program 583 - ENHANCED WIRELESS 911 FUND

Financial Data

	FY10 Actual	FY11 Approp	FY12 Request	FY12 Recomm	FY13 Request	FY13 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	315,215	419,220	403,448	406,046	407,223	414,036
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations Funding	315,215	419,220	403,448	406,046	407,223	414,036
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	5,302,496	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000
Federal Fund	100,759	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	5,403,255	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	5,617,711	12,419,220	12,403,448	12,406,046	12,407,223	12,414,036
Federal Fund	100,759	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	5,718,470	12,419,220	12,403,448	12,406,046	12,407,223	12,414,036

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Program 686 - UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

High Cost: The Commission has designed a support methodology to identify the high cost areas of Nebraska to ensure that program objectives are met.

NTAP: The Commission has adopted a policy to maximize the amount of federal support eligible for program participants. This Commission also actively works with Health and Human Services, area aging agencies, housing authorities and other groups across the state in an outreach effort to enroll more eligible Nebraskans in this program.

Tele-health: The Commission has approved a plan which will provide funding to establish and maintain a statewide tele-health network.

Dedicated Wireless Fund Program: The Commission seeks to identify the high cost areas where people will benefit from new tower construction.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Ensure that all Nebraskans have access to quality telecommunications and information services at affordable and comparable rates. To accomplish this goal, the Commission has created four programs within the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF):

1. High-Cost Program, which seeks to make telecommunications affordable and comparable across Nebraska;
2. Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP) which provides for discounted telephone rates; and
3. Rural Tele-Health Program, which supports the provision of telecommunications services to a statewide tele-health network and;
4. Dedicated Wireless Fund Program, which supports the provision of wireless telecommunications infrastructure in rural unserved and underserved areas of the state.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

1. Measure the prices of telecommunications, advanced, and information services between urban and rural areas;
2. Measure the availability and penetration of telecommunications, advanced, and information services in the state;
3. Ensure that all telecommunications services contribute equally to the NUSF and;
4. Ensure that NUSF support is specific, predictable, sufficient, and competitively neutral.

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Program 686 - UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

Financial Data

	FY10 Actual	FY11 Approp	FY12 Request	FY12 Recomm	FY13 Request	FY13 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	610,633	679,643	678,947	680,044	652,397	659,967
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations Funding	610,633	679,643	678,947	680,044	652,397	659,967
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	49,377,036	59,000,000	61,000,000	59,000,000	61,000,000	59,000,000
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	49,377,036	59,000,000	61,000,000	59,000,000	61,000,000	59,000,000
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	49,987,669	59,679,643	61,678,947	59,680,044	61,652,397	59,659,967
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	49,987,669	59,679,643	61,678,947	59,680,044	61,652,397	59,659,967

Agency 014 - PUBLIC SERVICE COMM

Program 790 - NATURAL GAS REGULATION

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Natural Gas Program is responsible for assisting the Commission in carrying out its statutory duties to regulate jurisdictional natural gas utilities, including, but not limited to, the provision of adequate, efficient, and reliable natural gas service at just and reasonable rates. Included in this program is the Municipal Rate Negotiations Loan Fund, which shall be utilized to make loans to cities to finance negotiations of rate proceedings. In addition, the office of the Public Advocate is charged with the responsibility of representing residential and small commercial customers in matters involving jurisdictional utilities.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Enforce the State Natural Gas Regulation Act by assuring that consumers receive adequate, efficient and reliable service at just and reasonable rates.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Implemented policies and procedures to enforce the State Natural Gas Regulation Act thereby assuring that consumers receive adequate, efficient and reliable service at just and reasonable rates.

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Financial Data

	FY10 Actual	FY11 Approp	FY12 Request	FY12 Recomm	FY13 Request	FY13 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	1,025,885	1,480,575	1,637,887	1,551,480	1,640,198	1,556,292
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations Funding	1,025,885	1,480,575	1,637,887	1,551,480	1,640,198	1,556,292
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	175,750	185,000	175,750	185,000	175,750
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	0	175,750	185,000	175,750	185,000	175,750
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	1,025,885	1,656,325	1,822,887	1,727,230	1,825,198	1,732,042
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	1,025,885	1,656,325	1,822,887	1,727,230	1,825,198	1,732,042