

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:

The Commission's 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

	FY12 Actual	FY13 Approp	FY14 Request	FY14 Recomm	FY15 Request	FY15 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	2,318,704	2,359,563	2,518,639	2,388,884	2,579,076	2,413,029
Cash Fund	3,067,901	4,914,394	6,395,964	10,917,392	6,494,702	7,014,397
Federal Fund	713,247	1,072,357	762,618	762,408	438,812	147,058
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	6,099,852	8,346,314	9,677,221	14,068,684	9,512,590	9,574,484
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	53,278,285	71,590,000	75,525,000	71,525,000	75,515,000	71,515,000
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	53,278,285	71,590,000	75,525,000	71,525,000	75,515,000	71,515,000
Total Funding						
General Fund	2,318,704	2,359,563	2,518,639	2,388,884	2,579,076	2,413,029
Cash Fund	56,346,186	76,504,394	81,920,964	82,442,392	82,009,702	78,529,397
Federal Fund	713,247	1,072,357	762,618	762,408	438,812	147,058
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	59,378,137	79,936,314	85,202,221	85,593,684	85,027,590	81,089,484

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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 in January of 2007, plus benefits, as set by statute, and are elected for a 6-year term of office.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Provide compensation and benefits 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

	FY12 Actual	FY13 Approp	FY14 Request	FY14 Recomm	FY15 Request	FY15 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	487,070	489,216	487,351	487,351	487,351	487,351
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	487,070	489,216	487,351	487,351	487,351	487,351
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	487,070	489,216	487,351	487,351	487,351	487,351
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	487,070	489,216	487,351	487,351	487,351	487,351

Agency 014 - PUBLIC SERVICE COMM
Program 016 - COMMISSIONERS EXPENSES

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

This program provides funds to cover Commissioner expenses such as conference registration, commuting, meals, lodging and other travel 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. This includes travel to hearings and seminars within the State and to allow for conference costs and training for Commissioners to be aware of national trends and treatment by other states of similar regulatory issues.

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 properly accounted for in this program.

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Program 016 - COMMISSIONERS EXPENSES**

Financial Data

	FY12 Actual	FY13 Approp	FY14 Request	FY14 Recomm	FY15 Request	FY15 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	48,583	51,540	53,000	53,000	55,650	55,650
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	48,583	51,540	53,000	53,000	55,650	55,650
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	48,583	51,540	53,000	53,000	55,650	55,650
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	48,583	51,540	53,000	53,000	55,650	55,650

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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

	FY12 Actual	FY13 Approp	FY14 Request	FY14 Recomm	FY15 Request	FY15 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	347,649	550,229	562,056	555,296	592,053	561,628
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	347,649	550,229	562,056	555,296	592,053	561,628
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	347,649	550,229	562,056	555,296	592,053	561,628
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	347,649	550,229	562,056	555,296	592,053	561,628

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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.

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 and;
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

	FY12 Actual	FY13 Approp	FY14 Request	FY14 Recomm	FY15 Request	FY15 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	1,772,826	1,818,807	1,978,288	1,848,533	2,036,075	1,870,028
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	713,247	1,072,357	762,618	762,408	438,812	147,058
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	2,486,073	2,891,164	2,740,906	2,610,941	2,474,887	2,017,086
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	1,772,826	1,818,807	1,978,288	1,848,533	2,036,075	1,870,028
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	713,247	1,072,357	762,618	762,408	438,812	147,058
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	2,486,073	2,891,164	2,740,906	2,610,941	2,474,887	2,017,086

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Program 060 - GRAIN WAREHOUSE SURV

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Grain Warehouse Surveillance Program:

To account for unanticipated expenditures arising from the liquidation of grain warehouses.

Grain Warehouse Auditing Program:

To provide for audits in conjunction with Commission grain examinations

Moisture Testing Program:

To ensure that all moisture meters used to determine moisture content of grain being purchased or sold meet certain minimum requirements before being approved for use.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Grain Warehouse Surveillance Program:

Liquidate failed grain warehouses as efficiently as possible.

Grain Warehouse Auditing Program:

Complete as many audits as the Soybean Board requests us to do without interfering with our examination schedule of grain warehouses.

Moisture Testing Program:

Inspect every moisture meter at least once each calendar year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Grain Warehouse Surveillance Program:

Ensure that storers of grain receive the maximum pay-out after payment of any necessary costs of liquidating a warehouse.

Grain Warehouse Auditing Program:

Spot check the quarterly remittance reports that are submitted to the Nebraska Soybean Board to ensure that the correct check-off fee is being remitted according to the instructions they are required to follow for soybean check-off fees.

Moisture Testing Program:

Ascertain that the moisture meter meets certain minimum requirements prior to use. This is done by testing grain samples of Nebraska grown crops in our lab to determine known moisture content and then taking these samples to the field and checking them against their tester and our lab standard tester in a side by side comparison.

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Program 060 - GRAIN WAREHOUSE SURV

Financial Data

	FY12 Actual	FY13 Approp	FY14 Request	FY14 Recomm	FY15 Request	FY15 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	20,415	36,319	37,320	36,319	37,720	37,119
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	20,415	36,319	37,320	36,319	37,720	37,119
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	20,415	36,319	37,320	36,319	37,720	37,119
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	20,415	36,319	37,320	36,319	37,720	37,119

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Program 064 - TELEPHONE RELAY SYSTEM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

This program was established in 1990-91 to allow persons with hearing, vision and hearing or speech disabilities to communicate with voice telephone users through a relay system provider and a communication's assistant. Revenue to operate the program 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

	FY12 Actual	FY13 Approp	FY14 Request	FY14 Recomm	FY15 Request	FY15 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	888,368	1,070,556	948,827	950,132	1,040,609	1,043,500
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	888,368	1,070,556	948,827	950,132	1,040,609	1,043,500
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	236,611	380,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
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	236,611	380,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	1,124,979	1,450,556	1,248,827	1,250,132	1,340,609	1,343,500
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	1,124,979	1,450,556	1,248,827	1,250,132	1,340,609	1,343,500

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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

	FY12 Actual	FY13 Approp	FY14 Request	FY14 Recomm	FY15 Request	FY15 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	10,933	12,140	12,332	12,342	12,332	12,550
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	10,933	12,140	12,332	12,342	12,332	12,550
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	25,000	40,000	40,000	30,000	30,000
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	0	25,000	40,000	40,000	30,000	30,000
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	10,933	37,140	52,332	52,342	42,332	42,550
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	10,933	37,140	52,332	52,342	42,332	42,550

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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 Communications d/b/a CenturyLink QC).

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

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

Action Plans:

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

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Continue to monitor CenturyLink QC'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

	FY12 Actual	FY13 Approp	FY14 Request	FY14 Recomm	FY15 Request	FY15 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	12,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
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	0	12,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
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	0	12,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
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	0	12,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000

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Program 583 - ENHANCED WIRELESS 911 FUND

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The program provides financial assistance to Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) 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 and on-going provision 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. Continue to refine the permanent 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

	FY12 Actual	FY13 Approp	FY14 Request	FY14 Recomm	FY15 Request	FY15 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	312,789	415,160	421,822	416,115	422,524	423,221
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	312,789	415,160	421,822	416,115	422,524	423,221
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	6,900,348	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000
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	6,900,348	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	7,213,137	12,415,160	12,421,822	12,416,115	12,422,524	12,423,221
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	7,213,137	12,415,160	12,421,822	12,416,115	12,422,524	12,423,221

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Program 686 - UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) administers the following five (5) programs; 1) Broadband; 2) Tele-Health; 3) NTAP (Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program); 4) Dedicated Wireless and; 5) High Cost Support.

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

	FY12 Actual	FY13 Approp	FY14 Request	FY14 Recomm	FY15 Request	FY15 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	568,601	716,052	748,759	735,161	723,762	718,651
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	568,601	716,052	748,759	735,161	723,762	718,651
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	46,141,326	59,000,000	63,000,000	59,000,000	63,000,000	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	46,141,326	59,000,000	63,000,000	59,000,000	63,000,000	59,000,000
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	46,709,927	59,716,052	63,748,759	59,735,161	63,723,762	59,718,651
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	46,709,927	59,716,052	63,748,759	59,735,161	63,723,762	59,718,651

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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.

**Agency 014 - PUBLIC SERVICE COMM
Program 790 - NATURAL GAS REGULATION**

Financial Data

	FY12 Actual	FY13 Approp	FY14 Request	FY14 Recomm	FY15 Request	FY15 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	919,147	1,559,295	1,467,292	1,454,384	1,467,946	1,460,085
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	919,147	1,559,295	1,467,292	1,454,384	1,467,946	1,460,085
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000
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	0	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	919,147	1,744,295	1,652,292	1,639,384	1,652,946	1,645,085
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	919,147	1,744,295	1,652,292	1,639,384	1,652,946	1,645,085

Agency 014 - PUBLIC SERVICE COMM
Program 792 - MAJOR OIL PIPELINE SITING

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Major Oil Pipeline Siting Act was created to ensure that property rights, aesthetic values, economic interests and lawful protection of Nebraska's resources are preserved in the determination and approval of oil pipeline routes.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Carry out the provisions of the Major Pipeline Siting Act by preparing to receive applications for review.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

To ensure that applications are complete and that the location of proposed routes are in compliance with Nebraska law.

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Program 792 - MAJOR OIL PIPELINE SITING

Financial Data

	FY12 Actual	FY13 Approp	FY14 Request	FY14 Recomm	FY15 Request	FY15 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	10,225	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	542,643	2,182,556	6,742,643	2,182,756	2,742,643
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	10,225	542,643	2,182,556	6,742,643	2,182,756	2,742,643
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	10,225	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	542,643	2,182,556	6,742,643	2,182,756	2,742,643
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	10,225	542,643	2,182,556	6,742,643	2,182,756	2,742,643