## THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Pat Apple, Chairman Shari Feist Albrecht Jay Scott Emler

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In the Matter of the Joint Petition of Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. d/b/a Nex-Tech and Gorham Telephone Company for an Order Modifying the Boundaries of the Galatia and Gorham Local Exchange Areas

Docket No. 18-RNLT-236-CXB

#### AMENDED ORDER ASSESSING COSTS

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and determination. Having examined its files and record, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. The following amends the Order Assessing Costs issued by the Commission on December 8, 2017, to assess costs of this proceeding solely to Gorham Telephone Company by agreement of the Petitioners.

2. K.S.A. 66-1502 authorizes the Commission to assess the expenses of an investigation, opened on its own motion, against public utilities if the expenses reasonably attributable to such investigation exceed the sum of \$100. The Commission will utilize members of its Staff in this investigation, and as deemed appropriate by the Commission, employ special assistants and consultants to investigate all matters connected with this proceeding. The Commission finds that the expenses reasonably attributable to this investigation will exceed \$100. The Commission concludes that the costs of this proceeding should be assessed to Gorham Telephone Company. This order constitutes notice of the assessment of costs and the assessment will begin three days after the date this order is mailed. Gorham Telephone Company is given

notice that it may request a hearing as to the necessity of the investigation or the assessment of costs, in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act.

# IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Gorham Telephone Company is assessed the costs of this investigation.

B. The parties have fifteen (15) days, plus three (3) days if service of this Order is by mail, from the date this Order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 77-529.

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this docket for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it deems necessary.

## BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Apple, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_DEC 1 4 2017

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Secretary to the Commission

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of

first class mail/hand delivered on DEC 1.4 2017

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