THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Dwight D. Keen, Chair Shari Feist Albrecht Susan K. Duffy

| In the Matter of the Audit of USCOC Nebraska/Kansas, |) | |
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| LLC by the Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) |) | |
| Administrator Pursuant to K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 66-2010(b) |) | Docket No. 20-USCZ-053-KSF |
| for KUSF Operating Year 22, Fiscal Year |) | |
| March 2018- February 2019. |) | |

ORDER ADOPTING AUDIT REPORT AND CLOSING THE DOCKET

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. On August 15, 2019, the Commission directed GVNW Consulting, Inc. (GVNW) to perform an audit of USCOC Nebraska/Kansas, LLC (USCOC) for Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) purposes.
- 2. On December 17, 2019, GVNW filed its Audit Report, indicating USCOC had no audit deficiencies for Operating Year 22 from March 2018 to February 2019. The Audit Report stated USCOC is current with its KUSF obligations.
- 3. GVNW conducted the audit of USCOC in accordance with the Commission's KUSF Review Procedures. USCOC provides wireless services in Kansas and is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. It is a designated Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for Federal Programs in Kansas, but it is not eligible for Lifeline credits from the KUSF. It offers bundled assessable and non-assessable services to its Kansas customers. Based on its review, GVNW found USCOC reports revenue and remits its assessment to the KUSF based on the unbundled service price of its assessable service. It uses the same allocation methodologies for Federal Universal Service Fund

purposes. In accordance with its determination that no reporting deficiencies were found, GVNW recommended closing the docket.

4. The Commission has reviewed GVNW's December 17, 2019 Audit Report and concludes it should be adopted and the docket closed.

IT IS THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

- A. The Commission accepts and adopts GVNW Consulting, Inc.'s Audit Report filed December 17, 2019.
- B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).¹
- C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Keen, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Dated: ____01/14/2020

Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

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¹ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); and K.S.A. 77-531(b).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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| I, the undersigned, cer | tify that a true copy of the attached Ord | er has been served to the following by means of |
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