

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Pat Apple, Chairman  
Shari Feist Albrecht  
Jay Scott Emler

In the Matter of the Application of Rainbow )  
Telecommunications Association, Inc., for an ) Docket No. 17-RNBT-555-KSF  
Increase in its Cost-Based Kansas Universal )  
Service Fund Support. )

**SUSPENSION ORDER: FEBRUARY 14, 2018**

NOW, the above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On June 19, 2017, Rainbow Telecommunications Association, Inc. (Rainbow), a rural telephone company that elected rate-of-return regulation pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2005, filed an Application with the Commission requesting an increase of \$1,387,985 in annual Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) support.

2. K.S.A. 66-117(c) states in part: "The commission shall not delay the effective date of the proposed change in rate, joint rate, toll, charge or classification or schedule of charges, or in any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service or rates of any such public utility or common carrier, more than 240 days beyond the date the public utility or common carrier filed its application requesting the proposed change. If the commission does not suspend the proposed schedule within 30 days of the date the same is filed by the public utility or common carrier, such proposed schedule shall be deemed approved by the commission and shall take effect on the proposed effective date."

3. K.S.A. 66-2008(f) provides in part: "With respect to any request for additional supplemental funding from the KUSF and to any audit of a rural telephone company's KUSF support, the commission shall act expeditiously, and shall be subject to the 240-day deadline for rate case applications pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117, and amendments thereto."

4. A full investigation of Rainbow's Application for additional KUSF support, which may result in a hearing, is deemed necessary and proper. Absent suspension, Commission Staff is without sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether the Application should be approved.

5. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of any potential effectiveness of Rainbow's Application is required to allow sufficient time for full investigation of this matter. The effective date of any adjusted KUSF support shall be suspended for a period not to exceed 240 days from the date the Application was made, June 19, 2017, until February 14, 2018. A Commission decision may be issued before such date.

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

A. Any decision regarding Rainbow's Application shall be deferred until February 14, 2018. The Commission may issue a decision before such date.

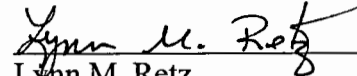
B. The parties have fifteen (15) days, plus three (3) days if service of this order is by mail, from the date this order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of issuing such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary.

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Apple, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: JUN 27 2017

  
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Lynn M. Retz  
Secretary to the Commission

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**Order Mailed Date**

**JUN 28 2017**

**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 JUN 27 2017.

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