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April 12, 2017

Ms. Amy L. Green Secretary to the Commission Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka, KS 66604-4027

RE: Docket No. 17-PPST-031-KSF In the Matter of the Audit of Peoples Service, LLC (CEL) by the Kanas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) Administrator Pursuant to K.S.A 2015 Supp. 66-2010(b) for KUSF Operating Year 19, Fiscal Year March 2015-February 2016

Dear Ms. Gilbert:

In its August 2, 2016 order the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) directed GVNW to perform a KUSF carrier audit of Peoples Service, LLC (CEL) (Peoples Service or Company) to ensure that the data submitted to the KUSF via the KUSF CRWs, the assessments paid, and the calculation and application of the flow-through surcharge billed to and collected from Peoples Service's customers, if applicable, are appropriate and accurate.

The KCC directed GVNW to file two versions of the audit report with the KCC; one version containing confidential information and one version with the confidential data redacted for public disclosure. Peoples Service's audit does not require a separate confidential report; therefore, only the enclosed public audit report for Peoples Service is being filed.

Copies of the supporting documentation, including GVNW's audit work papers and information provided by the company, are not included with the audit report, but are available from GVNW upon request.

Sincerely,

Jim Worlton Consultant

cc w/encl: Sandy Reams DW/dc – Encl.

KANSAS UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND AUDIT REPORT

Docket No:	17-PPST-031-KSF Peoples Service, LLC
Prepared For:	Kansas Corporation Commission Kansas Universal Service Fund
Prepared By:	Jim Worlton GVNW Consulting, Inc.
Audit Period:	March 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016 Kansas Operating Year 19 (Operating Year 19)
Company Representatives:	Kathy Billinger Megan Rice
Date of On-Site Visit:	December 1 and 2, 2016
Date Submitted to Company:	April 11, 2017

Audit Summary

Based on the Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) Carrier Review Procedures for Operating Year 19,¹ GVNW Consulting, Inc. (GVNW) did not identify any KUSF deficiencies regarding Peoples Service, LLC (Peoples Service or Company) and recommends this Docket be closed.

Current KUSF Obligations

Peoples Service is current with its KUSF obligations.²

Background

Peoples Service is a wireless service provider headquartered in La Cygne, Kansas. The Company is required to report its revenue and pay the related assessments to the KUSF on a monthly basis.³ Peoples Service is authorized to collect an amount equal to or less than its assessment from customers⁴ and does so. The Company uses the intrastate Safe Harbor rate (62.9%) to identify intrastate revenues. GVNW advises the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC or Commission) that Peoples Service does not

¹ Docket No. 15-GIMT-073-GIT (Docket 15-073), July 14, 2016 Order Accepting GVNW's KUSF Year 19 Audit Selections, Proposed Revisions to Selection Criteria and Audit Review Procedures.

² Confirmed on March 13, 2017 with the KUSF Administrator.

³ Docket No. 06-GIMT-332-GIT, January 23, 2006 Order Setting the Kansas Universal Service Fund Assessment Rate for Year Ten and Establishing Reporting Requirements.

⁴ K.S.A. 66-2008.

offer bundled services⁵ and reports gross revenues prior to discounts for KUSF reporting purposes.⁶

Peoples Service is not a designated eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC). A wireless carrier that has not received ETC designation is not required to offer or advertise Lifeline services to its customers and, therefore, Peoples Service has not requested Lifeline credits from the KUSF.

On August 2, 2016, the KCC issued Order No. 1 in Docket No. 17-PPST-031-KSF directing GVNW to conduct an audit for KUSF purposes.

Audit Findings

GVNW conducted the audit of Peoples Service in accordance with the KUSF Carrier Review Procedures adopted by the KCC.⁷

GVNW did not identify any KUSF audit deficiencies related to the current audit period and recommends closing this Docket.

⁵ Source: Peoples Service response to DR No 3.C.

⁶ Source: Peoples Service response to DR No 8.

⁷ Docket 15-073, July 14, 2016, Order.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 12th day of April 2017, the above Kansas Universal Service Fund Audit Report was e-filed with the Kansas Corporation Commission and a copy was sent via electronic mail and/or U.S. Mail to:

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