

**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 Application and Request)
of United Telephone Association, Inc. for an) Docket No. 20-UTAT-032-KSF
Increase in its Cost-Based Kansas Universal)
Service Fund Support.)

ORDER ADOPTING JOINT PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the pleadings and record, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On July 24, 2019, United Telephone Association, Inc. (United) filed an Application seeking an additional \$2,287,253 in annual Kansas Universal Service Fund support.¹

2. On September 9, 2019, United and Commission Staff (Staff) (Joint Movants) filed a Joint Motion for Procedural Schedule.²

¹ Joint Application, July 24, 2019, p.1.

² Joint Motion for Procedural Schedule, Sep. 9, 2019.

3. After reviewing the proposed procedural schedule, the Commission adopts the following procedural schedule:

Date	Time	Action
December 13, 2019	5:00 p.m.	Staff and Intervenor Direct Testimony Due
December 20, 2019	5:00 p.m.	Cross-Answering Testimony
January 8, 2020	5:00 p.m.	Rebuttal Testimony Due
January 13, 2020	9:00 a.m.	Settlement Conference KCC – Third Floor Hearing Room 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka, Kansas 66604
January 13, 2020	9:00 a.m.	Discovery Cut-Off
January 17, 2020	5:00 p.m.	Settlement Due Date
January 22, 2020	5:00 p.m.	Settlement Testimony Due
January 22, 2020	10:00 a.m.	Prehearing Conference KCC – Third Floor Hearing Room 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka, Kansas 66604
January 29, 2020	9:00 a.m.	Evidentiary Hearing KCC – First Floor Hearing Room 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka, Kansas 66604
February 6, 2020	5:00 p.m.	United Initial Brief Due
February 13, 2020	5:00 p.m.	Staff and Intervenor Responsive Briefs Due
February 18, 2020	5:00 p.m.	United Reply Brief Due
March 19, 2020		Order on Application Due

4. Finding that a prehearing conference is necessary to address any pending matters, to establish procedures to use during the Evidentiary Hearing, and to consider any other prehearing issues that will promote the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding,³ the Commission schedules a Prehearing Conference for January 22, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's Third Floor Hearing Room, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas. The Prehearing Officer will preside. Any party who fails to attend or participate in the Prehearing Conference or in any other stage of this proceeding may be held in default under the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA).⁴ At the Prehearing Conference, this proceeding may be converted into a conference hearing or a summary proceeding for disposition of the matter without further notice, as provided by the KAPA.⁵

5. An Evidentiary Hearing, with the Commission presiding, will begin on January 29, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission's First Floor Hearing Room, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas. Any party who fails to attend or participate in the hearing or in any other stage of this proceeding may be held in default under the KAPA.⁶

6. The Commission approves the use of electronic service of all testimony, briefs, and orders, without requiring provision of follow-up hard copies as required by K.A.R. 82-1-216(a)(6). Testimony and briefs must be served electronically by 5:00 p.m., on the date due, without requiring service among the parties of a follow-up hard copy. The Commission directs electronic service of testimony and briefs include service on the Prehearing Officer at b.fedotin@kcc.ks.gov.

³ K.S.A. 77-517; K.A.R. 82-1-222.

⁴ K.S.A. 77-516(c)(8); K.S.A. 77-520.

⁵ K.S.A. 77-516(c)(7).

⁶ K.S.A. 77-518(c)(8); K.S.A. 77-520.

7. Ahsan Latif, a.latif@kcc.ks.gov and Michael Neeley, m.neeley@kcc.ks.gov, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027, are the attorneys appearing on behalf of Staff in this proceeding.⁷

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. The Procedural Schedule in Paragraph 3 is adopted.
- 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).⁸
- C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties to enter further orders as it deems necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Keen, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Dated: 09/26/2019



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

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⁷ K.S.A. 77-518(c)(2); K.S.A. 77-516(c)(2).

⁸ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of electronic service on 09/26/2019.

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