

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

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson
 Dwight D. Keen
 Susan K. Duffy

In the Matter of the Application and Request of)
Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc., for an) Docket No. 22-CRKT-087-KSF
Increase in its Cost-Based Universal Service)
Fund Support)

SUSPENSION ORDER: APRIL 11, 2022

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 August 12, 2021, Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Craw-Kan) filed an Application seeking an additional \$5,455,217 in annual Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) support. Craw-Kan currently receives approximately \$2,135,080 annually to support universal service in rural areas.¹

2. K.S.A. 66-2008(f) states in part: “[w]ith respect to any request for additional supplemental funding from the KUSF and 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.

3. K.S.A. 66-117(c) states in part: “[t]he 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

¹<http://kcc.ks.gov/images/PDFs/telecommunications/kusfsupport.pdf>

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.”

4. A full investigation of Craw-Kan’s request, which may result in a hearing, is deemed necessary and proper. Absent suspension of Craw-Kan’s request, Commission Staff is without sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether the requested KUSF support increase should be approved.

5. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of any potential effectiveness Craw-Kan’s request is required to allow sufficient time for full investigation of this matter. The effective date of proposed request shall be suspended for a period not to exceed 240 days from the date the Application was made, August 12, 2021, until April 11, 2022. A Commission decision may be issued before such date.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Any decision regarding Craw-Kan’s Application shall be deferred until April 11, 2022. The Commission may issue a decision before such date.

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).²

²K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Dated: 08/19/2021



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

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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
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