

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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

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

**ORDER ASSESSING COSTS**

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 records and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. K.S.A. 66-1502 authorizes the Commission to assess the expenses of an investigation, opened on its own motion, against public utilities if the expenses reasonably attributable to such investigation exceed the sum of \$100. The Commission will utilize members of its Staff in this investigation, and as deemed appropriate by the Commission, employ special assistants and consultants to investigate all matters connected with this proceeding. The Commission finds that the expenses reasonably attributable to this investigation will exceed \$100. The Commission concludes that the costs of this proceeding should be assessed to Peoples Services, LLC. This order constitutes notice of the assessment of costs and the assessment will begin three days after the date this order is mailed. Peoples Services, LLC is given notice that it may request a hearing as to the necessity of the investigation or the assessment of costs, in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act.

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

A. Peoples Services, LLC is assessed the costs of this investigation.

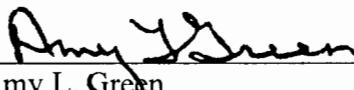
B. The parties have fifteen days, plus three days if service of this order is by mail, from the date this order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

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.**

Emler, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: AUG 04 2016

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Amy L. Green  
Secretary to the Commission

ON/vj

**Order Mailed Date**

**AUG 04 2016**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

17-PPST-031-KSF

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 AUG 04 2016.

DAVID G. WINTER, SENIOR CONSULTANT  
GVNW CONSULTING, INC.  
2270 LA MONTANA WAY, Ste 200  
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80918  
Fax: 719-594-5803  
dwinter@gvnw.com

OTTO NEWTON, LITIGATION COUNSEL  
KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION  
1500 SW ARROWHEAD ROAD  
TOPEKA, KS 66604  
Fax: 785-271-3167  
o.newton@kcc.ks.gov  
\*\*\*Hand Delivered\*\*\*

KATHY BILLINGER, CEO/GENERAL MANAGER  
PEOPLES SERVICES, LLC  
208 N BROADWAY  
LA CYGNE, KS 66040  
kathy@peoplestelecom.net

/s/ DeeAnn Shupe  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DeeAnn Shupe

**Order Mailed Date**

**AUG 04 2016**