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THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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Before Commissioners:	Mark Sievers, Chairman
	Thomas E. Wright
	Shari Feist Albrecht

In the Matter of a General Investigation to Review the Kansas Lifeline Service Program (KLSP) to Determine the Impact of the Increase in the Statewide Affordable Residential Rate for Rural Local Exchange Carriers to Their Lifeline Subscribers and Whether the \$7.77 Monthly Credit Should be Modified.

Docket No. 13-GIMT-597-GIT

ORDER OPENING GENERAL INVESTIGATION

NOW, the above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Commission"). Having examined its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. As required by K.S.A. 66-2002(f), the Commission established the Kansas Lifeline Service Program (KLSP or Lifeline) in December 1996 and directed all incumbent and alternative or competitive, LECs to offer Lifeline service. The purpose of the Lifeline program is to provide low-income customers with assistance to pay their monthly local service telephone bill. The Lifeline program is funded through the KUSF and provides telecommunications providers a monthly credit for each qualifying Lifeline customer. The Lifeline customer's monthly service rate is then discounted by an amount equal to the KLSP credit.

2. The Commission initially determined that the KLSP discount would be \$3.50 per month; phased in over a three-year period. Effective March 1, 1997, the KLSP credit was \$2.00 per month and increased to \$3.50 per month as of March 1, 1999. The methodology

of providing all Lifeline subscribers with the same amount of monthly credit is referred to as the "equal credit" approach.

3. In Docket No. 00-GIMT-910-GIT (Docket 00-910), the Commission reviewed the methodology used to determine the KLSP credit, as well as the appropriate amount of the KLSP credit. On January 21, 2003, the Commission issued an Order in which it decided to increase the KLSP credit by \$2.00 per month (\$5.50 total) to hold Lifeline subscribers harmless from rate increases that occurred as a result of a Stipulation and Agreement in Docket No. 02-GIMT-068-KSF. The Commission determined that instead of using the equal credit approach, it would apply a "hold harmless" approach under which the KLSP credit would increase in an amount equal to any increase in a rural LEC's residential local service rates resulting from the directives in K.S.A. 66-2005(e). This resulted in different monthly KLSP credits for Lifeline subscribers based on their local service provider's monthly residential rate.

4. In December 2006, Staff advised the Commission that as a result of the holdharmless approach, KLSP credits for rural LEC Lifeline subscribers ranged from \$5.50 to \$9.56 per month. In comparison, the KLSP credit for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas (AT&T) and The United Telephone Companies of Kansas, consolidated, d/b/a CenturyLink's (CenturyLink) Lifeline subscribers was \$7.50.

5. In June 2007, the Commission opened Docket No. 07-GIMT-1353-GIT (Docket 07-1353) to review whether to retain the hold-harmless approach or whether another methodology would be more appropriate. In an August 12, 2008 Order, the Commission reverted to the equal credit methodology and adopted a \$7.77 per month KLSP credit, effective March 1, 2009. The \$7.77 was the maximum credit available to ensure a Lifeline subscriber's monthly local service bill from being less than zero and prevent a Lifeline service provider from

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receiving more in KLSP credits than its monthly local service rate. The Commission also requested comments regarding an annual review of the KLSP credit and other matters interested parties believed should be considered. Comments were due by August 28, 2008. No party to the proceeding filed comments.

6. On January 15, 2009, Staff filed a Report in Docket 07-1353 and recommended that the Commission open a new Lifeline docket after February 1 of each odd-numbered year to review the KLSP credit. This would allow for the review to occur in conjunction with the recalculation of the statewide affordable residential rate for the rural LECs. Staff stated that it would file a Report and Recommendation regarding the KSLP credit no later than April and suggested that the review of the KLSP credit take into consideration the following components:

- 1. the prior year's residential rate;
- 2. the new residential rate;
- 3. the current KLSP credit;
- 4. the residential rate paid by Lifeline subscribers;
- 5. the net monthly increase or decrease in the Lifeline rate;
- 6. the increase/decrease in the residential local service per line KUSF assessment;
- 7. the net impact to Lifeline subscribers; and
- 8. the estimated number of Lifeline subscribers that will experience a net rate reduction, a net rate increase, or no rate change.

Staff also recommended that parties to the docket be allowed to submit comments and reply comments, if necessary, and raise other Lifeline policy issues, if applicable. Staff suggested that the Commission issue an Order regarding the KLSP credit no later than October 1 in odd numbered years to ensure any modification to the KLSP credit is recognized in the next year's KLSP and KUSF calculations.

7. In addition to the KLSP discount, if a provider is a designated Eligible Telecommunications Provider (ETC) for Federal Lifeline purposes, its Lifeline subscribers receive an additional monthly discount from the Federal Lifeline program. At no time can a Lifeline subscriber's local service bill be less than zero. The Federal Lifeline program historically provided Lifeline subscribers with the following benefits:

- Tier 1 support in an amount equal to the incumbent LEC's Subscriber Line Charge (SLC), capped at \$6.50 per month;
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- Tier 4 support of up to an additional \$25 per month if the eligible subscriber lived on Tribal lands.
- 8. On February 6, 2012, the FCC issued an Order to reform the Federal Lifeline

Program. This Order addressed, amongst other issues, the Lifeline certification requirements

for ETCs and limited the Federal Lifeline credit to \$9.25 per month. The FCC stated, in

paragraph 53 of its Order, that as of September 2011, the average Federal Lifeline credit was

\$9.25 per month for non-Tribal Lifeline subscribers. The FCC, therefore, eliminated the Tier 1

through Tier 3 support and replaced it with a \$9.25 flat-rate monthly credit. The FCC reasoned

that:

Tier One support, which is equivalent to the relevant SLC, ranges from \$2.24 per month to \$6.50 per month, while Tier Two support ranges from \$0 to \$1.75 per month, with the vast majority of ETCs receiving the maximum Tier Two support. Tier Three support ranges from \$0 to \$1.75 and the average combined support is \$9.25. Therefore, on an interim basis, beginning with April 2012 disbursements, we set the flat rate to the current average amount of non-Tribal Lifeline support provided today, *i.e.*, \$9.25 per line per month.

9. On March 28, 2013, Staff filed a Report and Recommendation, attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, wherein Staff recommends the Commission open this docket. Staff made the recommendation to address the impact that the increase in rural Local Exchange Carriers' ("LEC") residential and Kansas Universal Service Fund ("KUSF") local service rates, as well as the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") reforms to the Federal Lifeline program may have on Kansas lifeline subscribers. Staff recommends that the Commission allow parties to raise other Lifeline policy issues that may impact Kansas Lifeline subscribers and the appropriate amount of the KLSP monthly credit.

10. Staff further recommends the Commission invite parties to file comments on Staff's Report and Recommendation no later than June 2013, with reply comments no later than Mid-August 2013. This schedule will allow the Commission to issue an Order no later than September 30, 2013, to ensure the appropriate Lifeline credit is reflected in the next year's KUSF Lifeline funding and assessment rate calculation.

11. The Commission finds that Staff's Report and Recommendation should be accepted.

IT IS THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. This docket is hereby opened to address the issues and impact that the increase in the rural Local Exchange Carrier's residential and Kansas Universal Service Fund local service rates, as well as the Federal Communications Commission's reforms to the Federal Lifeline program may have on Kansas lifeline subscribers.

B. All eligible telecommunications carriers ("ETCs") and all competitive local exchange carriers ("CLECs") are made parties to this docket and shall be served with this order. Parties are requested to file entries of appearances and written comments on Staff's Report and Recommendation, and other Lifeline policy issues that they believe may impact Kansas lifeline subscribers and the appropriate amount of the KLSP monthly credit, no later than June 14, 2013. Written reply comments shall be filed no later than August 15, 2013. Parties not filing entries of appearance by June 14, 2013, shall, pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-225, petition for intervention if they wish to participate in this docket.

C. The Commission urges entities that are involved as active parties to this proceeding to consent to receipt of comments and reply comments, and orders by electronic service without a hard-copy follow-up as required by K.A.R. 82-1-216(a)(6). A party shall notice its consent or lack of consent on its Entry of Appearance or Petition to Intervene. Original filings with the Commission shall be hard copy with the required original and 7 copies.

D. Parties have 15 days, plus three days if service 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).

E. 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.

Sievers, Chairman; Wright, Comm.; Albrecht, Comm. Dated: APR 1 7 2013

ORDER-MAILED APR 1 8 2013

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- TO: Chairman Mark Sievers Commissioner Thomas E. Wright Commissioner Shari Feist Albrecht
- **FROM:** Sandy Reams, Assistant Chief of Telecommunications Christine Aarnes, Chief of Telecommunications Jeffrey McClanahan, Director of Utilities
- **DATE:** March 28, 2013

DATE SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	R:3/29/13
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SUBJECT: New Proceeding to Review the Kansas Lifeline Service Program (KLSP) to Determine the Impact of the Increase in the Statewide Affordable Residential Rate for Rural Local Exchange Carriers to Their Lifeline Subscribers and Whether the \$7.77 Monthly Credit Should be Modified.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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BACKGROUND:

I. Kansas Lifeline Program

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¹ In the Matter of a General Investigation Into Competition Within the Telecommunications industry in the State of Kansas, Docket No. 91-GIMT-178-GIT (190,492-U), Order, December 27, 1996, ¶ 131.

² In the Matter of an Investigation into the Lifeline Service Program and Methods to Ensure Awareness of the Program, Docket No. 00-GIMT-910-GIT, January 21, 2003, Order Expanding Eligibility for Lifeline Service Program to Include Criteria Adopted by the FCC for Individuals Living on Tribal Lands; Adopting 150% of the Federal Poverty Level as an Income Level for Lifeline Program Subscribership; by January 28, 2003, all ETCs in Kansas Shall Report to the Commission on the Means Each Uses to Comply; Each Carrier Shall Place Information on Notices to Soon-to-be Disconnected Customers Regarding Lifeline; and Lifeline Credit to Eligible Customers Shall Be, on an Interim Basis, Increased \$2.00 per Month, Effective March 1, 2003.

³ In the Matter of the General Investigation into the Reformation of Intrastate Access Charges, Docket No. 01-GIMT-082-GIT, and In the Matter of the General Investigation into the Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) Mechanism for the Purposes of Establishing Cost-Based KUSF Support for the Rural Exchange Companies, Docket No. 02-GIMT-068-GIT. (Cites Omitted).

⁴ In the Matter of the Investigation to Determine a New Affordable Rate for Rate of Return Regulated Companies and the March 1, 2007 Assessment for the Eleventh Kansas Universal Service Fund Year, Docket No. 07-GIMT-276-GIT, December 22, 2006, Direct Testimony of Sandra K. Reams, pp. 14-16.

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⁵ In the Matter of a Commission Review of the Kansas Lifeline Service Program (KLSP) and Determining Whether to Increase the Commission's "Hold-Harmless" Approach to Offsetting Local Rate Increases for KLSP Subscribers, Docket No. 07-GIMT-1353-GIT.

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ANALYSIS:

The data Staff relied on for its analysis is included in Attachment 1. The data is based on information reported to the Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) Administrator, GVNW Consulting, Inc. (GVNW), for month of January 2013.

Page 1 shows that the incumbent LECs and eighteen Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC) reported a total of 30,866 Lifeline subscribers and \$239,224 in KLSP credits for the month of January 2013. For the eleven month period ending January 31, 2013, total KLSP credits were \$3.8 million. Monthly KLSP disbursements have ranged from \$239,224 for January 2013 to \$397,541 for May 2012, with a monthly average KLSP disbursement of \$347,917.

⁶ In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization; Lifeline and Link Up; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training; WC Docket No. 11-42, WC Docket No. 03-109, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 12-23; Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Rel. Feb. 6, 2012 (FCC Lifeline Order).

⁷ Id., ¶ 58.

In comparison, the monthly average KLSP credit was \$370,000, based on the March through October 2012 data, as discussed in Staff's Direct Testimony in Docket No. 13-GIMT-130-GIT.⁸ That data, as explained by Staff, indicated the KLSP could experience the most significant growth ever, with the growth likely resulting from wireless providers receiving ETC designation for Lifeline services. Staff's Testimony further opined that growth to the KLSP may be moderated by the Lifeline subscriber market reaching a saturation point and the FCC's Federal Lifeline reforms to help eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse of the Federal Lifeline program. Page 1 of Attachment 1 appears to indicate that the number of Lifeline subscribers and credits reported by competitive ETCs, including the wireless ETCs, has started to level off or decline.

I. Local Rate Increase

Effective March 1, 2011,⁹ the Commission adopted an affordable residential rate of \$16.25 for the rural LECs. This rate increased \$.50 per month, up to \$16.75 per month, effective March 1, 2013.¹⁰

Attachment 1, page 2 shows that 32 of the 35 rural LECs increased their residential service rates, effective March 1, 2013. Of these companies, 26 increased their residential rates from \$16.25 to \$16.75. Three of the 26 rural LECs, Gorham Telephone Co., Inc. (Gorham); Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. (Rural); and Twin Valley Telephone, Inc. (Twin Valley); raised the residential rate for Rate Group 1, but maintained the current rates for other Rate Groups with rates above the \$16.75 affordable rate.

Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Craw-Kan); Golden Belt Telephone Association (Golden Belt); Home Telephone Company, Inc.; and Totah Telephone Company, Inc. (Totah) increased their residential rates \$.50 per month, with their residential rates exceeding the \$16.75 affordable rate.

Pioneer Communications (Pioneer) and United Telephone Association, Inc. (UTA) increased their local service rates \$.75 per month since they have uniform rates, or the same rate, for residential and single-line business customers. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2005, the uniform rate must recover a comparable level of revenue that the Company would receive if it implemented the affordable rates, therefore, to achieve this, Totah and Pioneer increased their monthly rates by \$.75.

⁸ In the Matter of An Investigation to Determine the Assessment Rate and the Affordable Local Service Rate for Rate-of-Return Regulated Carriers for the Seventeenth Year of the Kansas Universal Service Fund, Effective March 1, 2013, Docket No. 13-GIMT-130-GIT, Direct Testimony of Sandra K. Reams, December 20, 2012. ⁹ In the Matter of a General Investigation to Determine the Assessment Rate for the Fifteenth Year of the Kansas

⁹ In the Matter of a General Investigation to Determine the Assessment Rate for the Fifteenth Year of the Kansas Universal Service Fund and the Affordable Local Service Rates for Rate-of-Return Regulated Carriers, Effective March 1, 2011, Docket No. 11-GIMT-201-GIT, January 12, 2011, Order Setting the Kansas Universal Service Fund Assessment Rate for year Fifteen, Setting Target Rates for Rural Local Exchange Companies, and Canceling Hearing.

¹⁰In the Matter of a General Investigation to Determine the Assessment Rate and the Affordable Local Service Rates for Rate-of- Return Regulated Carriers for the Seventeenth Year of the Kansas Universal Service Fund, Effective March 1, 2013, Docket No. 13-GIMT-130-GIT, January 16, 2013, Order Setting the Kansas Universal Service Fund Assessment Rate for year Seventeen and Setting Affordable Rates for Rural Local Exchange Carriers.

Five rural LECs: Bluestem Telephone Company (Bluestem); FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc. (FairPoint); Haviland Telephone Company, Inc. (Haviland); MoKan Dial, Inc. (MoKan); and Sunflower Telephone Company (Sunflower); do not receive KUSF support and did not increase their residential rates pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2005(e). These companies, however, increased their rates pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2007(b) in order to ensure their rates are at, or above, the local rate floors adopted by the FCC. Effective June 1, 2012, Bluestem, FairPoint, and Sunflower increased their local rates between \$1.18 and \$1.50 per line per month.¹¹ Effective March 1, 2013, Haviland increased its residential rates \$.50 per line per month, effective June 1, 2013.¹³

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas (AT&T) and the United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink) did not increase their Lifeline subscriber local service rates between March 1, 2011, and March 1, 2013.

II. KUSF Local Service Assessment

Effective March 1, 2013, the KUSF local service assessment rate increased for all of the incumbent LECs. The rural LEC KUSF local service assessment increased to \$1.53 per line; an \$.08 per month increase. For AT&T, the KUSF local service assessment increased \$.36 per line to \$2.38 per month, and for CenturyLink, the KUSF local service assessment increased \$.22 per month, to \$1.85 per line.

III. Net Monthly Impact from Local and KUSF Rate Increases

All Lifeline subscribers served by the incumbent LECs have experienced a local service rate increase as a result of local rate increases and/or an increase in the KUSF local service per line assessment. As shown on Attachment 1, page 2, the net impact ranges from \$.08 per line for Gorham's, Rural's, and Twin Valley's Rate Groups 2 and 3, up to \$1.58 for Lifeline subscribers receiving service from Bluestem, FairPoint, MoKan, and Sunflower.

IV. Estimated Lifeline Subscriber Impact

After applying the \$3.50 federal Lifeline credit and the \$7.77 KLSP credit, no Kansas Lifeline subscriber receives free monthly service. Page 2 of Attachment 1 shows that the lowest monthly local service rate for Lifeline subscribers, effective March 1, 2013, is \$1.18 per month and the highest monthly local service rate for Lifeline subscribers is \$13.43. The average monthly Lifeline residential rate is \$5.48 a month, in increase from the \$4.91 average as of March 1, 2011.

¹¹ In the Matter of the Application of Bluestem Telephone Company d/b/a Fairpoint Communications to Increase the Basic Local Access Line Rates, Docket No. 12-BSTT-621-TAR; In the Matter of the Application of Fairpoint Communications Missouri's d/b/a Fairpoint Communications to Increase the Basic Local Access Line Rates, Docket No. 12-FCMT-622-TAR; and In the Matter of the Application of Sunflower Telephone Company d/b/a Fairpoint Communications to Increase the Basic Local Access the Basic Local Access Line Rates, Docket No. 12-FCMT-622-TAR; and In the Matter of the Application of Sunflower Telephone Company d/b/a Fairpoint Communications to Increase the Basic Local Access Line Rates, Docket No. 12-SFLT-623-TAR.

¹² In the Matter of the Application of Haviland Telephone Company, Inc. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2007(b) to Increase its Local Rates, Docket No. 13-HVDT-341-TAR.

¹³ In the Matter of the Application MoKan Dial, Inc. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2077(b) to Increase its Local Rates, Docket No. 13-MKNT-413-TAR.

Attachment 1, page 3, shows that as of January 31, 2013, the incumbent LECs reported a total of 14,577 KLSP subscribers. Of these subscribers, approximately 81% experienced a net local service and KUSF local service rate increase of \$.50 or less per line per month.

V. Federal Lifeline Reforms

Prior to the FCC's reforms, the determination of an appropriate KLSP credit excluded the Tier 1 Federal Lifeline credit tied to recovery of the SLC charge. As a result, the Kansas Lifeline Program only recognized the Federal Tier 1 and Tier 2 support, a total Federal credit of \$3.50 per month. Effective March 1, 2009, the KLSP credit was the \$7.77 per line, unless the \$7.77 resulted in a company's local service rate being less than zero. Since Sunflower had two Rate Groups with local rates of \$10.29 and \$10.57, respectively, the Lifeline credits available to its subscribers were \$6.77 and \$7.07, respectively.

The FCC's Lifeline reforms eliminated the Tier-approach, with all Lifeline subscribers eligible for the \$9.25 per month Federal Lifeline credit. Therefore, the Commission may wish to consider whether, and how, the change in the Federal Lifeline credit may impact the amount of the KLSP credit. This could include analyzing whether a portion of the \$9.25 Federal Lifeline credit should be recognized, similar to the current process of recognizing \$3.50 of the Federal Lifeline credit, or whether the full \$9.25 Federal Lifeline credit should be recognized. If the full \$9.25 Federal Lifeline credit is recognized, and the \$7.77 KLSP credit remains unchanged, it could result in a company's local service rate being less than zero. Commission Staff suggests the Commission request comments on this issue.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission open a new docket to address the impact that the increase in the rural LECs' residential and KUSF local service assessment rates have had on Lifeline customers. Staff further recommends that the Commission request comments on whether the KLSP credit should be modified as a result the rate increases and the FCC's Federal Lifeline program reforms, as well any other Lifeline policy issues that may impact Lifeline subscribers.

Staff recommends that the Order to open the new Lifeline proceeding invite parties to submit comments in May or June 2013 and reply comments no later than mid-August 2013. This schedule will allow the Commission to issue an Order by October 2013 to ensure the appropriate KLSP funding is reflected in the next year's KUSF assessment rate calculations.

cc: Patrice Petersen-Klein, Executive Director

Kansas Lifeline Program Credits and Subscribers

Company Name	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12	Jan-13	Total	Subscribers
Bluestem Telephone Company \$	202.02 \$	101.01 \$	- \$	170.94	\$ 93.24	s -	\$ 186.48	\$ -	\$ 93.24	\$ 93.24	\$ 93.24	\$ 1,033.41	12
Blue Valley Telecommunications	1,227.66	1,235.43	1,282.05	1,258.74	1,227.66	1,219.89	1,033.41	1,064.49	1,064.49	1,064.49	1,048.95	12,727.26	135
Columbus Telephone Co	458.43	473.97	481.74	458.43	473.97	450.66	450.66	442.89	435.12	435.12	396.27	4,957.26	51
Craw-Kan Telephone Co-op Inc	3,045.84	3,185.70	3,224.55	3,240.09	3,255.63	3,255.63	3,302.25	3,302.25	3,232.32	3,302.25	2,525.25		325
Cunningham Telephone Company Inc	372.96	209.79	194.25	194.25	194.25	147.63	186.48	186.48	163.17	163.17	163.17		21
Elkhart Telephone Company	318.57	326.34	310.80	310.80	287.49	287.49	287.49	279.72	271.95	287.49	233.10		30
Fairpoint Communications Missouri, Inc.	15.54	15.54	15.54	15.54	31.08	-	15.54	15.54	15.54	15.54	15.54	170.94	2
Golden Belt Telephone Association Inc Gorham Telephone Company	924.63 93.24	994.56 101.01	1,010.10 116.55	963.48 147.63	924.63 93.24	909.09 93.24	885.78 101.01	932.40 101.01	947.94 101.01	971.25 108.78	979.02 108.78		126 14
H & B Communications Inc	101.01	101.01	101.01	147.03	108.78	108.78	108.78	108.78	101.01	93.24	93.24	1,126.65	14
Haviland Telephone Company	1,149.96	1,142,19	1.157.73	1,149.96	1.095.57	1,126.65	1.118.88	1.118.88	1.072.26	1,103.34	1.103.34	12.338.76	142
Home Telephone Co Inc	7.77	7.77	7.77	7.77	7.77	7.77	7.77	7.77	7.77	7.77	7.77	85.47	1
JBN Telephone Company Inc	388.50	380.73	334.11	435.12	349.65	349.65	310.80	349.65	341.88	318.57	318.57	3,877.23	41
Kanokla Telephone Association Inc	660.45	699.30	683.76	691.53	691.53	691.53	668.22	644.91	675.99	707.07	707.07	7,521.36	91
LaHarpe Telephone Co	528.36	520.59	489.51	489.51	512.82	481.74	380.73	396.27	411.81	419.58	419.58		54
Madison Telephone LLC	264.18	256.41	256.41	256.41	248.64	248.64	225.33	217.56	209.79	209.79	217.56	2,610.72	28
Mokan Diał Inc	839.16	800.31	815.85	745.92	777.00	730.38	707.07	683.76	683.76	489.51	590.52	7,863.24	76
Moundridge Telephone Company	543.90	551.67	551.67	551.67	559.44	512.82	543.90	543.90	551.67	551.67	528.36	5,990.67	68
Mutual Telephone Company	38.85	38.85	38.85	38.85	38.85	38.85	38.85	31.08	31.08	23.31	23.31	380.73	3
Peoples Telecommunication Inc	629.37	629.37	652.68	637.14	629.37	637.14	629.37	606.06	606.06	629.37	551.67	6,837.60	71
Pioneer Telephone Association Inc	2,494.17	2,463.09	2,463.09	2,400.93	2,354.31	2,408.70	2,424.24	2,432.01	2,455.32	2,439.78	2,455.32	26,790.96	316
Rainbow Telecommunications Association Ir	419.58	419.58	419.58	380.73	380.73	404.04	388.50	404.04	404.04	411.81	334.11	4,366.74	43
Rural Telephone Service Co Inc dba Nex-Te S & A Telephone Company	3,038.07 536,13	2,983.68	2,463.09	2,447.55	2,494.17	2,501.94	2,501.94 512.82	2,540.79	2,564.10	2,579.64	2,191.14	28,306.11	282
S & T Telephone Coop Assn	582.75	543.90 606.06	536.13 582.75	528.36 606.06	505.05 596.29	512.82 590.52	574.98	497.28 567.21	473.97 567.21	497.28 582.75	466.20 473.97	5,609.94 6.332,55	60 135
South Central Telephone Assn Inc	124.32	116.55	116.55	116.55	116.55	116.55	116.55	116.55	124.32	116.55	116.55	1,297.59	135
Southern Kansas Telephone Company Inc	963.48	971.25	971.25	885.78	878.01	854.70	846.93	800.31	808.08	800.31	808.08	9,588.18	104
Sunflower Telephone Company	533.82	260.14	-	506.10	245.96	-	485.15	-	225.01	225.01	211.47	2,692.66	31
Totah Communications Inc	186.48	194.25	170.94	194.25	186.48	186.48	186.48	170.94	186.48	108,78	139.86	1,911.42	18
Tri-County Telephone Assn. Inc	279.72	271.95	279.72	287.49	310.80	202.02	225.33	248.64	271.95	287.49	310.80	2,975.91	40
Council Grove Telephone Company	473.97	489.51	512.82	512.82	520.59	419.58	435.12	442.89	473.97	473.97	473.97	5,229.21	61
Twin Valley Telephone	1,546.23	1,554.00	1,538.46	1,522.92	1,515.15	1,383.06	955.71	1,002.33	1,064.49	1,072.26	1,111.11	14,265.72	143
United Telephone Association	240.87	240.87	248.64	256.41	240.87	194.25	209.79	217.56	217.56	217.56	217.56	2,501.94	28
Warnego Telecommunications Co Inc	551.67	551.67	551.67	559.44	559.44	567.21	543.90	536.13	473.97	450.66	442.89	5,788.65	57
Wheat State Telephone Inc	536.13	559.44	559.44	567.21	543.90	574.98	590.52	582.75	559.44	582.75	512.82	6,169.38	66
Wilson Telephone Company Inc Zenda Telephone Company	707.07 31.08	699.30 31.08	699.30 31.08	699.30 31.08	691.53 23.31	668.22 23.31	652.68 23.31	629.37 23.31	598.29 23.31	598.29 23.31	388.50 23.31	7,031.85 287.49	50 3
AT&T	126,534.45	31.08 123,830.49	121,351.86	31.08 116,736,48	108,904.32	23.31	23.31	23.31 99.867.81	23.31 98.912.10	23.31 94.514.28	23.31 84,770.70	287.49 1,179,299.52	3 10,910
United Telephone of Kansas dba CenturyLin	8,267.28	8,368.29	10.062.15	11.491.83	11,406.36	11.142.18	11.048.94	9.020.97	7,109.55	6.899.76	7,086.24	101,903.55	912
Total - Incumbent LECs				152,596.08	\$ 144,076.43	\$ 135,400.02	\$136,436.84		\$ 128,531.02				14,577
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Alltel Communications LLC \$	(7.77) \$	481.74 \$	233.10 \$	240.87	\$ 240.87	\$ 217.56	\$ 194.25	\$ 225.33	\$ 202.02	\$ 108.78	s -	\$ 2,136.75	
Carson Communications LLC	745.92	722.61	714.84	652.68	660.45	644.91	660.45	660.45	683.76	668.22	567.21	7,381.50	73
Cellular Network Partnership	-	10.80	12.30	12.30	12.30	12.30	12.30	18.45	15.54	15.54	15.54	137.37	2
Cox Kansas Telecom LLC dba Cox Commun	8,857.80	9,176.37	9,510.48	10,947.93	9,836.82	9,999.99	10,559.43	10,574.97	10,901.31	11,973.57	9,013.20	111,351.87	1,160
Cunningham Communications Inc	668.22	334.11	365.19	357.42	349.65	357.42	341.88	341.88	349.65	349.65	349.65	4,164.72	45
Epic Touch LLC Giant Communications Inc	264.18 279.72	303.03 279.72	318.57	341.88 256.41	349.65 240.87	357.42 225.33	349.65	310.80	318.57	326.34	279.72	3,519.81	36 28
H & B Cable Services Inc	2/9.72	2/9./2	248.64 7.77	256.41	240.87	225.33	194.25	233.10	240.87	225.33	217,56	2,641.80 31.08	28
Nex-Tech Inc	4,444,44	4,560.99	3.519.81	3,760.68	3,807.30	3,791.76	3.807.30	3,838.38	3,869,46	3,838,38	3,480.96	42,719,46	448
Nex-Tech Wireless LLC	38.85	38.85	31.08	23.31	31.08	31.08	38.85	38.85	38.85	38.85	69.93	419.58	9
S & T Communications	1,188.81	1,188.81	1,258.74	1,212.12	1,134.42	1,181.04	1,173.27	1,196.58	1,181.04	1,181.04	1.064.49	12,960.36	137
Sage Telecom Inc	1,173.27	1,095.57	1,072.26	1,041.18	979.02	1,196.58	1,041.18	1,025.64	1,017.87	1,639.47	1,647.24	12,929.28	212
SKT Inc	209.79	209.79	209.79	209.79	240.87	217.56	240.87	233.10	233.10	233.10	233.10	2,470.86	30
Twin Valley Communications	101.01	101.01	93.24	93.24	93.24	54.39	46.62	54.39	62.16	62.16	77.70	839.16	10
United Wireless Communications Inc	38.85	46.62	46.62	38.85	31.08	31.08	31.08	31.08	38.85	38.85	38.85	411.81	5
Wildflower Telecommunications	334.11	318.57	318.57	341.88	349.65	404.04	458.43	-	994.56	512.82	473.97	4,506.60	61
WTC Communications Inc	46.62	46.62	46.62	46.62	46.62	46.62	38.85	38.85	38.85	38.85	31.08	466.20	4
Your Tel America	188,562.36	202,719.30	224,249.97	214,521.93	218,857.59	199,533.60	205,772.91	181,173.09	174,957.09	161,864.64	109,005.33	2,081,217.81	14,029
Total - Competitive ETCs \$	206,953.95 \$	221,642.28 \$	242,257.59 \$	234,106.86	\$ 237,261.48	\$ 218,302.68	\$224,961.57	\$ 199,994.94	\$ 195,143.55	\$ 183,115.59	\$ 126,565.53	\$ 2,290,306.02	16,289
Grand Total	366,811.62 \$	378,568.93 \$	397,541.04 \$	386,702.94	\$ 381,337.91	\$ 353,702.70	\$361,398.41	\$ 331,129.23	\$ 323,674.57	\$ 306,992.38	\$ 239,224.44	\$ 3,827,084.17	30,866

Company		Residential Rate @ 3/1/11	Lifeline Credit (3/1/11)	Lifeline Rate 3/1/11	8	Residential Rate @ 3/1/13	Lifeline Credit (3/1/13)	Lifeline Rate (3/1/13)	Lifeline Rate Increase / (Decrease)	KUSF Surcharge Increase	Net Impact
Federal Lifeline Credit \$	3.50	(A)	(B)	((C = (A-B-\$3.50))	(D)	(E)	((F = (D-E- \$3.50))	((G = (F - C))	((H = (F - C))	(1 = G + H)
Blue Stem		\$ 13.74 13.86	\$ 7.77 7.77	\$ 2. 2.	1.23	\$ 15.24 15.24	\$7.77 7.77	\$ 3.97 3.97	\$ 1.50 1.38	\$ 0.08 0.08	\$ 1.58 1.46
Blue Valley (All Exchanges)		16.25	7.77	4.	1.23	16.75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
Columbus		16.25	7.77	4.	1.22	16.75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
Craw-Kan		16.86	7.77	5.	1.4	17.36	7.77	6.09	0.50	0.08	0.58
Cunningham		16.25	7.77	4.		16.75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
Elkhart		16.25	7.77	4.		16.75	7.77	5,48	0.50	0.08	0.58
FairPoint MO		12.00	7.77	0.	- 10-	13.50	7.77	2.23	1.50	0.08	1.58
Golden Belt	-	17.75	7.77	6.	12	18.25	7.77	6.98	0.50	0.08	0.58
Gorham	- 1	16.25	7.77	4.		16.75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
(Luray & Paradise)		17.80	7.77	6.		17.80	7.77	6.53	0.50	0.08	0.08
H&B Comm.		16.25	7.77	4.		16.75	7.77	5,48	0.50	0.08	0.58
Haviland		15.75	7.77	4.	1.11	16.75	7.77	5.48	1.00	0.08	1.08
Home		16.75	7,77	5.	1.18	17.25	7.77	5.98	0.50	0.08	0.58
JBN		16.25	7.77	4.	28	16,75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
KanOkla		16.25	7.77	4.	5.0	16.75	7,77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
LaHarpe		16.25	7.77	4.	1.1	16.75	7.77	5,48	0.50	0.08	0.58
Madison		16.25	7.77	4.	- L -	16.75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
MoKan		12.10	7.77	0.	1.1	13.60	7.77	2.33	1.50	0.08	1.58
Moundridge		16.25	7.77	4.	1.5	16.75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
Mutual		16.25	7.77	4.	13	16.75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
Peoples	-	16.25	7.77	4.		16.75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
Pioneer		17.50	7.77	6.	1.3	18.25	7.77	6.98	0.75	0.08	0.83
Rainbow		16.25	7.77	4.		16.75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
Rural (Original Exchanges)		16.25	7.77	4.		16.75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
Osborne		16.25	7.77	4.		16.75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
Other Purchased Exchanges		17.80	7.77	6.	- 1 83	17.80	7.77	6.53	0.00	0.08	0.08
S&A		16.25	7.77	4.	- 1-3	16.75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
S&T - All Rate Groups		16.25	7.77	4.	1.12	16.75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
South Central KS		16.25	7.77	4.		16.75	7.77	5,48	0.50	0.08	0.58
Southern KS		16.25	7.77	4.		16.75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
Clearwater		24.20	7.77	12.	- 13	24.70	7.77	13.43	0.50	0.08	0.58
Sunflower (a), (b)		10.27	6.77		-	11.77	6.77	1.50	1.50	0.08	1.58
		10.59	7.09		-	11.77	7.09	1.18	1.18	0.08	1.26
Totah		16.65	7,77	5.	88	17,15	7.77	5.88	0.50	0.08	0.58
Tri-County		16.25	7.77	4.		16,75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
Council Grove Study Area	1	16.25	7.77	4.		16.75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
Twin Valley-(Original Exchanges)		16.25	7,77	4.	- 63	16.75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
Rate Group 2		17.80	7.77	6.	1.4	17.80	7.77	6.53	-	0.08	0.08
Rate Group 3		18.10	7,77	6.		18.10	7.77	6.83	-	0.08	0.08
United Tele. Assoc.		17.00	7.77	5.	1.1	17.75	7.77	6.48	0.75	0.08	0.83
Wamego		16.25	7.77	4.	- 28	16.75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
Wheat State		16.25	7.77	4.	- P.	16.75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
Wilson		16.25	7.77	4.	121	16,75	7.77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
Zenda		16.25	7.77	4.	18	16,75	7,77	5.48	0.50	0.08	0.58
AT&T		15.70	7.77	4.		15.70	7.77	4.43	-	0.36	0.36
CenturyLink (All Study Areas)		17.73	7.77	6.	4	17.73	7.77	6,46	-	0.22	0.22
Average				\$ 4.9			,	\$ 5.48	1		

Net Impact of Local and KUSF Assessment Rate Increases on Lifeline Subscribers of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers

Attachment 1

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		Net		
		Increase	Net	
	Total Lifeline	\$1.01 or	Increase	Net Increase
Company	Subscribers	More	\$.51 - \$1.00	\$0.08 - \$.50
	10	40		
Bluestem Telephone Company	12	12		-
Blue Valley Telecommunications	135	-	135	-
Columbus Telephone Co	51	-	51]
Craw-Kan Telephone Co-op Inc	325	-	325	-
Cunningham Telephone Company Inc	21	-	21	-
Elkhart Telephone Company	30	-	30	-
Fairpoint Communications Missouri, Inc.	2	2	-	_
Golden Belt Telephone Association Inc	126	-	126	-
Gorham Telephone Company	14	-	14	-
Luray/Paradise		-	-	-
H & B Communications Inc	12	-	12	-
Haviland Telephone Company	142	142	-	_
Home Telephone Co Inc	1	-	1	-
JBN Telephone Company Inc	41	-	41	-
Kanokla Telephone Association Inc	91	-	91	-
LaHarpe Telephone Co	54	-	54	-
Madison Telephone LLC	28	-	28	-
Mokan Dial Inc	76	76	-	-
Moundridge Telephone Company	68	-	68	-
Mutual Telephone Company	3	-	3	-
Peoples Telecommunication Inc	71	-	71	-
Pioneer Telephone Association Inc	316	-	316	-
Rainbow Telecommunications Association Inc	43	-	43	-
Rural Telephone Service Co Inc dba Nex-Tech	282	-	282	-
S & A Telephone Company	60	-	60	-
S & T Telephone Coop Assn	135	-	135	-
South Central Telephone Assn Inc	15	-	15	-
Southern Kansas Telephone Company Inc	104	-	104	-
Sunflower Telephone Company	31	31	-	-
Totah Communications Inc	18	-	18	-
Tri-County Telephone Assn. Inc	40	-	40	-
Council Grove Study Area	61	-	61	-
Twin Valley Telephone	143	-	143	-
United Telephone Association	28	-	28	-
Wamego Telecommunications Co Inc	57	-	57	-
Wheat State Telephone Inc	66	-	66	-
Wilson Telephone Company Inc	50	-	50	-
Zenda Telephone Company	3	-	3	-
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kar		-	-	10,910
United Telephone of Kansas dba CenturyLink	912	-	-	912
TOTAL	14,577	263	2,492	11,822
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Percentage	100%	1.80%	17.10%	81.10%

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