

October 7, 2021

Ms. Lynn Retz Secretary to the Commission Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka, KS 66609

Ms. Retz,

Granite Telecommunications, LLC received the enclosed notice dated September 8, 2021 reflecting penalty associated with the Q2 2021 Universal Service Fund true-up. The quarterly true-up was filed electronically on July 14, 2021 (see enclosed). Payment was remitted to the mailing address on the form on the same day – in advance of the due date. For some reason, it was not cashed by CoreFirst until August 16, 2021 (see enclosed). As Granite has done in every previous quarter, the return and remittance were both made on time. We therefore respectfully request that the Commission waive the late filing penalty of \$50.71 that has been imposed.

We appreciate any consideration and thank you for your assistance.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Calvin Neztsosie

Tax Compliance Team Lead Granite Telecommunications, LLC 100 Newport Avenue Extension

Quincy, MA 02171

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September 8, 2021

John Prinner Granite Telecommunications, LLC 100 Newport Avenue Extension QUINCY, MA 02171

Re:

Past Due Notice of Kansas Universal Service Fund Obligations

Account KS005632

Dear John Prinner,

This letter is to notify you that one or more of your Company's Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) filing obligations and/or KUSF assessment contributions, as detailed below, is over 30 days past due.

The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) requires all Company Operations and Identification Forms (Attachment B), CRWs, and True-Ups to be received by the KUSF Administrator by the due date. The KCC also requires all payments be received by the KUSF Bank, CoreFirst Bank & Trust, by the due date. Date of mailing and post-mark dates do not count as the date received. 10

According to our records, the following has not been received by the KUSF Administrator or Bank:

Delinquent Balance Penalty \$ 50.71

CRWs must be submitted directly to VPS, formerly GVNW, via the KUSF online E-File feature at: https://www.gvnwusf.com/ks. Payments must be remitted directly to CoreFirst Bank & Trust in Topeka, KS (see Attachment C for payment submission instructions).

Granite Telecommunications, LLC should take action to remedy its delinquent KUSF account status. The KUSF Administrator is required to turn the account over to the KCC for further action once the Company has been delinquent with its KUSF obligations for 90 days or more.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, we can be contacted at (217) 862-1550 or at kusf@gvnw.com. If you would like additional information concerning reporting and remitting requirements, due dates, or any other KUSF issue, you can also search the KUSF website found at https://www.gvnwusf.com/ks.

Sincerely,

KUSF Administration Cc: KPMG

Order Setting the Kansas Universal Service Fund Assessment for Year Ten and Establishing Reporting Requirements, Docket No. 06-GIMT-332-GIT; Jan. 23, 2006, Order Setting the Kansas Universal Service Fund Assessment Rate for Year Eleven and Establishing a New Affordable Rate for Rate of Return Regulated Companies,

^{¶ 18,} Docket No. 07-GIMT-276-GIT, Jan. 23, 2007; and Docket No. 18-GIMT-084-GIT)

¹¹Order Authorizing KUSF Administrator to Assess Late Payment Fees, Docket 94-GIMT-478-GIT, Feb. 3, 1997;

Order Modifying Kansas Universal Service Fund Penalties, Docket No. 18-GIMT-084-GIT, Sept. 27, 2018; and

Order Granting Petition of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for Clarification and/or Reconsideration of

Order Modifying Kansas Universal Service Fund Penalties, Oct. 30, 2018.

GVNW Consulting A Vantage Point Company 2930 Montvale Drive Ste. B Springfield, IL 62704 (217) 862-1550

Kansas Universal Service Fund Quarterly KUSF Assessment True-Up March 2021 - February 2022

Customer Code: Submission Date:

KS005632 07/14/2021

Send to: Granite Telecommunications, LLC

Attn:John Prinner
100 Newport Avenue Extension
QUINCY, Massachusetts 02171
taxdept@granitenet.com

Mail Payment to Lockbox:

Kansas USF PO Box 1512

Topeka, KS 66611-2212

| Data Period Reported | 1) Previously Reported | | 2) Actuals | Difference |
|----------------------|--|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | | |
| Mar-2021 | Billed KUSF Revenues (Block C) | \$ 65,150.10 | \$ 63,951.14 | |
| | Total Intrastate Retail Revenues | \$ 601,015.66 | \$ 597,741.61 | |
| | Uncollectibles | \$ 0.00 | \$ 7,786.47 | |
| | Net Intrastate Retail Revenue | \$ 601,015.66 | \$ 589,955.14 | |
| | Rate | 0.1084 | 0.1084 | |
| | KUSF Assessment | \$ 65,150.10 | \$ 63,951.14 | |
| | KUSF Support | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | |
| | Lifeline Discount | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | |
| | Net KUSF Assessment | \$ 65,150.10 | \$ 65,150.10 | (\$ 1,198.96 |
| Data Period Reported | Period Reported 1) Previously Reported | | 2) Actuals | Difference |
| | | | | |
| Apr-2021 | Billed KUSF Revenues (Block C) | \$ 65,883.98 | \$ 64,249.56 | |
| | Total Intrastate Retail Revenues | \$ 607,785.78 | \$ 600,948.06 | |
| | Uncollectibles | \$ 0.00 | \$ 8,239.92 | |
| | Net Intrastate Retail Revenue | \$ 607,785.78 | \$ 592,708.14 | |
| | Rate | 0.1084 | 0.1084 | |
| | KUSF Assessment | \$ 65,883.98 | \$ 64,249.56 | |
| | KUSF Support | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | |
| | Lifeline Discount | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | |
| | Net KUSF Assessment | \$ 65,883.98 | \$ 65,883.98 | (\$ 1,634.42 |
| Data Period Reported | 1) Previously Reported | | 2) Actuals | Difference |
| | | | | |
| May-2021 | Billed KUSF Revenues (Block C) | \$ 65,035.38 | \$ 72,887.74 | |
| | Total Intrastate Retail Revenues | \$ 599,957.34 | \$ 629,549.29 | |
| | Uncollectibles | \$ 0.00 | (\$ 42,846.82) | |
| | Net Intrastate Retail Revenue | \$ 599,957.34 | \$ 672,396.11 | |
| | Rate | 0.1084 | 0.1084 | |
| | KUSF Assessment | \$ 65,035.38 | \$ 72,887.74 | |
| | KUSF Support | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | |
| | Lifeline Discount | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | |
| | Net KUSF Assessment | \$ 65,035.38 | \$ 65,035.38 | \$ 7,852.3 |

Total Billed KUSF Revenues Total KUSF Assessments Variance \$ 196,069.46 \$ 196,069.46 \$ 0.00 \$ 201,088.44 \$ 201,088.44 \$ 0.00

TOTAL TRUE-UP AMOUNT

\$ 5,018.98

LATE PENALTY

\$ 0.00

Sum of amounts entered in the difference column. Positive number represents payment due to KUSF. Negative number represents credit due to the company.

Reasons For Revenue Adjustements: Correction of taxability of certain charges and recovery of previously written-off bad debts.

I certify that I have examined this report to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct, and complete. I further acknowledge the Kansas Corporation Commission's and /or GVNW authority to request additional information as may be necessary.

Officer Date

Officer Name

Officer Title

07/14/2021 John Prinner

CFO

Filer Name Jerald Blakeney Filer Email

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July 2021

AMOUNT

\$5,018.98

PAY TO THE ORDER

KANSAS USF

PO BOX 1512 TOPEKA, KS 66601-1512

Five Thousand Eighteen Dollars and 96 Cents

VOID AFTER 90 DAYS

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AUTHORIZED SYGNATURE

08/16/2021 - 2001 - 66 For Deposit Only CoreFirst Bank and Trust