

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

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson
 Dwight D. Keen
 Annie Kuether

In the Matter of a General Investigation Into)
Depreciation Rates Applicable to Rural) Docket No. 24-GIMT-459-GIT
Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers.)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE COMMENTS

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having reviewed the files and records, the Commission finds the following:

1. On January 4, 2024, the Commission issued its Order Opening General Investigation and Setting Comment Deadlines (Order) into depreciation rates applicable to Rural Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (RLECs).¹ The Order provided all interested RLECs 90 days from the date of the Order to file comments suggesting specific depreciation rate changes, and 180 days from the date of the Order for Commission Staff (Staff) to file responsive comments and recommendations.²

2. On March 29, 2024, the RLECs requested a 30-day extension, to May 3, 2024, to file their comments, and a corresponding 30-day extension to Staff, to August 1, 2024, to file its comments and recommendations.³ The Commission granted the extension by Order dated April 4, 2024.⁴

¹ Order Opening General Investigation and Setting Comment Deadlines, ¶ 3 (Jan. 4, 2024).

² *Id.* at ¶ 5.

³ Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments, ¶ 2 (Mar. 29, 2024).

⁴ Order Granting Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments (Apr. 4, 2024).

3. On May 3, 2024, the RLECs filed a Second Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments stating that due to the continued press of business and number of companies and consultants involved in contributing to the comments, additional time is necessary.⁵

4. The RLECs requested a three-week extension of time to May 24, 2024, to file their comments.⁶

5. The RLECs stated Litigation Counsel Staff was approached as to their position on this extension of time. Further, neither the Commission nor its Staff will be prejudiced by this three-week extension of time.

6. K.A.R. 82-1-217(b) allows the Commission to extend any deadline for good cause. The Commission believes allowing the Parties additional time to file their comments will produce a better evidentiary record for the Commission's consideration. Therefore, pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-217(b), the Commission grants the RLECs' Second Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. The RLECs' Second Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments is granted.
- B. The RLECs' comments are due May 24, 2024, and Staff's responsive comments and recommendations are due August 22, 2024.
- C. This Order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.⁷

⁵ Second Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments, ¶ 3 (May 3, 2024).

⁶ *Id.* at ¶ 4.

⁷ K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner.

Dated: 05/09/2024



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 electronic service on 05/09/2024.

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