

**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

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 to file comments suggesting specific depreciation rate changes and 180 days 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 RLECs’ request on April 4, 2024, setting a new date for the RLECs’ comments to be filed on May 3, 2024.⁴ The Commission additionally extended Staff’s deadline for Responsive Comments to August 1, 2024.

3. On May 3, 2024, the RLECs requested a three-week extension, to May 24, 2024, to file their comments. The Commission granted the RLECs’ request on May 9, 2024, setting a

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

² *Id.*, ¶ 5.

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

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

new date for the RLECs' comments to be filed on May 24, 2024, and additionally extending Staff's deadline for Responsive Comments to August 22, 2024.⁵

4. On August 22, 2024, Staff requested a two-week extension to file their Responsive Comments due to the press of other business and unexpected unavailability of key Staff personnel.⁶ Staff conferred with the RLECs, and they do not object to this request.⁷

5. K.A.R. 82-1-217(b) allows the Commission to extend any deadline for good cause. The Commission believes allowing Staff 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 Staff's Motion for Extension.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. Staff's Motion for Extension is granted. Staff's Responsive Comments are due September 5, 2024.

B. This Order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.⁸

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

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

Dated: 08/29/2024



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

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⁵ Order Granting RLECs' Second Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments (May 9, 2024).

⁶ Staff's Motion for Extension (Aug. 22, 2024).

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

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 08/29/2024.

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