

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

Before Commissioners: Susan K. Duffy, Chair
Dwight D. Keen
Andrew J. French

In the Matter of Certification of Compliance)
with Section 254(e) of the Federal)
Telecommunications Act of 1996 and) Docket No. 20-GIMT-415-GIT
Certification of Appropriate Use of Kansas)
Universal Service Fund Support)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

NOW, the above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) receiving federal high-cost support to submit certain information to the states, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), tribal governments (where relevant), and the FCC by July 1st of each year.¹

2. The FCC requires states to certify to the FCC every calendar year (by October 1st) that ETCs receiving federal high-cost support in such state used the support in the preceding calendar year, and will use the support in the coming calendar year “only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.”² If a state does not certify that an ETC used its federal high-cost support appropriately, the ETC will not receive the support.³

¹47 C.F.R. §54.313.

²47 C.F.R. §54.314(a).

³Id.

3. On April 21, 2020 the Commission issued its Order Opening Docket; Requiring Compliance Filings.⁴ Attached to the Commission's Order was a Report and Recommendation (R&R) prepared by Commission Staff. The R&R discussed the FCC requirements and recommended the Commission require ETCs and competitive ETCs to submit ETC certifications on or before July 1, 2020. The Commission's Order contained the recommendations set forth in Staff's R&R.

4. On July 1, 2020, Consolidated Communications of Kansas Company and Consolidated Communications of Missouri Company (together Consolidated Communications) submitted an Entry of Appearance and Motion for Extension of Time. In the Motion, Consolidated Communications requested a limited extension from the July 1st deadline until July 8, 2020.

5. The Commission has communicated with Staff who confirmed Consolidated Communications submitted the ETC certifications by the requested July 8, 2020, extension date. Because Consolidated Communications provided Staff with the required information by the requested extension date, the Motion is accepted for filing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Columbus' Motion for Extension of Time is granted and accepted for filing.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Duffy, Chair; Keen, Commissioner; French, Commissioner

Dated: 08/06/2020



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⁴ Order Opening Docket; Requiring Compliance Filings (Apr. 21, 2020).

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