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March 9, 2018

Ms. Lynn M. Retz Secretary to the Commission Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Re: Docket 18-UTDT-356-GIT

Dear Ms. Retz,

Attached please find an Entry of Appearance for Mutual Telephone Company, The Southern Kansas Telephone Company, Inc., Rural Telephone Service Co. Inc. d/b/a Nex-Tech, and Wheat State Telephone Company, Inc. in the above-referenced docket.

If the Commission or Staff has any questions with regard to the filing, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours

Mark E. Caplinger Attorney for Mutual Telephone Co., The Southern Kansas Telephone Co. Inc., Rural Telephone Service Co. Inc., d/b/a Nex-Tech, and Wheat State Telephone Company, Inc.

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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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In the Matter of a General Investigation to Review the Kansas Universal Service Fund Cap for the United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2208(d)(2).

Docket No. 18-UTDT-356-GIT

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE AND CONSENT TO ELECTRONIC SERVICE

COMES NOW Mark E. Caplinger, of Mark E. Caplinger, P.A., and enters his appearance as counsel on behalf of Mutual Telephone Company, Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. d/b/a Nex-Tech, The Southern Kansas Telephone Company, Inc., and Wheat State Telephone Company, Inc. Counsel consents to electronic service without a hard-copy follow-up. Additionally all service, pleadings, testimony, briefs and orders for the above-captioned case should be directed to counsel at the following email address:

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> > Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS COUNTY OF SHAWNEE

)) ss.)

I, Mark E. Caplinger, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon his oath states:

That he is an attorney for Mutual Telephone Company, Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. d/b/a Nex-Tech, The Southern Kansas Telephone Company, Inc., and Wheat State Telephone Company, Inc., that he has read the above and foregoing document, and upon information and belief, states that the matters therein appearing are true and correct.

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Mark E. Caplinger

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this $\underline{\mathcal{P}}^{\mathcal{H}}$ day of March, 2018.

NANCY J MCKENZIE Notary Public State of Kansas My Commission Expires 11-

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My Commission Expires:

11-15-2019

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Mark E. Caplinger, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was electronically served to the following on this $\underline{\mathcal{P}}^{\mathcal{H}}$ day of March, 2018.

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