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 a General Investigation into) Interconnection, Porting, Evolving Technology) and the Impacts on Customers Choices in) Kansas.)

Docket No. 20-GIMT-387-GIT

ORDER GRANTING ADMISSION OF KATHERINE K. MUDGE AND VINCENT M. PALADINI PRO HAC VICE

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the pleadings and record, the Commission makes the following findings and conclusions:

1. On March 12, 2020, the Commission initiated the instant docket to investigate evolving technology related to Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service providers, porting numbers for VoIP providers' customers, interconnection for VoIP providers in rural exchanges, as well as various issues involving jurisdiction, reciprocal compensation, obligations for facilitating internet calling, technical feasibility related to internet transmission, and other issues enumerated in the Commission's Order Opening General Investigation.¹

2. As part of its Order Opening General Investigation, the Commission established a procedural schedule for entries of appearance, initial comments, and reply comments.

3. On June 4, 2020, Ethan S. Kaplan, an attorney in good standing and licensed to practice law in the state of Kansas, filed a Motion for Admission of Katherine K. Mudge and Vincent M. Paladini *Pro Hac Vice* as attorneys on behalf of Ideatek Telcom, LLC (IdeaTek), under Kansas Supreme Court Rule 116. Mr. Kaplan stated he will sign all pleadings and other

¹ Order Opening General Investigation, Mar. 12, 2020.

papers filed with the Commission and will be actively engaged in the case and present for all appearances, to the extent required by the Commission. The Motion included Ms. Mudge's and Mr. Paladini's Verified Applications required by Rule 116.

4. Both Applicants, Ms. Mudge and Mr. Paladini, verified they are in good standing and licensed to practice law in Texas. Neither Applicant is currently, nor has ever been, the subject of public discipline, including but not limited to suspension of disbarment, in any jurisdiction. The Verified Applications list both Applicant's addresses as 7600 N. Capital of Texas Highway, Bldg. B, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78731.

5. The Commission finds Ms. Mudge and Mr. Paladini have met the requirements of Supreme Court Rule 116 and both shall be granted admission *pro hac vice* to appear on behalf of IdeaTek. Ms. Mudge and Mr. Paladini shall be added to the mailing list, with service of electronic notes, pleadings, testimony, orders, communications, and other documents directed to the following:

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THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION IT IS ORDERED THAT:

A. Katherine K. Mudge and Vincent M. Paladini are granted admission *pro hac vice* on behalf of IdeaTek.

B. This Order will be served by electronic mail, with no hard copy of this Order to

follow. This Order is a procedural order and constitutes non-final agency action.²

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Duffy, Chair; Keen, Commissioner; French, Commissioner

Dated: _____06/30/2020

Lynn M. Ref

Lynn M. Retz Executive Director

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² K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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electronic service on 06/30/2020

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