

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

Before Commissioners: Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair
 Jay Scott Emler
 Dwight D. Keen

In the Matter of An Investigation to Determine)
the Assessment Rate and the Affordable Local)
Service Rate for Rate-of-Return Regulated) Docket No. 17-GIMT-008-GIT
Carriers for the Twenty-First Year of the)
Kansas Universal Service Fund, Effective)
March 1, 2017.)

ORDER ACCEPTING GVNW's REVISED KUSF YEAR 21 AUDIT SELECTIONS

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and determination. Having examined its files and record, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. K.S.A. 66-2010(b)(1) provides that the Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) administrator is responsible for “[c]ollecting and auditing all relevant information from all qualifying telecommunications public utilities, telecommunications carriers or wireless telecommunications service providers receiving funds from or providing funds to the KUSF.”

The current KUSF administrator is GVNW Consulting, Inc. (GVNW).¹

2. Through a series of Commission orders, the Commission has determined that the KUSF administrator will conduct sixteen (16) annual audits of carriers contributing to or receiving funds from the KUSF.² The audits will be conducted in accordance with certain selection criteria and audit procedures adopted by the Commission.

¹ GVNW Consulting, Inc. was selected through competitive bid as required under K.S.A. 66-2010(a).

² See Order, Docket No. 94-GIMT-478-GIT (Oct. 30, 1998); Order Accepting NECA's Final Audit Report and Recommendations, Docket No. 94-GIMT-478-GIT (Oct. 14, 1999).

3. On July 24, 2018, the Commission issued its *Order Accepting GVNW's KUSF Year 21 Audit Selections; Proposed Revisions to Selection Criteria and Audit Review Procedures*. The Order, among other things, approved the identification of the sixteen carriers selected to be audited for KUSF Year 21 purposes by GVNW in its letter to the Commission on July 6, 2018.

4. On July 31, 2018, GVNW filed a follow-up letter correcting the names of three companies to properly reflect their legal names.

4. The Commission accepts the corrected company names of GVNW's proposed audit selections and orders that the corrected company names be used for the purposes of conducting the KUSF Year 21 audits.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. The Commission accepts and approves GVNW's corrected names of the companies detailed in their July 31, 2018 letter for purposes of conducting the KUSF Year 21 audits.

B. Parties have 15 days, plus three days if service is by mail, from the date of service of this Order to petition the Commission for reconsideration or request a hearing, as provided in K.S.A. 77-542.³

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Docket for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it deems necessary.

³K.S.A. 77-537(b); K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Dated: 08/07/2018

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Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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