

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Brian J. Moline, Chair
 Robert E. Krehbiel
 Michael C. Moffet

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Rural Telephone) DOCKET NO.
Service Company, Inc. (RuralTel) and Gorham Telephone) 06-RRLT-1094-CCS
Company, Inc. (Gorham) for Permission of RualTel to) TELECOM-LEC
Cease Operating as a Telephone Public Utility in Two
Kansas Exchanges it is Acquiring from United and to
Grant Gorham a Certificate of Public Convenience for the
Same Two Exchanges, and for Authority to Transfer
Property, Plant and Equipment of RuralTel Located in the
Two Exchanges to Gorham and Complete all Matters
Incident to the Transfer.

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ORDER ASSESSING COSTS

The above matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas for consideration. Being fully advised of all matters of record, the Commission finds that the expenses reasonably attributable to this investigation may exceed \$100. If the \$100 threshold is met, the Commission will assess these expenses against RURAL TELEPHONE SERVICE COMPANY, INC. pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1502. Expenses attributable to this docket shall be assessed beginning three days after notice of this assessment is given by service of this Order by United States mail. RURAL TELEPHONE SERVICE COMPANY, INC. is hereby notified that it has an opportunity to request a hearing on this assessment in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act, K.S.A. 77-501, *et seq.*

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION THAT:

RURAL TELEPHONE SERVICE COMPANY, INC. is assessed the costs of this investigation pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1502. A party may file a petition for reconsideration of this Order within 15 days of the date of this Order. If service is by mail, 3 additional days may be added to the 15-day time limit to petition for reconsideration. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it may deem necessary.

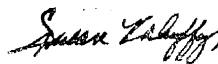
BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Moline, Chair; Krehbiel, Comm.; Moffet, Comm.

Dated: APR 18 2006

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