

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

Before the Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson
 Dwight D. Keen
 Annie Kuether

In the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement)
between Cebridge Telecom KS, LLC d/b/a) Docket No. 24-CKST-248-IAT
Suddenlink Communications and MoKan Dial,)
Inc.)

In the Matter of the Application of Cebridge)
Telecom KS, LLC for a Certificate of)
Convenience Authority to Provide Local)
Exchange and Exchange Access Service within) Docket No. 13-CKST-711-COC
the State of Kansas.)

ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE

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 August 29, 2013, in Docket No. 13-CKST-711-COC, the Commission granted Cebridge Telecom KS, d/b/a Suddenlink Communications (Cebridge) a Certificate of Convenience and Authority to provide Competitive Local Exchange and Exchange Access Telecommunications Services within the State of Kansas.¹

2. On September 12, 2023, in Docket No. 24-CKST-248-IAT Cebridge filed an Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement with MoKan Dial, Inc. (MoKan).

¹See, Order and Certificate (August 29, 2013).

3. On September 15, 2023, certain rural telephone companies² (RLECs) filed a Petition to Intervene in the above referenced dockets.

4. The RLECs argue that Cebridge does not possess the authority to operate in any rural telephone company service area, including that of MoKan.³ RLECS further argue that Cebridge's Certificate of Convenience and Authority must be corrected to conform with Kansas law, limiting it to operating within the AT&T and CenturyLink legacy service areas.⁴

5. The Commission has broad discretion to grant a petition for intervention if it is in the interest of justice, if the intervention allows for the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings to continue unimpaired, and if the party seeking intervention has factually demonstrated that its legal rights, duties and privileges, immunities or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding.⁵

6. There has been no objection to the RLECs' Petition to Intervene.

7. The Commission finds the RLECs have demonstrated an interest in this proceeding and meets the above requirements to intervene in this proceeding. Therefore, pursuant to K.S.A. 77- 521 the Commission grants the RLECs' Petition for Intervention.

8. The RLECs will be added to the official service list. Service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to counsel of record as follows:

² Blue Valley Tele-Communications, Inc., Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Golden Belt Telephone Association, Inc., Haviland Telephone Co., Inc., JBN Telephone Co., Inc., KanOkla Telephone Association, Madison Telephone, LLC, Mutual Telephone Company, Peoples Telecommunications, LLC, Pioneer Telephone Association, Inc., Rainbow Telecommunications Association, Inc., S&A Telephone Company, LLC, S&T Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc., South Central Telephone Association, Inc., Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc., United Telephone Association, Inc., Wheat State Telephone, Inc., d/b/a Wheat State Technologies, Columbus Communications Services, LLC, Cunningham Telephone Co., Inc., Gorham Telephone Co., Inc., H&B Communications, Inc., Home Telephone Co. Inc., LaHarpe Telephone Co., Inc., Southern Kansas Telephone Co., Inc., Totah Communications, Inc., Twin Valley Telephone, Inc., Wamego Telecommunications Co., Inc.. Wilson Telephone Co., Inc., Zenda Telephone Co., Inc., and Rural Telephone Service Co., Inc.

³ Petition to Intervene, Objection to Interconnection Agreement and Petition to Appropriately Limit CLEC Certificate of Convenience, pg. 1 (September 15, 2023).

⁴ *Id.* at 2.

⁵ K.S.A. 77-521; K.A.R. 82-1-225.

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THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The RLECs' Petition to Intervene is granted.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 11/21/2023



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of electronic service on 11/21/2023.

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