

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Chairman Mark Sievers
 Commissioner Ward Loyd
 Commissioner Thomas E. Wright

In the Matter of a General Investigation into)
the Kansas Universal Service Fund pursuant) Docket No. 12-GIMT-170-GIT
to K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 66-2008(c).)

ORDER ASSESSING COSTS

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the files and being fully advised of all matters of record, the Commission summarizes the arguments of the parties and finds and concludes as follows:

1. On this day, the Commission issues its Order Opening Docket to explore changes that will be needed to maintain the Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) in light of the recent announcement by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) of its intent to develop a National Broadband Plan, to reform the federal universal service fund, and to reform the Intercarrier Compensation regime. The investigation in this docket will review the definition of universal service and evaluate whether modification of the KUSF is justified under K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 66-2008(c), taking into account the goals of the Kansas Telecommunications Act of 1996 as articulated by the Legislature in K.S.A. 66-2001.

2. The Commission finds that expenses reasonably attributable to this investigation will exceed \$100. These expenses are assessed against all carriers or entities that contribute to the KUSF, i.e., ETCs, CLECs, IXC, VOIPs and wireless, 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. Each carrier or entity 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. 2010 Supp. 77-501, *et seq.*

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

(A) The Commission assesses expenses of this docket against all carriers or entities that contribute to the KUSF, i.e., ETCs, CLECs, IXCs, VOIPs and wireless. K.S.A. 66-1502.

(B) This Order shall be served with the Order Opening Docket. Parties have fifteen days from the date of service of this Order in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any matter decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

(C) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further order or orders as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Sievers, Chmn; Loyd, Com.; Wright, Com.

Dated: SEP 13 2011



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Executive Director

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