## BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of a Review of the Kansas	)
Universal Service Fund, including the	)
Forward-Looking High Cost Model Used to	)
Determine Cost-Based Kansas Universal	)
Service Fund Support for Price Cap Carriers	)
and Competitive Eligible	)
Telecommunications Carriers Offering	Ś
Service in Price Cap Carrier Study Areas, the	)
Level of Participation of Interconnected	Ś
VoIP and Wireless Service Providers, the	Ś
Effect of Federal Universal Service Fund	Ś
Reform, the Definition of Universal Service,	Ś
and Other Matters.	Ś

Docket No. 11-GIMT-420-GIT

# **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

COMES NOW James M. Caplinger and Mark E. Caplinger and hereby enter their

appearance as counsel for and on behalf of the State Independent Alliance ("SIA") in the above

captioned matter. A list of the members of SIA is attached as Attachment A.

All service, pleadings and correspondence should be directed as follows:

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#### **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF KANSAS ) ) ss: COUNTY OF SHAWNEE )

I, Mark E. Caplinger, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon his oath states:

That he is an attorney for the State Independent Alliance, that he has read the above and foregoing document, and upon information and belief, states that the matters therein appearing are true and correct.

Mark E. Caplinger

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 10th day of February, 2011.

Marsha Strenson Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Marce 2, 2013

MARSHA GIVENS iy Appl. Expires 3-02-13

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was placed in the United States mail, postage prepaid on this 10th day of February, 2011 to the following:

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Dear Ms. Duffy:

We are enclosing the original and seven copies of an Entry of Appearance by the State Independent Alliance in the above referenced docket.

If the Commission or Staff have any questions with regard to the filing, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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