

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

In the Matter of a Petition to Eliminate Any)
Commission Requirement to Distribute) Docket No. 24-GIMT-380-MIS
Annually a Printed Directory.)

**STAFF'S REPLY TO THE RURAL LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS' PROPOSED
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE**

The Staff of the Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Staff and Commission, respectively), hereby files its Reply to the Rural Local Exchange Carriers'(RLECs') *Proposed Procedural Schedule and Motion to Adopt Proposed Procedural Schedule* (Proposed Procedural Schedule), filed on August 6, 2024. In reply, Staff states the following:

1. On July 17, 2024, after discussions between the parties and the Presiding Officer, the Commission issued a *Presiding Officer Order Setting Prehearing Conference* for August 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. by Zoom video conferencing.

2. On August 6, 2024, Counsel for Staff appeared for the scheduled prehearing conference. After no other party appeared, it was determined the Presiding Officer would contact Counsel for the RLECs regarding a potential procedural schedule for the docket.

3. On August 6, 2024, the RLECs' filed their Proposed Procedural Schedule requesting, among other things, that the Commission immediately adopt their proposed resolution, or in the alternative that Staff be directed to file a response in the docket by August 15, 2024. The RLECs also proposed a potential settlement conference be scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 11 a.m.¹ Staff was not consulted regarding their availability or agreeance regarding these proposed dates.

¹RLECs' Proposed Procedural Schedule, p. 2-3 (Aug. 6, 2024).

4. Given the ongoing obligations of Staff and the press of other business, Staff respectfully requests the Commission adopt the following procedural schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Friday, October 18, 2024	5:00 p.m.	Staff Testimony or Report & Recommendation
Friday, October 25, 2024	5:00 p.m.	RLECs' Response or Rebuttal Testimony
Wednesday, November 6, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Settlement Conference (if necessary)

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order denying the RLECs' *Motion to Adopt Proposed Procedural Schedule* and instead adopt Staff's proposed procedural schedule, and for such other relief as the Commission deems just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

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