THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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

In the Matter of Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. Filing Tariff Revisions to Update Removal of Video Services Bundled Pricing and Internet Bundled Pricing, Remove EAS Additional Charge, Increased Residential and Business Rates and Other Modifications to its Tariff.

Docket No. 25-RRLT-282-TAR

SUSPENSION ORDER: SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

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The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records,

and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

I. Background

1. On January 17, 2025, Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. d/b/a Nex-Tech

("Nex-Tech") filed with the Commission an Application requesting for Tariff Revisions to

Update Removal of Video Services Bundled Pricing and Internet Bundled Pricing, Remove EAS

Additional Charge, Increased Residential and Business Rates and Other Modifications to its

Tariff.¹

II. Suspension Order

2. K.S.A. 66-117(c) states in part:

The commission shall not delay the effective date of the proposed change in rate, joint rate, toll, charge or classification or schedule of charges, or in any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service or rates of any such public utility or common carrier, more than 240 days beyond the date the public utility or common carrier filed its application requesting the proposed change. If the

¹ Application of Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. d/b/a Nex-Tech (Jan. 17, 2025) ("Application").

commission does not suspend the proposed schedule within 30 days of the date the same is filed by the public utility or common carrier, such proposed schedule shall be deemed approved by the commission and shall take effect on the proposed effective date.

3. A full investigation of the Application is deemed necessary and proper. Absent suspension, the Commission and its Staff are without sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether approval of the Application is just and reasonable.

4. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of the effectiveness of the Application and deferral of its effective date are required to allow sufficient time for full investigation of this matter. The effectiveness of the Application is hereby suspended for a period of 240 days from the date it was filed, January 17, 2025, until Monday, September 15, 2025, pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c).² A Commission decision may be issued before such date.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c), the Application and the proposed schedule in the above-captioned docket shall be suspended, and the effective date deferred, until September 15, 2025, pending other action by the Commission.

B. Electronic service shall be utilized for serving pleadings/motions and orders.

C. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the

requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).³

² The 240-day time period ends Sunday, September 14, 2025. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-503(c), the deadline is extended until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday, which is Monday, September 15, 2025.

³ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

01/30/2025

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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 ____01/30/2025

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