

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Mark Sievers, Chairman
Thomas E. Wright
Shari Feist Albrecht

In the Matter of an Investigation to Determine)
the Assessment Rate for the Eighteenth Year of) Docket No. 14-GIMT-105-GIT
the Kansas Universal Service Fund, Effective)
March 1, 2014.)

**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION TO
THE CITIZENS' UTILITY RATEPAYER BOARD**

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) upon the Petition of the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) to intervene in the above captioned matter. Having reviewed the pleadings and record, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. On August, 27, 2013, the Commission issued an Order Opening Docket for an Investigation to Determine the Assessment Rate for the Eighteenth Year of the Kansas Universal Service Fund, Effective March 1, 2014.

2. On August, 29, 2013, CURB filed a Petition to Intervene and Entry of Appearance.¹ In its Petition, CURB stated that it is composed of five volunteer consumer advocate members statutorily authorized to represent the interests of Kansas residential and small commercial ratepayers in any utility proceeding before the Commission under K.S.A. 66-1223, *et seq.*² CURB requests permission to intervene as the rates paid by those customers will or may

¹ Petition to Intervene and Entry of Appearance, (August 29, 2013) (Petition).

² Petition, ¶¶ 2, 3.

be affected by any Commission order or activity in this proceeding.³ CURB also gave its consent to receive electronic service in this proceeding if it is granted intervention.⁴

3. The Commission has broad discretion to grant a petition for intervention if it is in the interest of justice, if the intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings, and if the party has stated facts demonstrating its legal rights, duties and privileges, immunities or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding.⁵ Furthermore, at any time during a proceeding, the Commission may impose limitations on an intervenor's participation.⁶

4. The Commission finds and concludes that CURB has met the requirements of K.A.R. 82-1-225 and K.S.A. 77-521 and should be granted intervention in this Docket. CURB will be added to the mailing list, service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to counsel of record, as follows:

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5. In addition to counsel of record for CURB listed above, service of electronic notices, pleadings, and correspondence should be delivered to CURB's other designees:

³ Petition, ¶¶ 5, 7.

⁴ Petition, ¶ 11.

⁵ K.S.A. 77-521; K.A.R. 82-1-225.

⁶ K.S.A. 77-521(c).

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IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

(A) The Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board is granted intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. Counsel of record for the petitioner, and its other designees, shall receive service of all pleadings in this matter, as set forth above.

(B) The parties have fifteen days from the date this order was electronically served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issue or issues decided herein.⁷

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

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Sievers, Chairman; Wright, Commissioner; Albrecht, Commissioner.

Dated: SEP 19 2013


ORDER MAILED SEP 19 2013

Kim Christiansen
Executive Director

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⁷ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Order Granting Intervention to CURB was served by electronic mail this 19th day of September, 2013, to the following parties who have waived receipt of follow-up hard copies:

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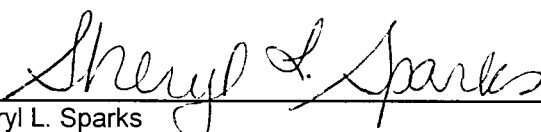
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