

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair
 Jay Scott Emler
 Pat Apple

In the Matter of the Connect America Fund)
Phase I Round Two Compliance Filings as) Docket No. 15-GIMT-370-CPL
Required by the Federal Communications)
Commission

ORDER ASSESSING COSTS

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and determination. Having examined its files and records and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. K.S.A. 66-1502 authorizes the Commission to assess the expenses of an investigation, opened on its own motion, against public utilities if the expenses reasonably attributable to such investigation exceed the sum of \$100. The Commission will utilize members of its Staff in this investigation, and as deemed appropriate by the Commission, employ special assistants and consultants to investigate all matters connected with this proceeding. The Commission finds that the expenses reasonably attributable to this investigation will exceed \$100. The Commission concludes that the costs of this proceeding should be assessed equally to United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink and Bluestem Telephone Company, Inc. This order constitutes notice of the assessment of costs and the assessment will begin three days after the date this order is mailed. United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink and Bluestem Telephone Company, Inc. are given notice that they may request a hearing as to the necessity of the investigation or the assessment of costs, in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink and Bluestem Telephone Company, Inc. are equally assessed the costs of this investigation.

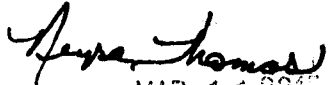
B. The parties have fifteen days, plus three days if service of this order is by mail, from the date this order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

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

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: MAR 11 2015


ORDER MAILED MAR 11 2015
Neysa Thomas
Acting Secretary

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PLEASE FORWARD THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT (S) ISSUED IN THE ABOVE-REFERENCED DOCKET TO THE FOLLOWING:

NAME AND ADDRESS	NO. CERT. COPIES	NO. PLAIN COPIES
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LISA GRANTHAM, DIRECTOR-SEPARATIONS/REGULATORY FINANCE UNITED TELEPHONE CO. OF KANSAS D/B/A CENTURYLINK 100 CENTURYLINK DRIVE MONROE, LA 71203		

ORDER MAILED **MAR 11 2015**

The Docket Room hereby certified that on this _____ day of _____, 20_____, it caused a true and correct copy of the attached ORDER to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the above persons.