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Lynn M. Retz, Secretary
Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 S.W. Arrowhead Rd
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RE: Rainbow Request Add'l KUSF
Docket No. 17-RNBT-555-KSF

Dear Ms. Retz:

On June 19, 2017, I filed an application on behalf of Rainbow Telecommunications Association, Inc. Included at Section 2 of the application was the Direct Testimony of Jason Smith.

Mr. Smith's testimony should have been three pages; however, during the scanning process, pages 2 and 3 became stuck to page 1. Staff brought this to my attention and has requested that I file Mr. Smith's three pages of testimony in its entirety.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Cordially yours,



Colleen R. Jamison

cc: Jason Smith
Daniel Meszler

1 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

2 A. My name is Jason M. Smith. My business address is 608 Main, Everest, KS 66424.

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4 **Q. Please identify your employer and your position with the company.**

5 A. I am employed as the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer of the Rainbow
6 Telecommunication Association, Inc. ("RTA").

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8 **Q. Briefly describe your educational background and work experience.**

9 A. I earned my B.S. in Agribusiness from Kansas State University in 1993. I completed my
10 Masters in Business Administration from Baker University in 2009. I have been
11 employed 20 years by RTA, spending 8 years as Assistant General Manager prior to
12 becoming the General Manager/CEO.

13 **Q. Have you testified previously before this Commission?**

14 A. Yes, I provided direct testimony in RTA's last application for increased KUSF, Docket
15 11-RNBT-608-KSF.

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17 **Q. Please begin with a discussion of RTA's corporate structure.**

18 A. RTA provides local exchange telecommunication service, as the carrier of last resort, to
19 eight exchanges in Northeast Kansas. RTA is the parent company of Rainbow
20 Communications, which offers several non-regulated services, including cable television
21 service, DSL, internet and long distance.

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23 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

1 A. I am providing this testimony in support of RTA's request for supplemental support from
2 the Kansas Universal Service Fund ("KUSF"). While Rainbow has retained the
3 consulting firm of TCA, Inc. to calculate its KUSF shortfall -- which is supported by the
4 direct testimony of Daniel Meszler - I have been informed that the Commission also
5 requires an official company representative to file direct testimony and to be available as
6 a witness at the evidentiary hearing during KUSF proceedings. As the General
7 Manager/CEO of RTA, I will offer the testimony the Commission desires, and I will be
8 available at the evidentiary hearing, if the parties feel my participation is necessary.

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10 **Q. How did RTA's last KUSF application conclude?**

11 A. RTA and Staff reached a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement ("SSA"), which was
12 approved by the Commission on October 5, 2011.¹

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14 **Q. Did RTA comply with the requirements of the SSA?**

15 A. Yes. On January 30, 2012, within the 120-day time frame required by the SSA, RTA
16 filed with the Commission documents as well as responded to additional DRs sent by
17 Staff in satisfaction of the Settlement Agreement. On May 10, 2012, the Commission
18 issued an order affirming satisfaction of the SSA.²

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20 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

21 A. Yes, it does.

¹ *Order On Stipulation and Agreement*, In the Matter of the application of Rainbow Telecommunication Association's Applications for Additional Support from the Kansas Universal Service Fund, Docket No. 11-RNBT-608-KSF, at ¶ 7 (October 5, 2011)

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² *Order Accepting Satisfaction of Stipulated Settlement*, In the Matter of the application of Rainbow Telecommunication Association's Applications for Additional Support from the Kansas Universal Service Fund, Docket No. 11-RNBT-608-KSF, (May 10, 2012)