

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Mark Sievers, Chairman  
Ward Loyd  
Thomas E. Wright

In the Matter of Certification of Compliance )  
With Section 254(e) of the Federal )  
Telecommunications Act of 1996 and ) Docket No. 12-GIMT-715-GIT  
Certification of Appropriate Use of Kansas )  
Universal Service Fund Support. )

**ORDER SETTING FILING DATE**

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. The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), in its *USF/ICC Transformation Order and FNPRM*, requires Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") to submit specific information as outlined in 47 C.F.R. 54.313(a)(2) through (a)(6), to the states, the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC"), tribal governments (where relevant), and the FCC by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, beginning in 2012.

2. The Commission opened this docket to collect those filings, as required by the FCC, and to determine whether the Commission should certify that the ETCs in Kansas will use their federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") support for 2013 in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and whether the ETCs appropriately used their federal USF and Kansas Universal Service Fund ("KUSF") support for the prior year. States that desire ETCs to receive support pursuant to the USF high-cost program must file an annual certification with the FCC and USAC by October 1, stating that all federal high-cost

support provided to such carriers within the state was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support was intended as required by 47 C.F.R. 54.314.

3. On May 8, 2012, the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau ("WCB") issued a Public Notice indicating that the April 1, 2012, filing date had been revised to July 2, 2012. The Commission normally requires ETCs to submit their annual ETC certification form by late-July, but in an attempt to streamline the filing process, Staff, in its May 22, 2012, Report and Recommendation, attached hereto, and made a part hereof by reference, recommends the Commission's annual ETC certification forms, as modified by Staff to incorporate the new FCC filing requirements, be filed by July 2, 2012, to coincide with the FCC's revised filing date.

4. The FCC, in its *USF/ICC Transformation Order and FNPRM*, adopted additional reporting requirements in 47 C.F.R. 54.313(a)(1) – (a)(8), (f)(2) and (h) that are to be filed in 2012, however, of these, the FCC has received Office of Management & Budget ("OMB") approval for only 54.313(a)(1) – (a)(6) and (h). Staff has modified Attachment 6 to its Report and Recommendation to include the additional reporting requirements that have been approved by the OMB and for which the FCC has announced effective dates. ETCs are not required to file information pursuant to 54.313(a)(1) through (a)(6) in 2012 if the ETC was not required by the state to collect such information for 2011. Therefore, Staff did not modify Attachment 6 to require ETCs to collect and report this information if they were not already required to do so.

5. In prior years, Staff has required Lifeline-only ETCs to complete Attachment 1 to Staff's Report and Recommendation, with modifications, to ensure Lifeline-Only ETCs will use Lifeline support appropriately. Due to the FCC's new ETC certification requirements and other reforms adopted by the FCC in its *Lifeline & Link Up Reform Order* to eliminate waste, fraud

and abuse, Staff no longer finds it necessary to require Lifeline-Only ETCs to complete Attachment 1. Therefore, Staff recommends that Lifeline-Only ETCs be required to only complete Attachment 6.

6. The Commission should adopt Staff's analysis and recommendations contained in its Report and Recommendation referenced above.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:**

A. The Commission adopts Staff's analysis, recommendations and forms contained in its Report and Recommendation dated May 22, 2012, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

B. A party may Petition for Reconsideration no later than fifteen (15) days from the date of service of this Order. If this Order is mailed, service is complete upon mailing and three (3) days may be added to the fifteen (15) day period. K.S.A. 66-118b: K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

C. The Commission retain jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purposes of entering such further order(s) as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Sievers, Chmn.; Loyd, Com.; Wright, Com.

Dated: JUN 06 2012



ORDER MAILED JUN 06 2012

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## REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION UTILITIES DIVISION

**TO:** Chairman Mark Sievers  
Commissioner Ward Loyd  
Commissioner Thomas E. Wright

**FROM:** Hal Baumhardt  
Christine Aarnes

**DATE:** May 22, 2012

**DATE SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** 5/23/12

**DATE SUBMITTED TO LEGAL:** 5-29-12

**DATE SUBMITTED TO COMMISSIONERS:** 5-30-12

**SUBJECT:** Docket No. 12-GIMT-715-GIT

In the Matter of Certification of Compliance with Section 254(e) of the Federal  
Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Certification of Appropriate Use of Kansas  
Universal Service Fund Support.

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), in its *USF/ICC Transformation Order & FNPRM*, required Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) to submit specific information, as outlined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313, to the states, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), tribal governments (where relevant), and the FCC by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, beginning in 2012<sup>1</sup>. The Commission opened this Docket to provide a repository for ETCs to collect those filings, as required by the FCC, and to determine whether the Commission should certify that the ETCs in Kansas will use their Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) support for 2013 in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and whether the ETCs appropriately used their FUSF and Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) support for the prior year.

PATRICE PETERSEN-KLEIN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

<sup>1</sup> *Connect America Fund; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers; High-Cost Universal Service Support; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Lifeline and Link-Up; Mobility Fund*; WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208, *USF/ICC Transformation Order & FNPRM* (Nov. 18, 2011), ¶¶ 570 - 614.

On May 8, 2012, the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) issued a Public Notice indicating that the April 1, 2012, filing date had been revised to July 2, 2012. The Commission normally requires ETCs to submit their annual ETC certification forms by late-July, but in an attempt to simplify and streamline the filing process, Staff recommends the Commission's annual ETC certification forms, as modified by Staff to incorporate the new FCC filing requirements, be filed by July 2, 2012, to coincide with the FCC's revised filing date.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Section 254(e) of the Telecom Act provides that carriers receiving federal USF support shall use the support "*only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.*" (Emphasis Added) The FCC delegated the responsibility of oversight of section 254(e) to the states. The FCC specifically stated:

[t]he Rural Task Force recommended that the Commission delegate to the states responsibility for oversight of section 254(e) in a manner similar to that used for non-rural carriers. We conclude that states should be required to file annual certifications with the Commission to ensure that carriers use universal service support "*only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended*" consistent with section 254(e). We conclude that the mandate in section 254(e) applies to *all* carriers, rural and non-rural, that are designated as eligible to receive support under 214(e) of the Act.<sup>2</sup> (Emphasis in original)

Therefore, the Commission must send a letter by October 1 of each year to the FCC and to the USAC stating that the companies named in the letter have provided certification that they will use their federal USF support in accordance with Section 254(e), in order for the ETCs to be eligible to receive federal USF support the following year.

In Docket No. 01-GIMT-595-GIT (595 Docket), the Commission adopted a form for carriers to certify that they will comply with Section 254(e) of the Telecom Act, in that the support received would be used "only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended." The initial certification adopted by the Commission consisted of a verified statement filed by a Company executive stating that the Company would use its federal USF support as intended. This statement was, and is, required to be provided to the Commission by a person in a position with the Company to direct the Company's expenditures. The Commission then sent letters to the FCC and the USAC certifying that the companies would use support as intended.

Later, in Docket No. 05-GIMT-112-GIT (Docket 112), the Commission revised the process used to certify compliance with Section 254(e). In that proceeding, the Commission adopted a more comprehensive reporting package for ETCs to certify to the Commission, under Section 254(e) of the Telecom Act, that they will only use their federal USF support in the manner in which it

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<sup>2</sup> Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) *Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256, FCC 01-157, Rel. May 23, 2001, at paragraphs 186 and 187.*

was intended to be used. The process adopted in Docket 112 provides that ETCs substantiate the use of federal USF funds for the prior year.

The Commission adopted additional reporting requirements for ETCs in Docket No. 06-GIMT-446-GIT (Docket 446) on October 2, 2006, which are included in Attachment 6.

In addition, the Commission determined on January 30, 2009, in Docket No. 08-GIMT-154-GIT (Docket 154), that ETCs must provide information to document that the carriers appropriately spent their KUSF support and will continue to spend their KUSF support appropriately.

#### New FCC Reporting Requirements

The FCC has begun a transition to a “uniform national framework” for ETC certification by setting forth required information that ETCs must file with the states, USAC, tribal governments, and the FCC in support of the annual ETC certification. The FCC’s *USF/ICC Transformation Order & FNPRM* requires ETCs to provide a number of reporting requirements on April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, with many of the reporting requirements to start in 2012 and the remaining reporting requirements transitioning in over time. As previously discussed, the FCC extended the 2012 annual filing date to July 2, 2012. In its *Third Order on Reconsideration*, the FCC further concluded that it would revise the filing deadline for 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 to July 1 for subsequent years.<sup>3</sup>

The FCC, in its *USF/ICC Transformation Order & FNPRM*, adopted additional reporting requirements in 47 C.F.R. 54.313(a)(1) – (a)(8), (f)(2) and (h) that are to be filed in 2012; however, of these, it is Staff’s understanding that the FCC has received Office of Management & Budget (OMB) approval for only 54.313(a)(1)-(a)(6) and (h). Staff has modified Attachment 6 to include the additional reporting requirements that have been approved by the OMB and for which the FCC has announced effective dates. ETCs are not required to file information pursuant to 54.313(a)(1) through (a)(6) in 2012 if the ETC was not required by the state to collect such information for 2011; thus, Staff did not modify Attachment 6 to require ETCs to collect and report this information if they were not already required to do so.

In prior years, Staff has required Lifeline-Only ETCs to complete Attachment 1, with modifications, to ensure Lifeline-Only ETCs will use Lifeline support appropriately. The FCC’s new rules, as adopted by the FCC in its *Lifeline & Link Up Reform Order*, require that an officer of each ETC must attest that the carrier is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures and that the carrier has procedures in place to review consumer’s documentation of income-based and program-based eligibility. Due to the FCC’s new ETC certification requirements and other reforms adopted by the FCC in its *Lifeline & Link Up Reform Order* to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse, Staff no longer finds it necessary to require Lifeline-Only

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<sup>3</sup> *Connect America Fund; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers; High-Cost Universal Service Support; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Lifeline and Link-Up; Mobility Fund*; WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208, *Third Order on Reconsideration*, ( May 14, 2012), ¶ 10.

ETCs to complete Attachment 1.<sup>4</sup> Thus, Staff recommends that Lifeline-Only ETCs be required to only complete Attachment 6.

**ANALYSIS:**

**I. Self Certification and Supporting Information for Past Certifications**

Listed below are the instructions and forms that will be used for this year's filing:

**Attachment**

<b><u>No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
1	(Revised) Certification Form for 2013 Federal USF Support pursuant to Section 254(e) and KUSF Support
2a	Kansas' Test for USF Certification for ILECs
2b	Kansas' Test for USF Certification for ILECs using illustrative data
3a	Kansas' Test for USF Certification for Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (CETCs)
3b	Kansas' Test for USF Certification for CETCs using illustrative data
4	Narrative Report for New Investments
5	Narrative Report for New Investments in Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) Exchanges (Certifies KUSF support)
6	(Revised) Docket 446 ETC Requirements and 47 C.F.R. 54.313(h)
7	(Updated) USF Certification Instructions for Cost Reporting

Attachment 7 is the Instructions for completing Attachments 1-6.

- All ETCs that received or will receive high-cost USF, CAF and/or KUSF support should complete Attachment 1.
- Incumbent ETCs should also complete Attachments 2a, 4, 5 and 6.
- CETCs should also complete Attachments 3a, 4, 5 and 6. However, CETCs providing services using Local Wholesale Complete (LWC) must only submit Attachment 1 and 6, along with a statement that the company only receives KUSF support for lines to which it provisions service via LWC.

Attachments 2b and 3b are provided as illustration purposes for completing the respective cost reports 2a and 3a. Incumbent ETCs and CETCs that operate in SWBT exchanges and receive KUSF support should also complete Attachment 5, by reporting new investments made in KUSF supported exchanges.

As provided in the Commission's January 30, 2009, Order in Docket 154, CETCs need to report expenses for SWBT exchanges to justify the use of KUSF support and SWBT is to provide cites to source documentation relied on for reporting new investments in Attachment 5.<sup>5</sup> Additionally,

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<sup>4</sup> *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization; Lifeline and Link Up; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training*; WC Docket No. 11-42, WC Docket No. 03-109, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 12-23; Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Rel. Feb. 6, 2012, ("Lifeline & Link-Up Reform Order").

<sup>5</sup> Commission Order dated January 30, 2009, Docket 154, Staff Report on Workshop, page 12.

CETCs should exclude expenses and investments for SWBT exchanges when justifying federal USF support on Attachments 3a and 4, pursuant to the Commission's August 9, 2007, Order in Docket 498.<sup>6</sup>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Commission integrate the FCC's new reporting requirements into the Commission's annual ETC certification process and request that the information be filed by **July 2, 2012**. If an ETC has already filed information required by the FCC in this Docket, it needs to simply reference the date the information was previously filed on the Commission's forms.

Staff further recommends the Commission require ETCs to submit the remaining 2012 certification filing requirements for 47 C.F.R. 54.313(a)(7), (a)(8), and (f)(2) in this Docket by the due date(s) to be announced by the FCC.

Attachments

cc: Patrice Petersen-Klein, Executive Director  
Jeff McClanahan, Director of Utilities

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<sup>6</sup> In Docket No. 07-GIMT-498-GIT (Docket 498), the Commission reaffirmed its previous decision not to certify CETCs' expenditures and investments of federal high-cost support in non-supported areas, which are areas served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, except to the extent the CETCs can justify an allocation of a portion of expenditures and investments of federal USF support to serve a supported area.



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**SECTION 254(e) CERTIFICATION  
FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT  
FCC Docket Reference: CC Docket No. 96-45  
and KANSAS UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND SUPPORT<sup>1</sup>  
(Please type or print legibly)  
(Circle all appropriate Support Received)**

1. My title is \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Company/ Cooperative). In this capacity, I am in a  
position of authority to direct how federal high-cost Universal Service Funds ("USF"), Connect America  
Fund ("CAF") support, and/or Kansas Universal Service Fund ("KUSF") support received will be used  
and by this certification I am binding \_\_\_\_\_ (Company/Cooperative) to the statements  
made in this certification.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Company/Cooperative) was named as  
an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Kansas Corporation Commission ("KCC") for FUSF support  
purposes in Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_ by order dated \_\_\_\_\_  
and KUSF support purposes in Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_ by order dated \_\_\_\_\_.

3. By this affidavit, I certify that the USF, CAF and/or KUSF received by  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Company/Cooperative) was used in the proceeding calendar year  
\_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>1</sup> See Docket 08-GIMT-154-GIT

## Attachment 1

2011 and will be used in the new calendar year 2013 and used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act, and/or Kansas statutes and KCC Requirements.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct.

(Pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. 53-601.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed/Typed Name

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_ date.

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Incumbent LEC Investment and Expenses  
Kansas Test for USF Certification**

**Attachment 2a**

<b>Study Area:</b> <u>Company Name</u>		Rev Date	3/18/2009
		Formula Rev	7/27/2009

Docket No. 12-GIMT-715-GIT  
For the Following Lines, use Data From the Previous  
Year's "- 1" Filing

DATA YEAR: 2011

	LINE	REGULATED AMOUNT
<b>WORKING LOOPS</b>		
1. Total Loops	(060)	
2. Category 1.3 Loops	(070)	
<b>INVESTMENT</b>		
1. Plant Accounts		
a. Acct 2001	(160)	
2. Selected Plant Accounts		
a. Acct 2210	(230)	
b. Acct 2220	(235)	
c. Acct 2230	(240)	
d. Total Central Office Equip	(245)	\$ -
e. Circuit Equip Cat 4.13	(250)	
f. Acct 2410	(255)	
<b>AMORTIZABLE TANGIBLE ASSETS</b>		
Acct. 2680 Tot Assets	(800)	
Acct. 2680 (2230) COE Trans	(805)	
Acct. 2680 (Cat. 4.13) COE Trans	(810)	
Acct. 2680 (2410) Total CWF	(815)	
Acct. 2680 (2410) CWF-Cat 1	(820)	
Acct. 6560 (2680) Dep & Amort	(830)	
<b>PART 36 - COST STUDY DATA</b>		
1. Cost Study Avg C&WF Acct 2410	(700)	
2. Cost Study Avg C&WF Cat 1	(710)	
3. C&WF CAT 1 Factor		#DIV/0!
4. COE CAT 4.13 Factor		#DIV/0!
5. Switching Factor		1.000000

**Please provide the following information on or before July 2, 2012**

**Incumbent LEC Investment and Expenses  
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Docket No. 12-GIMT-715-GIT  
For the Following Lines, use Data From the Previous  
Year's "- 1" Filing DATA YEAR: 2011

**For the Following Lines, Use Gross Additions for Plant and  
Annual Amounts for Expenses for the Test Year**

INVESTMENT, EXPENSE AND TAXES	LINE	REGULATED AMOUNT
1. Selected Plant Accounts		
a. Acct 2230	(240)	\$ -
b. Total Central Office Equip	(245)	
c. Acct 2410 (Total)	(255)	
2. Expenses - Plant Specific Exp		
a. Acct 6110	(335)	
b. Acct 6110 (benefits)	(340)	
c. Acct 6110 (rents)	(345)	
d. Acct 6120	(350)	
e. Acct 6120 (benefits)	(355)	
f. Acct 6120 (rents)	(360)	
g. Acct 6210	(365)	
h. Acct 6210 (benefits)	(370)	
i. Acct 6210 (rents)	(375)	
j. Acct 6220	(380)	
k. Acct 6220 (benefits)	(385)	
l. Acct 6220 (rents)	(390)	
m. Acct 6230	(395)	
n. Acct 6230 (benefits)	(400)	
o. Acct 6230 (rents)	(405)	
p. (sum of lines 365+380+395)	(410)	-
q. Acct 6410	(430)	
r. Acct 6410 (benefits)	(435)	
s. Acct 6410 (rents)	(440)	
t. Total 6110 - 6410	(445)	\$ -
3. Expenses - Plant Non Specific Exp		
a. Acct 6530	(450)	
b. Acct 6530 (benefits)	(455)	
4. Depreciation & Amortization Exp		
a. Acct 6560(2210)	(510)	
b. Acct 6560(2220)	(515)	
c. Acct 6560(2230)	(520)	
d. Acct 6560(2210-2230)	(525)	\$ -
e. Acct 6560(2410)	(530)	
5. Corporate Operating Expenses		
a. Acct 6710	(535)	
b. Acct 6710 (benefits)	(540)	
c. Acct 6720	(550)	
d. Acct 6720 (benefits)	(555)	
e. (sum of lines 535+550)	(565)	\$ -
6. Other Expenses and Revenues		
a. Benefits Portion	(600)	
b. Rents Portion	(610)	
Sum of All Expenses (Excluding Depreciation)		\$ -
7. Taxes		
a. Acct 7200	(650)	

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**Attachment 2a**

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**Example**  
**ILEC Investment and Expense**  
**Kansas Test for USF Certification**

Attachement 2b

**Study Area: Wabaunsee Telephone Company Inc.**

**For the Following Lines, use Data From the  
Previous Year's "- 1" Filing**

**DATA YEAR 2011**

	LINE	REGULATED AMOUNT
<b>WORKING LOOPS</b>		
1. Total Loops	(060)	9,552
2. Category 1.3 Loops	(070)	9,262
<b>INVESTMENT</b>		
1. Plant Accounts		
a. Acct 2001	(160) \$	26,978,955
2. Selected Plant Accounts		
a. Acct 2210	(230)	5,247,838
b. Acct 2220	(235)	0
c. Acct 2230	(240)	5,962,811
d. Total Central Office Equip	(245) \$	11,210,649
e. Circuit Equip Cat 4.13	(250)	4,061,618
f. Acct 2410	(255)	13,819,015
<b>AMORTIZABLE TANGIBLE ASSETS</b>		
Acct. 2680 Tot Assets	(800)	0
Acct. 2680 (2230) COE Trans	(805)	0
Acct. 2680 (Cat. 4.13) COE Trans	(810)	0
Acct. 2680 (2410) Total CWF	(815)	0
Acct. 2680 (2410) CWF-Cat 1	(820)	0
Acct. 6560 (2680) Dep & Amort	(830)	0
<b>PART 36 - COST STUDY DATA</b>		
1. Cost Study Avg C&WF Acct 2410	(700)	11,811,817
2. Cost Study Avg C&WF Cat 1	(710)	11,718,782
3. C&WF CAT 1 Factor		0.992124
4. COE CAT 4.13 Factor		0.362300
5. Switching Factor		1.000000

**Example**  
**ILEC Investment and Expense**  
**Kansas Test for USF Certification**

**Attachement 2b**

**Study Area: Wabaunsee Telephone Company Inc.**

**For the Following Lines, use Data From the  
Previous Year's "- 1" Filing**

**DATA YEAR 2011**

	LINE	REGULATED AMOUNT
<b>For the Following Lines, Use Gross Additions for Plant and  Annual Amounts for Expenses for the Test Year</b>		
<b>INVESTMENT, EXPENSE AND TAXES</b>	<b>LINE</b>	
1. Selected Plant Accounts		
a. Acct 2230	(240)	198,228
b. Total Central Office Equip	(245)	480,061
c. Acct 2410 (Total)	(255)	436,274
2. Expenses - Plant Specific Exp		
a. Acct 6110	(335)	12,628
b. Acct 6110 (benefits)	(340)	1,362
c. Acct 6110 (rents)	(345)	256
d. Acct 6120	(350)	211,447
e. Acct 6120 (benefits)	(355)	8,068
f. Acct 6120 (rents)	(360)	15,114
g. Acct 6210	(365)	236,427
h. Acct 6210 (benefits)	(370)	36,157
i. Acct 6210 (rents)	(375)	2,922
j. Acct 6220	(380)	0
k. Acct 6220 (benefits)	(385)	0
l. Acct 6220 (rents)	(390)	0
m. Acct 6230	(395)	108,923
n. Acct 6230 (benefits)	(400)	14,821
o. Acct 6230 (rents)	(405)	1,222
p. (sum of lines 365+380+395)	(410)	\$ 345,350
q. Acct 6410	(430)	882,320
r. Acct 6410 (benefits)	(435)	124,429
s. Acct 6410 (rents)	(440)	63,079
t. Total 6110 - 6410	(445)	\$ 1,451,745
3. Expenses - Plant Non Specific Exp		
a. Acct 6530	(450)	287,767
b. Acct 6530 (benefits)	(455)	45,519
4. Depreciation & Amortization Exp		
a. Acct 6560(2210)	(510)	382,435
b. Acct 6560(2220)	(515)	0
c. Acct 6560(2230)	(520)	297,063
d. Acct 6560(2210-2230)	(525)	679,498
e. Acct 6560(2410)	(530)	677,375
5. Corporate Operating Expenses		
a. Acct 6710	(535)	73,579
b. Acct 6710 (benefits)	(540)	17,078
c. Acct 6720	(550)	428,472
d. Acct 6720 (benefits)	(555)	46,933
e. (sum of lines 535+550)	(565)	\$ 502,051
6. Other Expenses and Revenues		
a. Benefits Portion	(600)	425,974
b. Rents Portion	(610)	82,594
Sum of All Expenses (Excluding Depreciation)		\$ 2,241,563
7. Taxes		
a. Acct 7200	(650)	1,073,834



**Example**  
**ILEC Investment and Expense**  
**Kansas Test for USF Certification**

**Attachement 2b**

Study Area: <u>Wabaunsee Telephone Company Inc.</u>	
For the Following Lines, use Data From the Previous Year's "- 1" Filing	
DATA YEAR <u>2011</u>	
LINE	REGULATED AMOUNT
Test for use of FUSF and KUSF	
CAPITAL:	
1. Category 1 C&WF	432,838
2. Category 4.13 COE and Switching	455,759
MAINTENANCE:	
3. CWF - MAINT. EXP.	689,340
4. COE - MAINT. SW	197,348
5. COE - MAINT-OP SYSTEM	0
6. COE - MAINT. - TRANS.	63,266
7. CWF - NETWORK SUPPORT	5,595
8. COE - NETWORK SUPPORT	3,799
9. CWF GENERAL SUPPORT	95,673
10. COE GENERAL SUPPORT	64,963
20. CWF NETWORK OPERATION	123,106
21. COE NETWORK OPERATION	83,591
22. CWF EXEC. & PLANNING	28,713
23. COE EXEC. & PLANNING	19,496
24. CWF GENERAL ADMIN.	193,891
25. COE GENERAL ADMIN.	131,655
26. CWF OPERATING TAXES	545,701
27. COE OPERATING TAXES	370,541
28. CWF BENEFITS - TTL OPER EXP	216,472
29. COE BENEFITS - TTL OPER EXP	146,988
30. CWF RENTS - TTL OPER EXP	41,973
31. COE RENTS - TTL OPER EXP	28,500

**Example**  
**ILEC Investment and Expense**  
**Kansas Test for USF Certification**

**Attachement 2b**

**Study Area: Wabaunsee Telephone Company Inc.**

**For the Following Lines, use Data From the  
Previous Year's "- 1" Filing**

**DATA YEAR 2011**

LINE	REGULATED AMOUNT
A. Total Cash Expenditures Assd with USF	3,939,208
B. <u>Certified Federal USF Receipts:</u>	
B1. High Cost Loop Support	820,931
B2. Safety Net Support	
B3. Local Switching Support	
B4. Safety Valve Support for acquired Exch.	
B5. Total Certified Federal USF Receipts	<u>820,931</u>
C. KUSF Receipts	2,500,000
D. Total FUSF and KUSF Receipts	<b>3,320,931</b>
E. Do Expenditures Exceed FUSF Receipts?	<b>Yes</b> 3,118,277 [A - B5]
Amount Expenditures Exceed Certified FUSF (negative number means FUSF exceeds Expenditures)	
F. Do Expenditures Exceed <b>FUSF &amp; KUSF</b> Receipts?	<b>Yes</b> 618,277 [A - D]
Amount Expenditures Exceed Certified FUSF & KUSF (negative number means FUSF & KUSF exceeds Expenditures)	

Please provide the following information:

Contact: John Smith

Position: Accountant

Phone No.: 785-555-1234

E-Mail: jsmith@wtci.com

**Competitive ETC Investment and Expense  
Test for USF Certification**

**Attachment 3a**

Rev date 3-Mar-09

Company Name : \_\_\_\_\_

**Docket No. 12-GIMT-715-GIT**

Each Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("CETC") is required to complete this form in order to receive certification by the Kansas Corporation Commission ("KCC") that the carrier is eligible to receive federal High-Cost loop, Local Switching, Interstate Common Line, Safety net, and Safety Valve support pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.313 and/or 47 C.F.R. 54.314.

An ETC must also complete this form to receive certification for its use of KUSF support, pursuant to Kansas statute and KCC Requirements.

Please attach additional pages if necessary. If you have any questions, please call the KCC Staff Telecommunications Division at 785-271-3142.

**\*\*\*\*\* Please provide the following information on or before July 2, 2012 \*\*\*\*\***

**For the Following Lines, use Data From the  
Previous Year's "1" Filing**

**Data  
Year 2011**

	AMOUNT FOR KANSAS  A	ALLOCATION PERCENT  B	FUSF CODE (see Notes)  C	AMOUNT FOR FUSF AREAS (Excluding AT&T Area) D=AxB	ALLOCATION PERCENT  E	KUSF CODE (see Notes)  F	AMOUNT FOR KUSF AREAS (Including AT&T Area) [1] G = AxE
FUSF WORKING LOOPS/LINES							
KUSF SUPPORTED LINES							
<b>NEW INVESTMENTS:</b>							
1. SWITCHING				-			-
2. OUTSIDE PLANT (LOCAL LOOPS, CELL SITES)(1)				-			-
<b>SUBTOTAL NEW INVESTMENTS</b>	\$ -			\$ -			\$ -
<b>EXPENSES:</b>							
3. SWITCH MAINTENANCE				-			-
4. OUTSIDE PLANT MAINTENANCE				-			-
5. NETWORK SUPPORT				-			-
6. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE				-			-
<b>SUBTOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ -			\$ -			\$ -
<b>A. TOTAL CASH EXPENDITURES ASSD WITH USF</b>	\$ -			\$ -			\$ -
<b>B. CERTIFIED FUSF RECEIPTS FOR CETCS</b>							
B1. High Cost Loop Support							
B2. Safety Net Support							
B3. Local Switching Support							
B4. Safety Valve Support for acquired Exch.							
B5. Total Certified Federal USF Receipts				\$ -			\$ -
B6. Interstate Common Line Support - ICLS							
<b>C. KUSF RECEIPTS</b>							\$ -
<b>D. TOTAL FUSF AND/OR KUSF</b>				\$ -			\$ -
<b>E. DO EXPENDITURES EXCEED FUSF RECEIPTS?</b> <b>No</b>				\$ -			\$ -
(negative number means FUSF exceeds Expenditures)							
<b>F. DO EXPENDITURES EXCEED FUSF and/or KUSF RECEIPTS?</b> <b>No</b>				\$ -		<b>No</b>	\$ -
(negative number means KUSF exceeds Expenditures)							

**Notes:**

1) Exclude the cost of transport between switches (dial-tone and/or tandem).

Allocation Codes (describe how the costs are allocated):

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

[1] This column is to be completed when the company receives KUSF Support in AT&T wire centers.

**Example**  
**Competitive ETC Investment and Expense**  
**Test for USF Certification**

Attachment 3b

Rev Date 3-Mar-09

Company Name : Everyday Telephone Company, Inc.

Each Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("CETC") is required to complete this form in order to receive certification by the Kansas Corporation Commission ("KCC") that the carrier is eligible to receive federal High-Cost loop, Local Switching, Interstate Common Line, Safety net, and Safety Valve support pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.313 and/or 47 C.F.R. 54.314.

An ETC must also complete this form to receive certification for its use of KUSF support, pursuant to Kansas statute and KCC Requirements. Please attach additional pages if necessary. If you have any questions, please call the KCC Staff Telecommunications Division at 785-271-3142.

\*\*\*\*\* Please provide the following information on or before July 2, 2012 \*\*\*\*\*

For the Following Lines, use Data From the  
 Previous Year's "1" Filing

Data  
 Year 2011

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT FOR KANSAS	ALLOCATION PERCENT	FUSF CODE (see Notes)	AMOUNT FOR FUSF AREAS (Excluding AT&T Area) D=AxB	ALLOCATION PERCENT	KUSF CODE (see Notes)	AMOUNT FOR KUSF AREAS (Including AT&T Area) [1] G = Ax E
WORKING LOOPS/LINES	50,000	N/A		17,500	N/A		15,000
KUSF SUPPORTED LINES							
NEW INVESTMENTS:							
1. SWITCHING	\$ 5,000,000	35%	a	\$ 1,750,000	50%		\$ 875,000
2. OUTSIDE PLANT (LOCAL LOOPS, CELL SITES)(1)	7,000,000	N/A	b	4,340,000	75% c		3,255,000
<b>SUBTOTAL NEW INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 12,000,000</b>			<b>\$ 6,090,000</b>			<b>\$ 4,130,000</b>
EXPENSES:							
3. SWITCH MAINTENANCE	1,500,000	75%	a	1,125,000	25%		375,000
4. OUTSIDE PLANT MAINTENANCE	4,000,000	52%	c	2,080,000	48%		1,920,000
5. NETWORK SUPPORT	500,000	52%	c	260,000	48%		240,000
6. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	400,000	75%	a	300,000	25%		100,000
<b>SUBTOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 6,400,000</b>			<b>\$ 3,765,000</b>			<b>\$ 2,635,000</b>
<b>A. TOTAL CASH EXPENDITURES ASSD WITH USF</b>	<b>\$ 18,400,000</b>			<b>\$ 9,855,000</b>			<b>\$ 6,765,000</b>
<b>B. CERTIFIED USF RECEIPTS FOR CETCS</b>							
B1. High Cost Loop Support				83,500			83,500
B2. Safety Net Support				45,000			45,000
B3. Local Switching Support				120,000			120,000
B4. Safety Valve Support for acquired Exch.				4,721,500			4,721,500
B5. Total Certified Federal USF Receipts				<b>\$ 4,970,000</b>			<b>\$ 4,970,000</b>
B6. Interstate Common Line Support - ICLS				30,000			30,000
<b>C. KUSF RECEIPTS</b>				<b>\$ 2,000,000</b>			<b>\$ 2,000,000</b>
<b>D. TOTAL FUSF AND KUSF</b>				<b>\$ 6,970,000</b>			<b>\$ 6,970,000</b>
<b>E. DO EXPENDITURES EXCEED FUSF RECEIPTS?</b> Yes (negative number means FUSF exceeds Expenditures)				<b>\$ 4,885,000</b>			<b>\$ 1,795,000</b>
<b>F. DO EXPENDITURES EXCEED FUSF and/or KUSF RECEIPTS?</b> Yes (negative number means KUSF exceeds Expenditures)				<b>\$ 2,885,000</b>		Yes	<b>\$ 4,765,000</b>

**Notes:**

1) Exclude the cost of transport between switches (dial-tone and/or tandem).

Allocation Codes (describe how the costs are allocated): [the following are examples only, not a complete list.]

- a. Based on number of switched MOUs from USF supported cell sites.
- b. Based on actual expenditures at USF cell sites. An allocation of USF area to total served area is applied at each cell site.  
 (i.e. 200,000 investment at Cell Site A, which serves 80% USF supported area, results in 160,000 of USF dollars.)
- c. Based on percent of USF served areas to all areas.

Contact: Robert Jones Position: Accounting

Phone No.: 316-555-9876 E-Mail: rjones@edtc.com

## Narrative Report for New Investments

ETC Certification for Use of **USF** Support  
Provided to the Kansas Corporation Commission

**Docket No. 12-GIMT-715-GIT**

Carrier Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Data Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Town or Exchange A	Description of Improvement B	Cash Investment C	Allocation % D	Notes E	Amount Used in the USF Supported Areas F= CxD
<b>Subtotal</b>		0			0
<b>Total</b>		0			0

This amount should be close to the New Investment  
Subtotal on the Test for USF Certification Form

NOTES:

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Narrative Report for New Investments

ETC Certification for Use of **USF** Support  
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Supplemental  
Pages

**Docket No. 12-GIMT-715-GIT**

Carrier Name:

Data Year:

Town or Exchange	Description of Improvement	Cash Investment	Allocation %	Notes	Amount Used in the USF Supported Areas
A	B	C	D	E	F= CxD
Subtotal		0			0

## Narrative Report for New Investments in SWBT Exchanges

## ETC Certification for Use of KUSF Support

Provided to the Kansas Corporation Commission

**Docket No. 12-GIMT-715-GIT**

Carrier Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Data Year:

Town or Exchange	Description of Improvement	Cash Investment	Allocation %	Notes	Amount Used in the KUSF Supported Areas
A	B	C	D	E	F= CxD
Subtotal		0			0
Total		0			0

NOTES:

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_





**Annual Certification of Requirements Imposed by the  
Commission in Docket Number 06-GIMT-446-GIT  
and by the FCC as Codified in 47 C.F.R. §54.313**

1. A competitive ETC must provide an updated two-year service quality improvement plan. A competitive ETC must also provide a progress report on its prior two-year service quality improvement plan<sup>1</sup>. This report must include: a) a map detailing the progress in meeting targets; b) an explanation of how FUSF and/or KUSF support has been used to improve service quality, coverage, capacity, signal quality, etc.; and, c) an explanation of why any targets were not met in the prior year.

- a) Please label updated two-year service quality improvement plan as **Attachment 6a**.
- b) Please label the map detailing your progress in meeting targets as **Attachment 6b**.
- c) For all investments listed in Attachments 4 and 5, please explain how FUSF and/or KUSF support have been used to improve service quality, coverage, capacity, signal quality, etc.
- d) If applicable, please explain why any targets were not met.

Please use space below to answer c and d. Attach additional pages, as needed.

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<sup>1</sup> Note: All ETCs will be required to provide a five-year service quality improvement plan beginning in 2013.

**2. All ETCs must provide detailed information on any outage lasting at least 30 minutes for any facilities that an ETC owns, operates, leases, or otherwise utilizes that potentially affect at least 10% of the end users in a service area, or that could affect 911.**

Date of Outage	Time of Outage	Description of the Outage and Resolution	Particular services affected	Geographic Areas Affected	Steps Taken to Prevent Future Recurrences	Number of Customers Affected

(If necessary, please provide additional pages.)

**3. Please provide the number of complaints per 1,000 connections (fixed or mobile). A complaint is any non-duplicative verbal or written complaint received by the company, FCC, and/or KCC.**

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4. 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1)(B) requires an ETC to advertise its services throughout the service area for which it has been designated “using media of general distribution.”

Please complete the following:

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Please attach additional pages, as needed.

5. A wireline ETC must certify that it is in compliance with the Commission's quality of service standards and a wireless ETC must certify that it is in compliance with the CTIA Code. Please complete the following, as applicable to your company:

**QUALITY OF SERVICE WIRELINE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION**

**KCC Docket Reference: 06-GIMT-446-GIT**

(Please type or print legibly)

1. My title is \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Company/ Cooperative). In this capacity, I am in a position of authority to certify whether the Company/ Cooperative is complying with required quality of service standards. I am binding \_\_\_\_\_ (Company/Cooperative) to the statements made in this certification.

2. By this affidavit, I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Company/ Cooperative) is in compliance with the Commission's quality of service standards as adopted in Docket No. 191,206-U.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct. (Pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. 53-601.) Executed on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed/Typed Name

**QUALITY OF SERVICE WIRELESS ANNUAL CERTIFICATION**

**KCC Docket Reference: 06-GIMT-446-GIT**

(Please type or print legibly)

1. My title is \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Company/ Cooperative). In this capacity, I am in a position of authority to certify whether the Company/ Cooperative is complying with required quality of service standards. I am binding \_\_\_\_\_ (Company/Cooperative) to the statements made in this certification.

2. By this affidavit, I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Company/ Cooperative) is in compliance with the CTIA Code.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct. (Pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. 53-601.) Executed on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed/Typed Name

6. An ETC must certify that it will be able to function in an emergency.

**ABILITY TO FUNCTION IN AN EMERGENCY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION**

**KCC Docket Reference: 06-GIMT-446-GIT**

(Please type or print legibly)

1. My title is \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Company/ Cooperative). In this capacity, I am in a position of authority to certify whether the  
Company/ Cooperative is able to function in an emergency. I am binding  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Company/Cooperative) to the statements made in this certification.

2. By this affidavit, I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Company/  
Cooperative) is capable of functioning in an emergency.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing  
is true and correct. (Pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. 53-601.) Executed on  
\_\_\_\_\_ (date).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed/Typed Name

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(Please type or print legibly)

1. My title is \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Company/ Cooperative). In this capacity, I am in a position of authority to certify whether the  
Company/ Cooperative offers a local usage plan comparable to that of the incumbent. I am  
binding \_\_\_\_\_(Company/Cooperative) to the statements made in this  
certification.

2. By this affidavit, I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Company/  
Cooperative) offers a local usage plan comparable to that of the incumbent.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct. (Pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. 53-601.) Executed on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

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8. Competitive ETCs need to provide the number of requests for service from potential customers within your service areas that were unfulfilled during the prior calendar year. Please also describe how you attempted to provide service to those potential customers.<sup>2</sup>

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9. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(h), all incumbent local exchange carrier recipients of high-cost support must report all of their flat rates for residential local service, as well as state fees as defined pursuant to § 54.318(e) of this subpart. Carriers must also report all rates that are below the local urban rate floor as defined in § 54.318 of this subpart, and the number of lines for each rate specified. Carriers shall report lines and rates in effect as of January 1. Please use the space below to provide the required information. Attach additional pages, as necessary.

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<sup>2</sup> Beginning in 2013, all ETCs will need to provide this information. The KCC only required CETCs to collect this information for 2011; thus, only CETCs need to complete this section this year.

Kansas Corporation Commission  
USF Certification Instructions for Cost Reporting  
(Attachments 1 through 6)

The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) requires every Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) to complete the ETC certification forms as part of its annual ETC certification process.

If you have any questions, please call the Telecommunications Division at 785-271-3142.

**Attachments 1-6 are to be filed with the KCC in Docket No. 12-GIMT-715-GIT on or before July 2, 2012. Please attach additional pages if necessary.**

**1. Line Definitions:**

**Working Loops for Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Supported Services**

Provide the line counts by incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) study area or wire center that were reported to National Exchange Carriers Association (NECA) or Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) for the same year as the cost data is reported.

**KUSF Supported Lines**

Report the number of lines for which the company received KUSF support, based on the eligible lines determined in the company's annual KUSF filing or supplemental filing with the Commission, for the same year as the cost data is reported.

**2. Attachments 2 and 3 – ETC and Competitive ETC Investment and Expense Report**

**a. Incumbent ETC Report Format**

Attachment 2a is used by Incumbent ETCs to report their use of universal service funds in the prior year. The report is a modified version of the cost information submitted to NECA for high-cost support, with the prior year data used to evaluate past certifications provided by the companies. Amounts reported should reflect the amounts actually used to provide universal service in the supported areas for which the support was paid.<sup>1</sup> Universal Service Support should be segregated by type of USF support received. The Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) amount is now required to be certified and, similar to Federal USF, the support must also be used to provide and maintain universal service. Attachment 2b is an example showing how to complete Form 2a.

**b. Competitive ETC (CETC) Report Format**

Attachment 3a, entitled "*Competitive ETC Investment and Expense Test for USF Certification*," is used by CETCs to report their use of USF funds in the prior year. Prior

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<sup>1</sup> Per 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, federal USF support, "will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." If investments or expenses are for service areas larger than the supported service areas, then allocations of the expenditures is required. See 2c Allocation Methods.



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year data is used to evaluate past certifications provided by the companies.<sup>2</sup> Amounts reported should reflect the amounts actually used to provide universal service in the supported areas for which the support was paid.<sup>3</sup> If no USF support was received for the prior year, the company need only file a statement to that effect. Cost information is split by new investment expenditures and expenses. This is compared to the amount of Universal Service Fund support received. The Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) amount is now required to be certified and, similar to Federal USF, the support must also be used to provide and maintain universal service. Attachment 3b is an example showing how to complete Form 2a.

The CETC Investment and Expense Test for USF Certification include a note that the company should exclude the cost of transport between switches. This makes the reporting consistent with the costs submitted by the Incumbent ETCs. Once a call leaves the local switch, it is on the interoffice network and costs for those facilities are not included. The switch is the device that provides dial tone and/or switching the call to the proper location for termination. This can be a smart remote with stand-alone capability<sup>4</sup> or stand-alone/host switch.

**c. Allocation Methods**

The cost reports attempt to capture the cost to provide universal service and exclude certain types of investments and expenses. The FCC has deregulated some services, including voice messaging and inside wire; therefore, they should be excluded. Universal service does not include facilities used only for data transmission, such as the DSLAM for Digital Service Lines (DSL). Lines or services that only provide data service do not qualify as universal service and expenditures for those services should be excluded.

The allocation of new investments and expenses may play an important role in properly identifying the costs associated with the USF supported areas. Incumbent LECs utilize a series of allocation rules in the Separations process that are specific and documented. However, even Incumbent LECs may encounter situations where only a portion of their territory receives USF support.

CETCs, especially, may serve exchanges that are USF supported as well as areas that are not USF supported. Some costs may be specific to the USF supported area, while others

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<sup>2</sup> If the company is a new ETC and did not provide self-certification for the prior year, data reports are not required though the company may find it helpful to provide that information to help substantiate the prior build out that it has made into the supported areas.

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<sup>4</sup> A smart remote with stand-alone capability is one that can still provide local calling even if its link to the host switch is severed.

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may involve both areas. A number of valid methods are available to make these allocations. Below is a list of examples that will normally be acceptable in making allocations:

Outside plant (OSP) projects –the supported areas' allocations can be determined as follow:

1. Identify the specific costs in supported areas and assign it as a qualified cost.
2. Determine the number of lines in the supported area versus the total lines served by the facilities.
3. Determine the geographic area in the supported area versus the total area served (this method is especially applicable to cellular towers).
4. Calculate the percent of miles on a cable that serves a supported area versus the total miles to all the areas.
5. Calculate the percent of fiber strands or cable pair that go to a supported area versus the total strands in service.

Expenses may be allocated based on the allocation determined for the related investment, or based on a percent of lines or customers in the supported areas.

Maintenance expense may be allocated based on the number of items being maintained that are in the supported areas.

**Switching may be allocated using the following methods:**

1. Calculate the percent of Minutes of Use (MOU) for the lines in the supported area versus all minutes.
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3. Similar allocations could apply to circuit equipment used for switched access.

**General rules to follow when deciding on the allocation method:**

1. Allocations may be calculated by individual investment location, by region or for the whole state.
2. Companies may decide which methods work best based on the accounting and network information they have available.
3. Methods can vary for different types of investment or expense.
4. The method is one that is appropriate for the item being allocated (i.e. MOU would be appropriate for a switch allocation but not for a loop).
5. The allocation is based on measurable data.
6. The method captures a reasonable cost of the investment and/or expense.
7. The company should maintain consistency in the allocation methods used from year to year when providing data to the Commission. This will avoid gaming the system and provide the ability to make comparisons from year to year.

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8. When a company changes an allocation method, it should be noted in the data submission, complete with rationale explaining why this new method is more appropriate. Also, the company should provide a calculation of what effect the new allocation would have on the prior year's report.

**4. Attachment 4 - New Investments Utilizing USF Support in Supported Areas**

**a. Report Format**

For the prior calendar year, please provide a description of the new investments in supported areas where the federal USF support was used. Please use a format similar to the "Narrative for New Investment" Report. The first example is for a wireless ETC and second example is for a wireline ETC. It is acceptable to submit a mechanized report if it contains the essential information. Any projects over the threshold should be listed separately. Those projects less than the threshold should be combined into one or more line items. See 3b below for the threshold.

**EXAMPLE of Narrative for New Investment Report**

**EXAMPLE of a WIRELESS COMPANY**

Town or Exchange	Description of Improvement	Cash Investment	Allocation %	Notes	Amount Used in the USF Supported Areas
A	B	C	D	E	F=CxD
20 miles West of Oakley serving USF areas: Levant, Winona, and Russell Springs.	New tower and fiber trunking.	\$300,000	70%	[1]	\$210,000
Wichita - Serves all customers in Kansas.	Switch Software Upgrade.	\$250,000	25%	[2]	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$550,000</b>			<b>\$260,000</b>

**NOTES**

[1] Percent of the service area that is USF supported on geography served.

[2] Percent of switch that is USF supported based on lines served.

**EXAMPLE of a WIRELINE COMPANY**

Town or Exchange	Description of Improvement	Cash Investment	Allocation %	Notes	Amount Used in the USF Supported Areas
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Buffalo, Quincy, Toronto	Replaced OSP with digital line carrier and fiber feeder	\$1,250,000	100%	[1]	\$1,250,000
Eureka thru Hamilton, Quincy, Yates Center, Chanute, Fredonia, Fall River & serves USF areas: Buffalo, Toronto, Altoona, Benedict, and Coyville.	Fiber ring from remote terminals to remote switch in Eureka.	\$800,000	50%	[2]	\$400,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,050,000</b>			<b>\$1,650,000</b>

**NOTES**

[1] All of the exchanges in this project are USF supported.

[2] Percent of lines served by the fiber ring in the USF supported exchanges.

The objective of this report is to identify that new investment is being spent to benefit those in USF supported areas. Listing individual exchanges that will benefit will help meet this purpose.

b. Threshold - For companies spending less than \$10M in new projects in Kansas, use \$200,000 as the project threshold. For companies spending \$10M or more, use \$500,000 as the project threshold. It is acceptable to provide more detail than the threshold requires if it helps identify which supported areas are receiving benefit.

**5. Attachment 5 - Report on the Use of KUSF Support Funding in SWBT Exchanges**

The information and instructions for Attachment 5 is the same as Attachment 4 except that the purpose is to describe the use of KUSF Support in SWBT exchanges. ETCs that receive KUSF for SWBT exchanges should complete this report.

Additional questions on the allocation process may be referred to the KCC Staff, see number at the top of these instructions.

**6. Attachment 6 – Annual Certification of Requirements Imposed by the Commission in Docket Number 06-GIMT-446-GIT and also pursuant to Section 54.313 of the FCC rules.**

Provide the information as requested on the attachment and attach additional pages, as necessary.

For question 5, wireline carriers need to certify compliance with the Commission's quality of service requirements and wireless carriers need to certify compliance with the CTIA Code. Incumbent ETCs do not need to complete questions 1, 7 and 8. Competitive ETCs do not need to complete question 9.

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