

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:                    Thomas E. Wright, Chairman  
    Joseph F. Harkins  
    Ward Loyd

In the Matter of Staff's Motion to the                    )  
Commission to Commence a Generic                    )                    Docket No. 10-GIMT-658-GIT  
Proceeding to Address Issues Concerning                    )  
the Kansas Lifeline Service Program.                    )

**ORDER COMMENCING A GENERIC PROCEEDING TO ADDRESS ISSUES  
CONCERNING THE KANSAS LIFELINE SERVICE PROGRAM**

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.        On April 13, 2010, Commission staff (Staff) filed a motion (April 13 motion) requesting the Commission commence a generic proceeding to address issues concerning the Kansas Lifeline Service program. No responses to the April 13 motion were filed.
2.        The April 13 motion identified several areas that have been the subject of recent inquires to Staff and of concern to the telecommunications industry in Kansas, in general. Staff suggested the Commission conduct a generic proceeding into the identified issues, beginning with requesting comments of interested entities. Staff identified the following areas of concern:
  - a.        Retention of Lifeline program eligibility documents;
  - b.        Annual certification requirements for eligible telecommunications carriers;
  - c.        Expansion of programs triggering Lifeline eligibility; and,
  - d.        Time for application of the Lifeline discount.

3. The Commission finds that it is appropriate to examine the Lifeline program, in general, and the specific areas of concern cited by Staff, in particular. The Commission believes that it would be appropriate, as a starting point, to request comments and reply comments by interested parties. To that end, the Commission determines that any entity wishing to participate in this docket should file an entry of appearance by Friday, July 16, 2010. Further, the Commission requests that comments by parties to the docket be filed by Friday, September 3, 2010, and reply comments be filed by Friday, September 24, 2010. Staff should then evaluate the comments and reply comments and recommend to the Commission a further course of procedure in this docket, or action by the Commission, by October 15, 2010.

4. Parties should review Staff's comprehensive memorandum attached to the April 13 motion and comment on not only the issues identified by Staff, but also bring to the Commission's attention any other issues individual parties might have experienced with respect to the Lifeline program, or any other ways in which the Commission might be able to improve the program and its reach to Kansas consumers.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Staff's April 13 motion to commence a generic Lifeline program proceeding is granted. Any entity wishing to participate in this docket shall file an entry of appearance by Friday, July 16, 2010. Any party wishing to file comments on Staff's identified issues or bring other issues to the Commission's attention shall do so by Friday, September 3, 2010. Reply comments shall be filed by Friday, September 24, 2010. Staff shall evaluate the comments and reply comments and recommend a further course of action by Friday, October 15, 2010.

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. 2009 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.

Wright, Chmn.; Harkins, Com.; Loyd, Com.

Dated: **JUN 18 2010** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDERED MAILED**

**JUN 18 2010**

*Susan K. Duffy* **EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR**

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