

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company	)	
d/b/a AT&T Kansas for an Order	)	
Confirming Relinquishment of its Eligible	)	
Telecommunications Carrier Designation in	)	Docket No. 17-SWBT-158-MIS
Specified Areas, and Notice Pursuant to	)	
K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 66-2006(d) of Intent to	)	
Cease Participation in the Kansas Lifeline	)	
Service Program	)	

**CURB'S RESPONSE TO STAFF'S SECOND REPORT AND  
RECOMMENDATION**

The Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) responds as follows to the *Second Report and Recommendation* of the Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission, filed in this docket on May 4, 2017:

1. The Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission (Staff) completed its investigation regarding the Application made by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas (AT&T) on October 26, 2016, to relinquish its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designation in certain portions of the state, and cease participation in the Kansas Lifeline Service Program (KLSP).

2. On April 27, 2017, the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission) authorized AT&T to cease participation in the KLSP effective May 31, 2017.

3. On May 4, 2017, Staff filed its Second Report and Recommendation (R&R) in this docket in which it recommended the Commission take the following actions:

A) Grant AT&T's request for ETC relinquishment for Lifeline purposes in all of the census blocks in the requested relinquishment area;


B) Grant AT&T's request for ETC relinquishment for its 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1)(A) voice obligations in all but 932 of the 116,282 census blocks in the requested relinquishment area, identified in Staff Exhibit 1 to its R&R;

C) Require the remaining ETC's to ensure that all customers served by AT&T will continue to be served in the wire centers/exchanges in which the Commission grants relinquishment. Lifeline only ETC's are required to ensure that all Lifeline-eligible customers in their designated service area continue to be served, but are not required to ensure that non-Lifeline customers continue to be served; and

D) Serve the final order upon all ETCs designated in AT&T's service area.

4. CURB has reviewed the Second Report and Recommendation and believes it is in the best interests of Kansas residential customers. CURB supports Staff's recommendations and conclusions and recommends that the Commission adopt Staff's Second Report and Recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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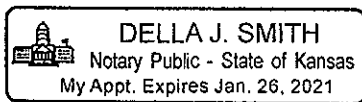
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I, Todd E. Love, of lawful age and being first duly sworn upon my oath, state that I am an attorney for the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board; that I have read and am familiar with the above and foregoing document and attest that the statements therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

  
Todd E. Love

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.



  
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 01-26-2021.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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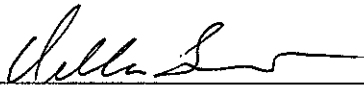
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