

**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 Application and Request of)
The S&T Telephone Cooperative, Inc., for an) Docket No. 14-S&TT-525-KSF
increase in its Cost-Based Kansas Universal)
Service Fund Support.)

SUSPENSION ORDER, JANUARY 12, 2015

NOW, the above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On May 15, 2014, The S&T Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (S&T) filed an Application with the Commission requesting it to issue an order directing the Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) administrator to increase S&T's annual KUSF high-cost support from \$415,334 per year to \$2,035,539 per year.

2. K.S.A. 66-2008(f) states: "[a]dditional supplemental funding from the KUSF, other than as provided in subsection (e), may be authorized at the discretion of the commission. However, the commission may require approval of such funding to be based upon a general rate case filing. With respect to any request for additional supplemental funding from the KUSF and to any audit of a rural telephone company's KUSF support, the commission shall act expeditiously, and shall be subject to the 240-day deadline for rate case applications pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117, and amendments thereto.

3. A full investigation of the Application, which may result in a hearing, is deemed necessary and proper. Absent suspension of the Application, Commission Staff is without

sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether the requested increase in KUSF high-cost support is warranted based upon S&T's embedded costs, revenue requirements, investments, and expenses.

4. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of any potential effectiveness of the change in KUSF high-cost support referenced in the Application is required to allow sufficient time for full investigation of this matter. The Application shall be suspended for a period of 240 days from the date the Application was made, May 15, 2014, until Monday, January 12, 2015. A Commission decision may be issued before such date.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Any decision regarding the amount of KUSF high-cost support to be paid to S&T shall be deferred until January 12, 2015. The Commission may issue a decision before such date.

B. The parties have fifteen (15) days, plus three (3) 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. 77-529(a)(1).

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

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Com.; Apple, Com.

Dated: JUN 05 2014



ORDER MAILED JUN 06 2014

Kim Christiansen
Executive Director

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

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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.