

4. Staff further indicated that in accordance with K.S.A. 12-2023(a), Commission action in this matter is required no later than July 18, 2024.

5. Staff recommended approval of the termination of Home's Video Service Authorization.

6. The Commission finds Staff's findings to be reasonable and hereby adopts Staff's recommendation approving the company's request for terminating its Video Service Authorization.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:


A. The Application of Home Communications, Inc., requesting the termination of its state-issued Video Service Authorization is hereby granted. The Video Service Authorization shall be terminated effective with the date of this Order.

B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).¹

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 07/09/2024



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Executive Director

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¹ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
UTILITIES DIVISION**

TO: Chairperson Andrew J. French
Commissioner Dwight D. Keen
Commissioner Annie Kuether, Commissioner

FROM: Steve Garrett, Deputy Chief of Telecommunications
Jeff McClanahan, Director of Utilities

DATE: June 27, 2024

SUBJECT: Docket No. 09-HOMC-284-VSA
In the Matter of the Application of Home Communications, Inc.
Filing for Kansas Video Service Authorization.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On June 18, 2024, Home Communications, Inc. (Home) filed an Application for Termination of its state-issued Video Service Authorization (VSA), as authorized by K.S.A. 12-2023 and K.A.R. 82-15-1. Staff recommends approval of this Application.

Per K.S.A. 12-2023(a), Commission action in this matter is required no later than **July 18, 2024**.

BACKGROUND:

K.S.A. 12-2023 gives the Commission the authority to review applications for those entities who desire to provide cable service or video service in the state of Kansas.

K.S.A. 12-2023(d) provides that the Commission may terminate a video service authorization upon application for such termination by the video service provider.

In addition K.A.R. 82-15-1(b)(3) states:

Each entity that holds a video service authorization certificate and wants to terminate its authority to provide cable or video service shall file a termination application.

ANALYSIS:

The Applicant was issued an initial Video Service Authorization on November 4, 2008, for service areas in Assaria ASSA-01-HOME-01, Galva GALV-02-HOME-01, Roxbury ROXB-03-HOME-01, Salemsborg SALE-04-HOME-01, and Canton, Kansas CANT-05-HOME-01.

On April 26, 2018, the Applicant was granted authority to serve the additional service areas of Gypsum GYPM-06-HOMC-02, Genesco, Kansas GENS-07-HOMC-02, McPherson County Country Club MPCC-08-HOMC-02, NW Saline County NWSL-09-HOMC-02 and the expansion of the service area footprint for Canton CANT-05-HOMC-01.

On September 26, 2023, content provider NRTC, notified Home that they would no longer provide regular Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) programming content as of June 30, 2024. On October 2, 2023, an initial letter mailed to all 726 customers notifying of future service disruption due to Home’s content provider no longer offering IPTV. Home offered an incentive for disconnecting before November 1, 2023 in the form of a \$30.00 credit on a customer’s future bill.¹

On November 6, 2023, a letter was sent to all remaining customers who did not utilize the incentive for early disconnection.

A reminder letter or postcard was sent to all remaining customers on the following dates: January 8, 2024, February 20, 2024, April 8, 2024 and May 7, 2024. Home’s numerous attempts to reach its customers, allowed ample time to research a new television provider, whether it was a streaming service or a satellite provider.

On June 18, 2024, the Applicant submitted an Application for Termination of its VSA with an effective date of June 30, 2024. Disconnection from video service of all remaining customers occurred on June 17, 2024. This date ensured that Home was able to do their final reporting to content provider NRTC, and to remove and return video equipment.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Commission approval of Home’s Application to terminate its Video Service Authorization.

¹ Correspondence with Tina Anderson (filer) requesting details on incentive offered to customers; on June 27, 2024

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of electronic service on 07/09/2024.

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