

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Mark Sievers, Chairman
Thomas E. Wright
Shari Feist Albrecht

In the Matter of Staff's Motion Requesting)
The Commission Order LaHarpe Telephone)
Company, Inc. to Submit to an Audit for) Docket No. 12-LHPT-875-AUD
Purposes of Determining its Cost-Based)
Kansas Universal Service Fund Support,)
Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2008.)

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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 July 3, 2012, the Commission issued its Order Requiring LaHarpe Telephone Company, Inc. to Submit to an Audit for Purposes of Determining Its Cost-Based KUSF Support Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2008. In Ordering Clause (B), the Commission directed LaHarpe to make an initial filing of the information required by K.A.R. 82-1-231.

2. On August 15, 2012, LaHarpe submitted its K.A.R. 82-1-231 compliance filing.

3. **Schedule.** The parties have collaborated and agreed upon a procedural schedule to guide the remainder of the proceeding. The Commission adopts the parties' recommended schedule as follows:

Staff & Intervenor Direct Testimony

December 19, 2012
3:00 p.m. (electronic service)
5:00 p.m. (filing)

Cross Answering Testimony

December 27, 2012

Rebuttal Testimony	January 16, 2013
Settlement Conference	January 22, 2013
Discovery Cut-Off	January 25, 2013
S & A with Supporting Testimony Due	February 4, 2013
List of Contested Issues	February 4, 2013
Prehearing Conference Third Floor Hearing Room, Commission Offices 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka, KS 66604	February 5, 2013 10:30 a.m.
Prehearing Motion Cut-Off	February 7, 2013
Evidentiary Hearing First Floor Hearing Room, Commission Offices 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka, KS 66604	February 11-12, 2013 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Company Initial Brief	February 26, 2013
Staff/Intervenor Responsive Brief	March 5, 2013
Company Reply Brief	March 12, 2013
Commission Final Order Due	April 12, 2013

4. **Settlement.** The Settlement Conference is scheduled for January 22, 2013. If a settlement is reached, the parties shall file testimony in support of the proposed Stipulation and Agreement by February 4, 2013. When filing a motion seeking approval of a unanimous Stipulation and Agreement, the parties shall also file a proposed order approving the Stipulation and Agreement. The proposed order should include the relevant procedural history, the terms of the proposed Stipulation and Agreement, and analysis under the five factor test for approval of Settlement Agreements from Docket No. 08-ATMG-280-RTS.

5. **Official Service List/Electronic Service.** The parties have agreed to use electronic service of all testimony, briefs, other pleadings, and orders without requiring provision of follow-up hard copies as required by K.A.R. 82-1-216(a)(6). Confidential papers will be served either electronically, if confidentiality can be maintained, or by some other secure method, such as providing information on compact disc. Testimony, briefs, and other pleadings must be served electronically by 3:00 p.m. on the date due, without requiring service among the parties of a follow-up hard copy. However, the original and at least seven paper copies of testimony, briefs, and other pleadings must still be filed in the Commission's docket room by close of business on the date of the deadline. K.A.R. 82-1-215(a). Any electronic service of Commission or Prehearing Officer's orders without follow-up hard copies will specifically state in the electronic message serving the order that the electronic message constitutes service of the attached order and that a hard copy will not follow. Parties are directed to maintain accurate, current lists of electronic service email addresses based on information contained within the Commission's orders. Electronic service of testimony, briefs, and other pleadings shall include service on Prehearing Officer French at a.french@kcc.ks.gov.

6. Orders issued by the Commission or by the Prehearing Officer will only be served upon parties who have sought through counsel to be added to the official electronic service list, either by means of a formal petition to intervene, a formal entry of appearance, or a formal letter request filed in the docket addressed and directed to the Prehearing Officer. All parties should serve all documents according to the same official electronic service list.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

- A. The Commission adopts the procedural schedule set forth above at paragraph 3.
- B. The Commission approves the use of electronic service as explained above at paragraphs 5 and 6.
- C. Parties have 15 days from the date of electronic service of this Order in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).
- D. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary and proper.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Sievers, Chairman; Wright, Commissioner; Albrecht, Commissioner

Dated: SEP 12 2012


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Patrice Petersen-Klein
Executive Director

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Order Setting Procedural Schedule was served by electronic mail this 12th day of September, 2012, to the following parties who have waived receipt of follow-up hard copies:

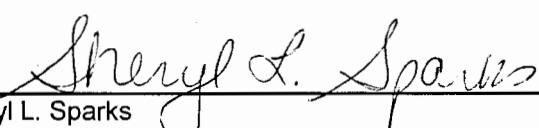
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