

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

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson  
Dwight D. Keen  
Annie Kuether

In the Matter of the Audit of IdeaTek Telcom, )  
LLC by the Kansas Universal Service Fund )  
(KUSF) Administrator Pursuant to K.S.A. 66- ) Docket No. 25-WLDT-100-KSF  
2010(b) for KUSF Operating Year 27, Fiscal )  
Year March 2023-February 2024. )

## **ORDER GRANTING THE RLECS' PETITION TO INTERVENE**

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“Commission”) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the pleadings and record, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On August 6, 2024, the Commission issued an Order directing Vantage Point Solutions, Inc. (“VPS”) to perform an audit of IdeaTek Telcom LLC’s (“IdeaTek”) Kansas Universal Service Fund (“KUSF”) contributions and file its audit report no later than June 30, 2025.<sup>1</sup> The Order also directed IdeaTek to file its response to the report no later than thirteen (13) days from the date VPS files the audit report.<sup>2</sup>

2. On June 11, 2025, VPS filed its audit report of IdeaTek. Subsequently, IdeaTek filed its response to the audit report on June 24, 2025, and Commission Staff then filed a reply on July 3, 2025.

3. On July 14, 2025, IdeaTek filed a Request for Hearing.

<sup>1</sup> Order to Kansas Universal Service Fund Administrator to Commence Audit of Ideatek Telcom, LLC and Order Setting Procedural Schedule (Aug. 6, 2024).

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4. On August 12, 2025, the identified rural telephone companies<sup>3</sup> (“RLECs”) filed its Petition for Intervene. In support of its Petition for Intervene, the RLECs explain that as contributors to the KUSF, and recipients of KUSF support, they have a significant interest in this proceeding “in assuring that contribution assessment rules are applied equally to all providers required to pay into the KUSF.”<sup>4</sup> The RLECs further explain that they have an interest in assuring the KUSF contribution rules are applied equally and “on a competitively neutral basis.”<sup>5</sup>

5. On August 22, 2025, IdeaTek filed a Response to the Petition to Intervene of the RLECs stating that the RLECs have not met the statutory standard for intervention as set out in either K.A.R. 82-1-225(a) or K.S.A. 77-521(a), and that the RLECs will impair the orderly conduct of this Docket.<sup>6</sup> IdeaTek argues the RLECs do not have any interests that would be substantially affected by the outcome of this Docket, and its Petition to Intervene has already delayed the progress of this Docket.<sup>7</sup>

6. The Commission has broad discretion to grant a petition for intervention if it is in the interest of justice, if the intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings, and if the party has stated facts demonstrating its legal rights, duties and privileges, immunities or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding.<sup>8</sup> The Presiding Officer may also grant a Petition to Intervene at any time upon a determination “that the

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<sup>3</sup> The RLECs are: Columbus Communications Services, LLC, Golden Belt Telephone Association, Inc., H&B Communications, Inc., Haviland Telephone Co., Inc., Home Telephone Co., Inc., JBN Telephone Co., Inc., LaHarpe Telephone Co., Inc., Madison Telephone, LLC, Mutual Telephone Company, Pioneer Telephone Association, Inc., Rural Telephone Service Co., Inc. d/b/a Nex-Tech, S&T Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc., Southern Kansas Telephone Co., Inc., Totah Communications, Inc., Twin Valley Telephone, Inc., Wamego Telephone Co., Inc., Wheat State Telephone, Inc., Wilson Telephone Co., Inc., and Zenda Telephone Co., Inc.

<sup>4</sup> Petition for Intervene, ¶ 3 (Aug. 12, 2025).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*, ¶ 8.

<sup>6</sup> Response of IdeaTek Telcom, LLC to the Petition to Intervene of the Rural Telephone Companies, ¶ 2-3 (Aug. 22, 2025).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*, ¶ 8.

<sup>8</sup> K.S.A. 77-521; K.A.R. 82-1-225.

intervention sought is in the interests of justice and will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings.”<sup>9</sup> Further, at any time during a proceeding, the Commission may impose limitations on an intervenor's participation.<sup>10</sup>

7. The Commission finds and concludes that the RLECs have met the requirements of K.A.R. 82-1-225 and K.S.A. 77-521 and should be granted intervention in this Docket. The RLECs have an interest in assuring the KUSF rules and application are applied uniformly and neutrally to all KUSF recipients. The RLECs will be added to the mailing list, and electronic service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to counsel of record and intervenors' other designee as follows:

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<sup>9</sup> K.S.A. 77-521(b); K.A.R. 82-1-225(b).

<sup>10</sup> K.S.A. 77-521(c).

**THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- A. The RLECs' Petition to Intervene is granted.
- B. This Order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.<sup>11</sup>

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 10/16/2025



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Celeste Chaney-Tucker  
Executive Director

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<sup>11</sup> K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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