

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

In the Matter of An Investigation to Determine )  
The Assessment Rate and the Affordable Local )  
Service Rate for Rate-of-Return Regulated ) Docket No. 18-GIMT-084-GIT  
Carriers for the Twenty-Second Year of the Kansas )  
Universal Service Fund, Effective March 1, 2018 )

**NOTICE OF ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY**  
**UTILIZED BY USCOC OF NEBRASKA/KANSAS, LLC,**  
**AND KANSAS #15, LP**

COMES NOW USCOC of Nebraska/Kansas, LLC, and Kansas #15, LP, d/b/a U.S. Cellular (“U.S. Cellular”), to notify the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“Commission”) of the methodology used by U.S. Cellular to allocate revenue to the intrastate jurisdiction for purposes of the Kansas Universal Service Fund (“KUSF”). For its Notice, U.S. Cellular states as follows:

1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2008(a), the Commission requires “every telecommunications carrier, telecommunications public utility and wireless telecommunications service provider that provides intrastate telecommunications service and, to the extent not prohibited by federal law, every provider of interconnected VoIP service, as defined by 47 C.F.R. 9.3 (October 1, 2005), to contribute to the [Kansas Universal Service Fund] on an equitable and nondiscriminatory basis.” On December 27, 1996, in Docket No. 94-GIMT-478-GIT, the Commission stated the contribution would be an annual assessment on each provider’s intrastate retail revenues.
2. In its January 24, 2012 Order Setting the Kansas Universal Service Fund Assessment Rate for Year Sixteen and Cancelling Hearing (“Order”) in Docket No. 12-GIMT-168-GIT (“12-168 Docket”), the Commission directed all wireless carriers and interconnected VoIP providers that use the direct assignment or traffic study methodology to update their factors at least annually.
3. On February 1, 2012, the Commission issued its Amended Order Setting the Kansas Universal Service Fund Assessment Rate for Year Sixteen and Cancelling Hearing

("Amended Order") in the 12-168 Docket. In its Amended Order, among other things, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation that wireless and VoIP providers are required to submit a pleading to the Commission if the provider elects to use an allocation methodology other than the Safe Harbor. A pleading must also be filed if a company elects a new methodology. The Commission further adopted Staff's recommendation that companies provide an affidavit, signed by an officer of the company, verifying that the same methodology and the inverse traffic factors are used for federal Universal Service Fund purposes. Companies are required to provide updates to its methodology and allocations factors at least annually, even if such pleading verifies that no change has occurred. Amended Order at paragraphs 8-9.

4. In accordance with the Commission's above-referenced orders in the 12-168 Docket, U.S. Cellular files this Notice and attached Confidential Affidavit of John C. Gockley, Vice President for Legal and Regulatory Affairs for U.S. Cellular, setting out U.S. Cellular's methodology for allocating intrastate revenue for KUSF (and inversely, federal USF) purposes.

WHEREFORE, U.S. Cellular respectfully requests that the Commission accept the allocation methodology for KUSF purposes as described in the attached Confidential Affidavit of John C. Gockley, commencing November 1, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,



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October 26, 2018

**VERIFICATION**

K.S.A. 53-601

STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
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COUNTY OF COOK     )     ss:

I, Stephanie Cassioppi, verify under penalty of perjury that I have caused the foregoing Notice of Allocation Methodology Utilized by USCOC of Nebraska/Kansas, LLC, and Kansas #15, LP, d/b/a U.S. Cellular ("U.S. Cellular"), to be prepared on behalf of U.S. Cellular, and that the contents thereof are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

  
Stephanie Cassioppi

October 26, 2018

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Notice of allocation Methodology Utilized by USCOC of Nebraska/Kansas, LLC, and Kansas #15, LP, was served via electronic mail this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018, to the parties appearing on the Commission's service list as of October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

  
Stephanie Cassioppi

October 26, 2018