# THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

**Before Commissioners:** 

Pat Apple, Chairman Shari Feist Albrecht Jay Scott Emler

In the Matter of the Application of Knology	)	
of Kansas, Inc., d/b/a Knology, Filing for	)	Docket No. 11-KKIC-181-VSA
Kansas Video Service Authorization.	)	

### ORDER TERMINATING VIDEO SERVICE AUTHORIZATION

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having examined its files and record, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

- 1. On September 28, 2017, Knology of Kansas, Inc. d/b/a WOW! Internet, Cable and Phone (Knology) filed an Application requesting termination of the company's Video Service Authorization in Kansas. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 12-2023(d) and K.A.R. 82-15-1(3) provide that a video service authorization issued by the Commission may be terminated by the video service provider by submitting a termination application to the Commission.
- 2. On October 16, 2017, the Commission Staff (Staff) submitted its Report and Recommendation dated October 10, 2017, recommending approval of Knology's request to terminate its Video Service Authorization.
- 3. According to Staff, Knology had previously been granted state-issued video service authorizations in eight service areas (footprints). Knology's current Application seeks termination of Knology's Video Service Authorization in Kansas. Staff cites to the applicable statute and Administrative Regulation referenced in paragraph 1 above authorizing the Commission to grant a Video Service provider's request to terminate its Video Service Authorization. Staff further states that in an Order issued in this docket on December 23, 2016,

the Commission approved transfer of Knology's assets and territory footprints to Midcontinent Communications, a South Dakota General Partnership d/b/a Midco (Midco). Inasmuch as the assets and footprint service territories previously served by Knology are now being served by Midco, no customers will be affected by the requested termination. Concluding, Staff recommends the Commission grant Knology's Application and terminate Knology's Video Service Authorization.

4. The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction to consider applications requesting termination of Video Service Authorizations pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 12-2023. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission by K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 12-2023, the Commission finds that Knology's Application to terminate its Video Service Authorization in Kansas is reasonable, in the public interest, and should be granted. The Commission adopts Staff's recommendation of October 10, 2017, as stated in its Report and Recommendation, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, and finds that Knology's Application requesting termination of its Video Service Authorization in Kansas should be granted and the company's Video Service Authorization terminated.

#### IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

- A. Knology of Kansas, Inc. d/b/a WOW! Internet, Cable and Phone's Application requesting termination of its Video Service Authorization in Kansas is hereby granted and its Video Service Authorization is hereby terminated.
- 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. 2016 Supp. 77-529.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Report and Recommendation, page 2.

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

## BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Apple, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: 0CT 1 9 2017

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## REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION UTILITIES DIVISION

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**DATE:** October 10, 2017

**SUBJECT:** In the Matter of the Application of Knology of Kansas, Inc., d/b/a Knology, Filing

for Kansas Video Service Authorization.

Docket No. 11-KKIC-181-VSA

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On September 28, 2017, Knology of Kansas, Inc., d/b/a Knology (Knology) filed an Amended Application for state-issued Video Service Authorization, as authorized by K.S.A. 12-2023 and K.A.R. 82-15-1. Staff recommends approval of this Application.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Applicant has previously been granted state-issued video service authorizations in eight service areas (footprints). This filing seeks to terminate Knology's Video Service Authorization in Kansas.

Per K.S.A. 12-2023(a), Commission action in this matter is required not later than **Saturday**, **October 28, 2017.** 

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.A.R. 82-15-1 states in part:

- (a)(3) 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.
- (4) Each entity that holds a video service authorization certificate and wants to transfer its authority to provide cable or video service shall file a transfer application. Each entity to which the authority to provide cable or video service is transferred shall file an initial or amended application.

#### **ANALYSIS:**

The Commission issued an Order in this Docket on December 23, 2016, transferring the assets and territory footprints of Knology to Midcontinent Communications, a South Dakota General Partnership d/b/a Midco (Midco).

This Application seeks to terminate Knology's Video Service Authorization in Kansas. As the assets and footprint service territories previously served by Knology are now being served by Midco, no customers will be affected by this termination.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Commission approval of Knology's Application to Terminate its Video Service Authorization.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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