

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

Before Commissioners: Susan K. Duffy, Chair  
Shari Feist Albrecht  
Dwight D. Keen

In the Matter of the Application of Madison )  
Telephone, LLC Filing for Kansas Video ) Docket No. 13-MDTT-671-VSA  
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 reviewed its files and records and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On February 20, 2020, Madison Telephone, LLC (“Madison”) filed an Application for Termination of its state-issued Video Service Authorization, as authorized by K.S.A. 12-2023 and K.A.R. 82-15-1. Madison currently holds a Video Service Authorization that includes ten service areas.

2. On March 3, 2020, Commission Staff (“Staff”) submitted a Report and Recommendation dated February 27, 2020 regarding the application terminating its video service authorization attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

3. Staff stated that Madison had sent a notice to all customers, dated February 21, 2020, informing them that as of March 31, 2020, it would no longer be able to provide quality service at a reasonable price due to the rising costs of programming.

4. Staff recommended approval of terminating Madison’s Video Service Authorization.

5. The Commission finds Staff's findings to be reasonable and hereby adopts Staff's recommendation of approving the termination of Madison's Video Service Authorization.

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

A. The Application, filed by Madison Telephone, LLC on February 20, 2020, for termination of its Video Service Authorization, is approved.

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).<sup>1</sup>

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

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

Duffy, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Dated: 03/10/2020



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Lynn M. Retz  
Executive Director

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

Susan K. Duffy, Chair  
Shari Feist Albrecht, Commissioner  
Dwight D. Keen, Commissioner

Laura Kelly, Governor

## **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION UTILITIES DIVISION**

**TO:** Chair Susan K. Duffy  
Commissioner Shari Feist Albrecht  
Commissioner Dwight D. Keen

**FROM:** Kelly Mabon, Senior Telecommunications Analyst  
Christine Aarnes, Chief of Telecommunications  
Jeff McClanahan, Director of Utilities

**DATE:** February 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Docket No. 13-MDTT-671-VSA  
In the Matter of the Application of Madison Telephone, LLC filing for a Video Service Authorization.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On February 20, 2020, Madison Telephone, LLC (Madison) filed an Application for Termination of its 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 was granted a Video Service Authorization (VSA) for ten service areas (footprints). With this filing the Company seeks to terminate its VSA.

Per K.S.A. 12-2023(a), Commission action in this matter is required not later than **Saturday, March 21, 2020.**

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 May 29, 2013, for the service areas including the City of Madison, Kansas, and portions of Greenwood, Coffey, and Lyon counties. On November 20, 2014, the Applicant was granted authority to serve the City of Burlington, Kansas, and additional portions of Coffey County. The Applicant was granted authority to serve the City of New Strawn, Kansas, on November 19, 2015. And finally on May 28, 2017, the Applicant was granted authority to service additional portions of Coffey County and the Cities of Waverly and Lebo, Kansas.

On February 20, 2020, the Applicant submitted an Application for Termination of its VSA, including a copy of the notice sent to all customers dated February 21, 2020, informing them that as of March 31, 2020, it would no longer be able to provide quality service at a reasonable price due to the rising costs of programming. That notice is attached to this Report.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Commission approval of Madison's Application to Terminate its Video Service Authorization, effective March 31, 2020, as requested by the Applicant.



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Sincerely yours,

Nathan DeWitt & Diantha Stutesman, Owners

**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 03/10/2020.

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