

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

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

In the Matter of a General Investigation Into)
Depreciation Rates Applicable to Rural) Docket No. 24-GIMT-459-GIT
Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers.)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE COMMENTS

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having reviewed the files and records, the Commission finds the following:

1. On January 4, 2024, the Commission issued its Order Opening General Investigation and Setting Comment Deadlines (Order) into depreciation rates applicable to Rural Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (RLECs).¹ The Order provided all interested RLECs 90 days to file comments suggesting specific depreciation rate changes and 180 days for Commission Staff (Staff) to file responsive comments and recommendations.²

2. On March 29, 2024, the RLECs requested a 30-day extension, to May 3, 2024, to file their comments, and a corresponding 30-day extension to Staff, to August 1, 2024, to file its comments and recommendations.³ The RLECs explained that due to the press of other business, they need additional time to prepare their comments.⁴ The RLECs also represent that Staff indicated it was agreeable to a 30-day extension of both deadlines.⁵

¹ Order Opening General Investigation and Setting Comment Deadlines, Jan. 4, 2024, ¶ 3.

² *Id.*, ¶ 5.

³ Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments, Mar. 29, 2024, ¶ 2.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*, ¶ 3.

3. K.A.R. 82-1-217(b) allows the Commission to extend any deadline for good cause. The Commission believes allowing the Parties additional time to file their comments will produce a better evidentiary record for the Commission's consideration. Therefore, pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-217(b), the Commission grants the RLECs' Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:


A. The RLECs' Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments is granted. The RLECs' comments are due May 3, 2024. Staff's comments are recommendations are due August 1, 2024.

B. This Order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.⁶

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner.

Dated: 04/04/2024



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

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⁶ K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

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 04/04/2024.

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