

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of a Petition to Eliminate Any)
Commission Requirement to Distribute) Docket No. 24-GIMT-380-MIS
Annually a Printed Directory.)

**PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COME NOW the Rural Local Exchange Carriers (“RLECs”)¹ and for their proposed procedural schedule, and Motion to Adopt Proposed Procedural Schedule, in this matter, state as follows:

1. On November 6, 2023, the RLECs filed a Request for a General Investigation and to Eliminate Any Commission Requirement to Distribute Annually a Printed Directory.
2. Commission Staff did not file a response to the RLECs’ November 6, 2023, filing.
3. On December 5, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Approving a General Investigation and an Order Assessing Costs.
4. On March 7, 2024, via email, counsel for the RLECs reached out to Commission Staff assigned to this docket requesting to work collaboratively towards a resolution.
5. Commission Staff did not respond to the RLECs’ March 7, 2024, email.

¹ The “RLECs” are the following companies: Blue Valley Tele-Communications, Inc., Columbus Communications Services, LLC, Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Cunningham Telephone Co., Inc., Golden Belt Telephone Association, Inc., Gorham Telephone Co., Inc., H&B Communications, Inc., Haviland Telephone Co., Inc., Home Telephone Co., Inc. JBN Telephone Company, Inc., KanOkla Telephone Association, LaHarpe Telephone Co., Inc., Madison Telephone, LLC, Moundridge Telephone Co., Inc., Peoples Telecommunications, LLC, Pioneer Telephone Association, Inc., Rainbow Telecommunications Association, Inc., Rural Telephone Service Co., Inc. d/b/a Nex-Tech, S&A Telephone Co., LLC, S&T Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc., South Central Telephone Association, Inc., Southern Kansas Telephone Co., Inc., Totah Communications, Inc., Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc., Twin Valley Telephone, Inc., United Telephone Association, Inc., Wamego Telecommunications Co., Inc., Wilson Telephone Co., Inc., and Zenda Telephone Co., Inc.

6. On March 12, 2024, the RLECs filed a proposed resolution to the RLECs request for general investigation, including allowing RLECs to cease printing directories if an individual RLEC deemed that appropriate, including a procedure for alerting customers to the upcoming cessation of directory printing/distribution, and allow RLECs to choose the most cost-effective method for providing subscribers with a printed directory upon subscriber request, including a simple PDF print-out.

7. Commission Staff did not respond to the RLECs' March 12, 2024, proposed resolution filing.

8. On April 23, 2024, the Commission issued its Order Designating Presiding Officer in this docket.

9. On July 16, 2024, counsel for the RLECs emailed the Presiding Officer requesting a prehearing conference be convened to discuss those matters set forth in K.S.A. 77-517(b), including, but not limited to, exploration of settlement possibilities.

10. On July 17, 2024, the presiding officer issued an order setting a prehearing conference for Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom video conferencing.

11. No information was distributed scheduling the Zoom video conference. Shortly after 10:00 a.m. on August 6, 2024, the RLECs received an email from the prehearing officer requesting the RLECs submit a proposed procedural schedule.

12. The RLECs propose that the March 12, 2024, proposed resolution of the RLEC November 6, 2023, request in this docket be immediately adopted by the Commission in its entirety in order to provide RLECs relief as expeditiously as possible.

13. In the alternative, the RLECs propose that Commission Staff be directed to file a response to the RLEC November 6, 2023, request, the RLEC March 7, 2024, email, and the

RLEC March 12, 2024, proposed resolution by August 15, 2024, with an RLEC reply, if necessary, to be filed by August 22, 2024.

14. The RLECs further propose that if Staff agrees with the RLEC proposal, then the Commission issue its order granting the RLECs directory relief by Thursday, September 12, 2024. If Staff does not agree with the RLEC March 12, 2024, proposed resolution, then the RLECs propose that a settlement conference be scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

WHEREFORE, the RLECs, as requested by the presiding officer, submit the foregoing proposed procedural schedule, and move the Commission to adopt the proposed procedural schedule, and for such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

I, the undersigned, hereby certify under penalty of perjury pursuant to K.S.A. 53-601 that I am an attorney for the companies listed above and that the foregoing is true and correct.
Executed on August 6, 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the above and foregoing was sent via electronic mail this 6th day of August 2024, addressed to the following:

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