

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

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

In the Matter of the Application of Mutual)
Telephone Company for an Increase in its) Docket No. 25-MTLT-161-KSF
Cost-Based Kansas Universal Service Fund)
Support.)

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the pleadings and record, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On September 23, 2024, Mutual Telephone Company (Mutual) filed an Application requesting an additional \$452,010 in its annual support from the Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF).¹ Currently, Mutual receives \$219,058 (pro-rated to \$181,435) in annual KUSF Support.²
2. On October 7, 2024, Mutual and Commission Staff (Staff) filed a Joint Motion for Procedural Schedule, Protective, and Discovery Order³, proposing the following:⁴

Staff and Intervenor Testimony Due	Friday, January 24, 2025
Cross-Answering Testimony Due	Friday, January 31, 2025
Mutual Rebuttal Testimony Due	Friday, February 14, 2025
Settlement Conference	Wednesday, February 19, 2025
Discovery Cutoff	Wednesday, February 19, 2025
Settlement Due Date	Friday, February 28, 2025

¹ Application and Request of Mutual Telephone Company for an Increase in its Cost-Based Kansas Universal Service Fund Support, Sep. 23, 2024; Direct Testimony of Stacey Brigham, Sep. 20, 2024, p. 2.

² Notice of Filing of Staff's Report and Recommendation Regarding KUSF Proration Effective June 1, 2024, Docket No. 24-GIMT-229-GIT, Attachment A, p. 1. On p. 8 of her direct testimony, Stacey Bingham recognizes Year 28 KUSF revenues for Mutual as calculated in Staff's Report and Recommendation filed in the 24-GIMT-229-GIT Docket.

³ The Commission issued an Order Designating Presiding Officer; Protective and Discovery Order on Oct. 10, 2024.

⁴ Joint Motion for Procedural Schedule, Protective Order, and Discovery Order, Oct. 7, 2024.

Testimony in Support of Settlement Due	Wednesday, March 5, 2025
Prehearing Conference	Thursday, March 6, 2025
Evidentiary Hearing	Thursday, March 13, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.
Mutual Initial Brief	Friday, April 4, 2025
Staff and Intervenor Responsive Brief	Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Mutual Reply Brief	Monday, April 21, 2025
Commission Order Date	Wednesday, May 21, 2025

3. On October 8, 2024, the Commission issued a Suspension Order, giving it 240 days (or until May 21, 2025) to issue its Final Order.⁵

4. After reviewing the proposed schedule, the Commission adopts the following schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Friday, January 24, 2025	5:00 p.m.	Staff and Intervenor Testimony Due
Friday, January 31, 2025	5:00 p.m.	Cross-Answering Testimony Due
Friday, February 14, 2025	5:00 p.m.	Mutual Rebuttal Testimony Due
Wednesday, February 19, 2025	TBD	Settlement Conference
Wednesday, February 19, 2025	5:00 p.m.	Discovery Cutoff
Friday, February 28, 2025	5:00 p.m.	Settlement Agreement Due
Wednesday, March 5, 2025	5:00 p.m.	Testimony in Support of Settlement Due
Thursday, March 6, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Prehearing Conference (via Zoom)
Thursday, March 13, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Evidentiary Hearing (Commission's 1 st Floor Hearing Room, Topeka)
Friday, April 4, 2025	5:00 p.m.	Mutual Initial Brief Due
Tuesday, April 15, 2025	5:00 p.m.	Staff and Intervenor Responsive Brief Due
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Wednesday, May 21, 2025		Commission Order Due

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. The procedural schedule set forth in paragraph 4 is adopted.
- B. This Order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.⁶

⁵ Suspension Order, Oct. 8, 2024.

⁶ K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 10/15/2024



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

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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 10/15/2024.

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