

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

Before Commissioners: Albrecht, Chair
 Jay Scott Emler
 Pat Apple

In the Matter of the Audit of Big River)
Telephone Company, LLC by the Kansas)
Universal Service Fund (KUSF) Administrator) Docket No. 15-BGRT-049-KSF
Pursuant to K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 66-2010(b) for)
KUSF Operating Year 17, Fiscal Year March)
2013-February 2014.)

ORDER ACCEPTING COMPLIANCE REPORT AND CLOSING DOCKET

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

1. On August 12, 2014, the Commission directed GVNW Consulting, Inc. (GVNW) to perform an audit of Big River Telephone Company, LLC (Big River) for Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) purposes.

2. On December 16, 2014, GVNW filed its Audit Report of even date identifying two KUSF deficiencies: (1) Big River did not report actual revenues as recorded in the company's internal financial documentation to the KUSF; and (2) the company did not clearly identify the KUSF surcharge on its customers' bills.

3. On December 23, 2014, the Commission issued its Order accepting and adopting GVNW's December 16, 2014 Audit Report. The Commission's Order directed the KUSF Administrator to make a one-time refund of \$83.40 to Big River: Big River was directed, on a going-forward basis, to file Quarterly True-ups to report actual revenues in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's January 13, 2010 Order issued in Docket No. 10-GIMT-188-GIT. In addition, the Commission ordered Big River to provide GVNW with copies of customer

bills to verify the company had modified its system to clearly disclose the KUSF surcharge as a separate line item. Revision of Big River's customer bill format was to be completed by the company's January 2015 billing cycle. Upon completion of GVNW's refund and Big River's revision of its customer bill format, GVNW was directed to submit a Compliance Report providing its response regarding Big River's revised customer bill format.

4. Big River was unable to comply with the Commission's requirement that the revised billing format be accomplished by the company's January 2015 billing cycle and on February 26, 2015, filed a letter in this docket explaining why the company was unable to meet the deadline established by the Commission's December 23 Order.

5. On March 9, 2015, GVNW filed its Compliance Report of even date confirming that the KUSF Administrator on February 4, 2015, refunded \$83.40 to Big River. In addition, GVNW indicated that on March 6, 2015, Big River provided GVNW with copies of customer bills demonstrating that the company had modified its billing system to clearly identify the KUSF surcharge as a separate line item. Inasmuch as all requirements of the Commission's December 23, 2014 Order have been completed, GVNW recommends this docket be closed.

6. The Commission has reviewed GVNW's March 9, 2015 Compliance Report and concludes that it should adopt the same and close this docket.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:


A. The Commission accepts and adopts GVNW Consulting, Inc.'s Compliance Report filed in this matter on March 9, 2015. This docket is closed.

B. The Commission retains jurisdiction over Big River Telephone Company, LLC and the subject matter of this Docket for the purpose of issuing such additional orders as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: MAR 12 2015


ORDER MAILED MAR 13 2015
Neysa Thomas
Acting Secretary

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PLEASE FORWARD THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT (S) ISSUED IN THE ABOVE-REFERENCED DOCKET
TO THE FOLLOWING:

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ORDER MAILED **MAR 13 2015**

The Docket Room hereby certified that on this _____ day of _____, 20_____, it caused a true and correct copy of the attached ORDER to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the above persons.