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State Corporation Commission
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June 21, 2024

Lynn M Retz, Secretary
Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Rd
Topeka, KS 66604

RE: Docket No. 24-GIMT-612-GIT
Nex-Tech, LLC

Dear Ms. Retz:

Attached please find for filing in Docket No. 24-GIMT-612-GIT the 254(e) certifications required by the Commission to be filed in this docket by June 28, 2024.

In this filing, Attachments 3 and 4 have been marked as confidential; this information is confidential commercial information and, as such, its disclosure to any person other than the company, the Commission, and Staff is prohibited by K.S.A. 66-1220a. The Commission has not issued a protective order in this docket.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rhonda S. Goddard'.

Rhonda S. Goddard
Chief Financial Officer

Attachments

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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

In the Matter of Certification of Compliance)
with Section 254(e) of the Federal)
Telecommunications Act of 1996 and) Docket No. 24-GIMT-612-GIT
Certification of Appropriate Use of Kansas)
Universal Service Fund Support.)

SECTION 254(e) CERTIFICATION
FEDERAL HIGH-COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT
FCC Docket Reference: CC Docket No. 96-45
and KANSAS UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND SUPPORT
(Please type or print legibly)
(Circle all Federal and Kansas Support Received)

1. My title is Chief Financial Officer of Nex-Tech, LLC. In this capacity, I am in a position of authority to direct how federal high-cost Universal Service Fund (USF), including Legacy or Frozen high-cost Loop support (HCL/FHCS), Safety Valve support (SVS), Connect America Cost Model (CACM) support, Connect America Fund (CAF I/CAF II) support, Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM/ACAM II) support, Rural Broadband Experiment support (RBE), Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) support, and/or Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) support received will be used and by this certification I am binding Nex-Tech, LLC to the statements made in this certification.

2. Nex-Tech, LLC was named as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) by the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) for federal support purposes in Docket No. 06-NTHT-1022-ETC by order dated June 16, 2006, and KUSF support purposes in Docket No. 06-NTHT-1022-ETC by order dated June 16, 2006


3. By this affidavit, I certify that all federal high-cost USF, including HCL, FHCS, SVS, CAF I/CAF II, A-CAM/ACAM II, RBE, RDOF, and/or KUSF received by Nex-Tech, LLC was used in the proceeding calendar year **2023** and will be used in the new calendar year **2025** only for the provision,

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Attachment 1

maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act, and/or Kansas statutes and KCC requirements.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct.

(Pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. 53-601.)


Rhonda S. Goddard

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Email address: rgoddard@nex-tech.com

**Competitive ETC Investment and Expense
Test for USF Certification**

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Attachment 3a**

Company Name : Nex-Tech, LLC

REDACTED

All CETCs must complete this form to receive certification for its use of FUSF support, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and KCC Requirements. Please attach additional pages, if necessary. If you have any questions, please email the KCC Staff at s.garrett@kcc.ks.gov and h.bhagat@kcc.ks.gov.

Data Year	2023
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	AMOUNT FOR KANSAS	ALLOCATION PERCENT	CODE (see Notes)	FUSF AMOUNT FOR FUSF AREAS (INCLUDE SWBT/AT&T Area if support is received for the area) D=AxB
	A	B	C	D=AxB
FUSF WORKING LOOPS/LINEAverage No. Customers			a	
NEW INVESTMENTS:				
1. SWITCHING				-
2.OUTSIDE PLANT (LOCAL LOOPS, CELL SITES)(1)			a	
SUBTOTAL NEW INVESTMENTS				
EXPENSES:				
3. SWITCH MAINTENANCE			a	
4. OUTSIDE PLANT MAINTENANCE			a	
5. NETWORK SUPPORT			a	
6. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE			a	
SUBTOTAL EXPENSES				
A. TOTAL CASH EXPENDITURES ASSD WITH USF				
B. CERTIFIED FUSF RECEIPTS FOR CETCS				
B1. Frozen High Cost Support	16,104	100.00%		\$ 16,104
B2. Mobility Fund Support				
B3. Rural Broadband Experiments Fund				
B4. CAF II Support				
B5. Rural Digital Opportunity Fund				
B5. Total Certified Federal USF Receipts	\$ 16,104			\$ 16,104
C. DO EXPENDITURES EXCEED FUSF RECEIPTS?	Yes		Yes	
(negative number means FUSF exceeds Expenditures)				

Notes:

- 1) Exclude the cost of transport between switches (dial-tone and/or tandem).
- 2) Allocation Codes (describe how the costs are allocated): *[the following are examples only, not a complete list.]*
 - a. Based on number of switched MOUs from USF supported cell sites.
 - b. Based on actual expenditures at USF cell sites. An allocation of USF area to total served area is applied at each cell site. (i.e. 200,000 investment at Cell Site A, which serves 80% USF supported area, results in 160,000 of USF dollars.)
 - c. Based on percent of USF served areas to all areas.

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Title: Chief Financial Officer

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Narrative Report for New InvestmentsETC Certification for Use of **USF** Support

Provided to the Kansas Corporation Commission

Company Name: Nex-Tech, LLC**REDACTED**Data Year: 2023

					Amount Used in the USF Supported Areas
Town or Exchange	Description of Improvement	Cash Investment	Allocation %	Notes	
A	B	C	D	E	F= C x D
				a	
				a	
				a	
				a	
				a	
				a	
				a	
				a	
				a	
				a	
Subtotal		13,110,473			\$ 6,817,446
		13,110,473			

NOTES:

a. Based on number of IAS customers to all customers.

This total amount should match the New Investment Subtotal on the USF Certification Form - Attachment 2a LINES (245 & 255). For CETCs, this amount should

Contact: Rhonda S. GoddardPhone No.: (785) 567-5105Title: Chief Financial OfficerE-Mail: rgoddard@nex-tech.com

Annual ETC Certification of Requirements Imposed by the Commission in Docket Number 06-GIMT-446-GIT

1. Did your company experience any outage in the prior calendar year, as that term is defined in 47 C.F.R. § 4.5, of at least 30 minutes in duration for each service area in which an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier is designated for any facilities it owns, operates, leases, or otherwise utilizes that potentially affect: (i) at least 10% of the end users served in a designated service area; or (ii) a 911 specialty facility as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 4.5(e)?

(Yes/No) No . **IF YES, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

Date and time of Onset of the Outage	Description of the Outage and its Resolution	Particular services affected	Geographic Areas Affected	Steps Taken to Prevent a Similar Situation in the Future	Number of Customers Affected
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> No Outages that meet the parameters. </div>					

(If necessary, please provide additional pages.)

2. Please provide the number of requests for service from potential customers within the recipient's service areas that were unfulfilled during the prior calendar year. If applicable, please explain how your company attempted to provide service to those potential customers.

NONE

3. Please provide the number of complaints per 1,000 connections (fixed or mobile) in the prior calendar year.

NONE

4. A wireline ETC must certify that it is in compliance with the Commission's quality of service standards and a wireless ETC must certify that it is in compliance with the CTIA Code. **Please complete the following, as applicable to your company:**

QUALITY OF SERVICE WIRELINE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

KCC Docket Reference: 06-GIMT-446-GIT


(Please type or print legibly)

1. My title is Chief Financial Officer of Nex-Tech, LLC. In this capacity, I am in a position of authority to certify whether the Company/ Cooperative is complying with required quality of service standards. I am binding Nex-Tech, LLC to the statements made in this certification.

2. By this affidavit, I certify that Nex-Tech, LLC is in compliance with the Commission's quality of service standards as adopted in Docket No. 191,206-U.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct. (Pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. 53-601.)

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5. Each ETC must certify that it will be able to function in an emergency as set forth in 47 C.F.R § 54.202(a)(2).

ABILITY TO FUNCTION IN AN EMERGENCY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

KCC Docket Reference: 06-GIMT-446-GIT

(Please type or print legibly)

1. My title is Chief Financial Officer of Nex-Tech, LLC. In this capacity, I am in a position of authority to certify whether the Company/ Cooperative is able to function in an emergency. I am binding Nex-Tech, LLC to the statements made in this certification.

2. By this affidavit, I certify that Nex-Tech, LLC is capable of functioning in an emergency.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct. (Pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. 53-601.)

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6. 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1)(B) requires every ETC to advertise its services (including Lifeline services) throughout the service area for which it has been designated “using media of general distribution.” **Please complete the following:**

Name of Media	Type of Media	Geographic Areas Reached	Dates Published
Nex-Tech Company Website	Website	Abilene	2023

(If necessary, please attach additional pages.)

7. A competitive ETC must certify that it offers a local usage plan comparable to that of the incumbent LEC. Please provide a description of the local usage plan(s) that is comparable to that of the incumbent LEC and complete the certification.

The incumbent local provider provides unlimited local calling as well as local message allowance which limits the number of local calls that can be made per month. Any calls that exceed the allowance are billed at \$.06 per minute rate.

Nex-Tech provides unlimited local calling to their customers and does not offer a local message allowance. Nex-Tech also bundles services together as an option for customers. These bundled service plans are comparable to the incumbent provider.

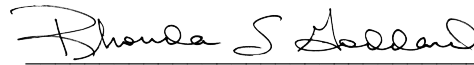
COMPARABLE LOCAL USAGE PLAN ANNUAL CERTIFICATION
KCC Docket Reference: 06-GIMT-446-GIT
(Please type or print legibly)

1. My title is Chief Financial Officer of Nex-Tech, LLC. In this capacity, I am in a position of authority to certify whether the Company/ Cooperative offers a local usage plan comparable to that of the incumbent. I am binding Nex-Tech, LLC to the statements made in this certification.

2. By this affidavit, I certify that Nex-Tech, LLC offers a local usage plan comparable to that of the incumbent.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct. (Pursuant to Kan. Stat. Ann. 53-601.)

Executed on June 21, 2024



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