

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson  
Dwight D. Keen  
Susan K. Duffy

In the Matter of the Audit of Sprint )  
Communications Company LP by the )  
Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) ) Docket No. 21-SCCC-065-KSF  
Administrator Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2010(b) )  
for KUSF Operating Year 23, Fiscal Year )  
March 2019-February 2020. )

**ORDER ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING  
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 18, 2020, the Commission directed GVNW Consulting, Inc. (GVNW) to perform an audit of Sprint Communications Company LP (Sprint) for Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) purposes.

2. On June 15, 2021, GVNW filed its Audit Report, making two findings for Sprint as a result of the audit for Operating Year 23,<sup>1</sup> with regard to reporting the KUSF surcharge as a separate item on customer bills and under-reporting revenue as identified from reporting variances. GVNW recommended Sprint make adjustments to its billing system to separate the KUSF surcharge on customer bills rather than combining it with other surcharges. GVNW proposed having Sprint file an affidavit by a corporate officer attesting to the billing system changes it made to separate out the KUSF surcharge on customer bills and the date the changes were made. GVNW

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<sup>1</sup> Kansas Universal Service Fund Audit Report, Docket No. 21-SCCC-065-KSF (June 15, 2021).

also indicated Sprint should provide ten copies of customer bills to enable GVNW to verify the billing changes had been made. The Audit Report further indicated that GVNW should file a Compliance Report within 90-days of the issuance of an Order Adopting the Audit Report. Sprint had earlier corrected the under-reporting issue and its KUSF balance was credited to account for the deficiency.

3. The Commission issued an Order on June 24, 2021, adopting the recommendations of GVNW. On September 22, 2021, GVNW issued a Compliance Report indicating Sprint had filed an affidavit of a corporate officer out-of-time attesting to changes in its billing system for reporting the KUSF surcharge as a separate item and later submitted copies of ten customer bills showing the KUSF surcharge separately identified. GVNW stated Sprint had fulfilled all the requirements of the Order and was in compliance with Commission directives, even though it was late in meeting Commission filing deadlines.

4. The Commission has reviewed GVNW's Compliance Report filed in this matter and finds it should be adopted, closing the Docket.

**IT IS THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:**

A. The Commission accepts and adopts GVNW Consulting, Inc.'s Compliance Report filed September 22, 2021, and determines the Docket be closed.

B. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it may deem necessary.

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Dated: 09/30/2021

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Lynn M. Retz  
Executive Director

## 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 09/30/2021.

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