



Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Commissioners French, Keen, Duffy  
Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, KS 66604-4027  
Phone: 785-271-3220

Re: Compliance with Section 254(e) - Skybeam, LLC dba Rise Broadband

Dear Sir or Madam,

Skybeam, LLC hereby submits the following to Docket No. 22-GIMT-455-GIT - . In the Matter of Certification of Compliance with Section 254(e) of the Federal Docket No. 22-GIMT-455-GIT Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Certification of Appropriate Use of Kansas Universal Service Fund Support.

If there should be any questions, please contact the undersigned at (720) 549-4639.

Respectfully submitted,

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THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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

In the Matter of Certification of Compliance       )  
with Section 254(e) of the Federal                )  
Telecommunications Act of 1996 and                )       Docket No. 22-GIMT-455-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 appropriate support received)**

1.       My title is Jeff Kohler of Skybeam, LLC dba Rise Broadband. 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 Skybeam, LLC dba Rise Broadband to the statements made in this certification.

2.       Skybeam, LLC dba Rise Broadband was named as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) for federal support purposes in Docket No. 15-SKYT-262-ETC by order dated February 24th, 2015 and KUSF support purposes in Docket No. N/A by order dated N/A.

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**Attachment 1**

3. By this affidavit, I certify that all federal high-cost USF, including HCL, FHCS, SVS, CACM, CAF I/CAF II, A-CAM/ACAM II, RBE, RDOF, and/or KUSF received by Skybeam, LLC dba Rise Broadband was used in the proceeding calendar year **2021** and will be used in the new calendar year **2023 only** for the provision, 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.)

  
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Signature

Jeff Kohler  
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Printed/Typed Name

Executed on 6/15/2022 date.

Email address: jkohler@risebroadband.com

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

**21-GIMT-354-GIT  
Attachment 3a**

**Company Name :** Skybeam, LLC dba Rise Broadband

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.reams@kcc.ks.gov](mailto:s.reams@kcc.ks.gov).

<b>Data Year</b>	<b>2021</b>
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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
FUSF WORKING LOOPS/LINES				
<b>NEW INVESTMENTS:</b>				
1. SWITCHING				-
2. OUTSIDE PLANT (LOCAL LOOPS, CELL SITES)(1)	3,213	100%		3,213
<b>SUBTOTAL NEW INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 3,213</b>			<b>\$ 3,213</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>				
3. SWITCH MAINTENANCE				-
4. OUTSIDE PLANT MAINTENANCE				-
5. NETWORK SUPPORT	52,249	100%		52,249
6. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE				-
<b>SUBTOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 52,249</b>			<b>\$ 52,249</b>
<b>A. TOTAL CASH EXPENDITURES ASSD WITH USF</b>	<b>\$ 55,463</b>			<b>\$ 55,463</b>
<b>B. CERTIFIED FUSF RECEIPTS FOR CETCS</b>				
B1. Frozen High Cost Support				
B2. Mobility Fund Support				
B3. Rural Broadband Experiments Fund				61,620
B4. CAF II Support				
B5. Rural Digital Opportunity Fund				
<b>B5. Total Certified Federal USF Receipts</b>				<b>\$ 61,620</b>
<b>C. DO EXPENDITURES EXCEED FUSF RECEIPTS?</b> (negative number means FUSF exceeds Expenditures)	<b>No</b>			<b>\$ (6,157)</b>

**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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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 CFR 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 CFR 4.5(e)? **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
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(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.

**30 requests – Please see addendum A for service attempts.**

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

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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 WIRELESS ANNUAL CERTIFICATION**

**KCC Docket Reference: 06-GIMT-446-GIT**

(Please type or print legibly)

1. My title is Chief Development Officer of Skybeam, LLC dba Rise Broadband (Company/ Cooperative). 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 Skybeam, LLC dba Rise Broadband (Company/Cooperative) to the statements made in this certification.

2. By this affidavit, I certify that Skybeam, LLC dba Rise Broadband (Company/ Cooperative) is in compliance with the CTIA Code.

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 15th, 2022 (date).



Signature

Jeff Kohler

Print / Typed Name

5. Each ETC must certify that it will be able to function in an emergency as set forth in 47 CFR § 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 Development Officer of Skybeam, LLC dba Rise Broadband (Company/ Cooperative). 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 Skybeam, LLC dba Rise Broadband (Company/Cooperative) to the statements made in this certification.

2. By this affidavit, I certify that Skybeam, LLC dba Rise Broadband (Company/ Cooperative) 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.) Executed on June 15th, 2022 (date).



Signature

Jeff Kohler

Printed / Typed Name



6. 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(1)(B) requires every ETC to advertise its 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
Monthly Direct Mail	Direct Mail via US Postal Service	Marion, KS	January-21 February-21 March-21 April-21 May-21 June-21 July-21 August-21 September-21 October-21 November-21 December-21
Digital	Facebook ads	Marion, KS	January-21 February-21 March-21 April-21 May-21 June-21 July-21 August-21 September-21 October-21 November-21 December-21
Digital	Google Pay-per-Click (PPC)	Marion, KS	January-21 February-21 March-21 April-21 May-21 June-21 July-21 August-21 September-21 October-21 November-21 December-21

(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. Please provide a description of the local usage plan(s) that is comparable to that of the incumbent and complete the certification.


**See addendum B for FCC Form 481 Line 1010 Rate Comparability information.**

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

1. My title is Chief Development Officer of Skybeam, LLC dba Rise Broadband (Company/ Cooperative). 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 Skybeam, LLC dba Rise Broadband (Company/Cooperative) to the statements made in this certification.

2. By this affidavit, I certify that Skybeam, LLC dba Rise Broadband (Company/ Cooperative) 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 15th, 2022 (date).

  
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Signature

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Jeff Kohler  
Printed/Typed Name

**Addendum A**

Form 481 – Line 330

**Required Steps for Determining/Correcting Unable to Service**

1. The technician will climb onto the potential customer's roof and determine if there is Line of Site (visibility) to the communications facility where the Access Point is located.
2. Using a service module and reflector, the technician will determine if there is a signal to noise ratio strong enough to deliver service.
3. If there is not Line of Site or the signal is not strong enough from the roof top level, the technician will attempt to gain Line of Site using a tripod and extension pole.
4. Should that fail, the technician is required to contact their supervisor, take photographs in the direction of the Access Point in order to document that there is an obstruction preventing Line of Site, send the pictures to their supervisor for review and then note the reason service could not be delivered.
5. Engineering makes a note of the line of site issue and plans future access point additions accordingly.

**Addendum B**

Line 1030 - Form 481

Effective 1/1/2021

Product	Speed	Code	Upload	Data Limit	CAF Market Rack Rate Pricing	Benchmark
High Speed Data	10 Mbps	CAF00	2 Mbps	Unlimited	\$62.95	\$85.11
High Speed Data	25 Mbps	CAF01	5 Mbps	Unlimited	\$72.95	\$94.89
High Speed Data	50 Mbps	CAF02	5 Mbps	Unlimited	\$85.95	\$102.04
VOIP w/Data Plan	N/A	VOPA1	N/A	N/A	\$22.95	\$54.75
VOIP Stand Alone	N/A	CAFVP	N/A	N/A	\$39.95	\$54.75
Equipment Rental (includes SM and Router)					\$10.00	

Skybeam, LLC has standard stand-alone VoIP rates and bundled VoIP rates (with included data plan) that are less than the reasonable comparability benchmark for voice services (above) as outlined by the Wireline Competition Bureau in Public Notice DA 20-1409 released Nov. 30th, 2020.

Skybeam, LLC has standard stand alone High Speed Data rates and bundled High Speed Data rates (with included VoIP plan) that are less than the relevant reasonable comparability benchmark for broadband services (above) as outlined by the Wireline Competition Bureau in Public Notice 20-1409 released Nov. 30th, 2020.