

4. On February 11, 2025, Commission Staff (Staff) and Mutual filed a Joint Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement; Cancel Remaining Procedural Schedule; and Render a Decision on Paper Record. Under the proposed settlement, Mutual will receive an additional \$412,991 in annual KUSF support.³ When added to Mutual's expected pro-rated KUSF draw as of March 1, 2025, of \$181,594, Mutual will receive \$594,585 annually (before being pro-rated by the cap).⁴ At the conclusion of the five-year amortization period allowed for rate case expenses, Mutual's annual KUSF draw will be reduced by \$12,932 (one-fifth of the total trued-up rate case expense of \$64,660).⁵ The Parties request the Commission cancel the evidentiary hearing and proceed on the paper record.

5. K.S.A. 77-537 allows the Commission to render decisions in summary proceedings without holding a hearing.⁶ K.S.A. 77-524(d) enables evidence to be received in written form if it will expedite the process without substantial prejudice to the interest of any party.⁷ Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537 and K.S.A. 77-524(d), the Commission finds it appropriate to accept the Parties' written submissions in lieu of conducting a hearing as it will expedite the process without prejudicing the interests of any of the parties. Thus, the Commission grants the Joint Motion to Cancel Remaining Procedural Schedule, with the exception of Testimony in Support of the Settlement Agreement and will render a decision on the paper record by May 21, 2025.

³ Joint Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement; Cancel Remaining Procedural Schedule; and Render a Decision on Paper Record, Feb. 11, 2025, ¶ 5.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ K.S.A. 77-537.

⁷ K.S.A. 77-524(d).

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The Joint Motion to Cancel the Remaining Procedural Schedule is granted. Testimony in Support of the Settlement Agreement is still due March 5, 2025. The Commission will issue its decision based on the written record by May 21, 2025.

B. This Order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.⁸

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 02/20/2025



Abigail D. Emery
Acting Secretary to the Commission

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⁸ K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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