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July 15, 2024

Ms. Lynn M. Retz  
Secretary to the Commission  
Kansas Corporation Commission  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
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Re: KCC Docket 24-SWBT-318-MIS; In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas for an Order Confirming Relinquishment of Its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in Specified Areas.

Dear Ms. Retz:

Attached you will find AT&T Kansas' Motion for Establishment of a Procedural Schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce A. Ney".

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Attachment

cc: Parties of Record

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

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company	)	
d/b/a AT&T Kansas for an Order Confirming	)	Docket No. 24-SWBT-318-MIS
Relinquishment of Its Eligible	)	
Telecommunications Carrier Designation	)	
in Specified Areas.	)	

**AT&T KANSAS' MOTION  
FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a AT&T Kansas ("AT&T Kansas")<sup>1</sup>, pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-218 and K.A.R. 82-1-219, and respectfully submits its Motion for Establishment of a Procedural Schedule to lead this proceeding efficiently and effectively to a conclusion. In support of its Motion, AT&T Kansas shows the Commission as follows:

1. AT&T Kansas filed its Application for an Order Confirming Relinquishment of its Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") in Specified Areas (hereinafter the "Application"), in this proceeding more than nine (9) months ago, on October 6, 2023.

2. AT&T Kansas' Application requested a final Commission Order confirming relinquishment of its ETC designation in the specified areas on or before May 31, 2024, and confirming AT&T Kansas' relinquishment of its ETC designation in the specified census blocks effective August 1, 2024.

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<sup>1</sup> On May 1, 2024, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, a Delaware corporation, converted to a Delaware limited liability company and changed its name to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, LLC. See, Order Approving Name Change, *In the Matter of the Notice and Application for Name Change of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company*, Docket No. 24-SWBT-546-CCN, dated May 7, 2024.

3. AT&T Kansas' requested Order date was calculated for effective business planning purposes and to allow for timely customer notice to be given to any of AT&T's remaining federal Lifeline customers impacted by the requested relinquishment<sup>2</sup> to avoid customer confusion.

4. With the requested May 31, 2024, date having passed without Commission action, it has become impossible to meet AT&T Kansas' goal of an August 1, 2024, relinquishment effective date. To bring structure to this proceeding and avoid further delay, AT&T Kansas respectfully requests the Commission order the establishment of a procedural schedule.

5. AT&T Kansas believes the establishment of a procedural schedule setting firm dates will help focus the instant proceeding and move it toward a conclusion on or before October 31, 2024.

WHEREFORE, for these reasons, AT&T Kansas respectfully requests that the Commission order the establishment of a procedural schedule in the instant proceeding to bring it to a conclusion on or before October 31, 2024.

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<sup>2</sup> As of June 20, 2024, AT&T Kansas has only three (3) federal Lifeline customers remaining in the Application's specified relinquishment areas. On Oct. 6, 2023, at the time of filing its Application, AT&T Kansas had 16 federal Lifeline customers in the Application's specified relinquishment areas. See, Application at p. 6, ¶ 15.

Respectfully submitted,



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**VERIFICATION**

I, Javier Rodriguez, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn, now state: I am Area Manager–Regulatory Relations and have read AT&T Kansas’ Motion for Establishment of a Procedural Schedule and verify the statements contained herein to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



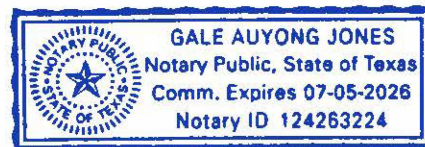
Javier Rodriguez

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.



Notary Public

My appointment expires: 7/5/2026

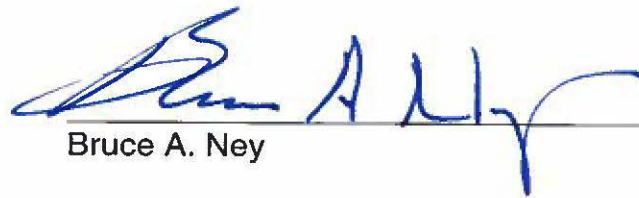


**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a correct copy of AT&T Kansas' Motion for Establishment of a Procedural Schedule was sent via electronic mail on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024, to:

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