COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF HIGHLAND TELEPHONE) CASE NO.
COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR AN ADJUSTMENT) 2010-00227
OF RATES)

ORDER

On September 27, 2010, the Commission, by Order, suspended Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s ("Highland") proposed tariff increasing the rates for service rendered on or after the proposed effective date of October 26, 2010.

Pursuant to KRS 278.190, the Commission may hold a formal hearing concerning the reasonableness of the new rates. The Commission finds that a formal hearing will be necessary in order to render a final decision in this matter. The Commission also finds that a procedural schedule should be established to afford the parties the opportunity to conduct discovery and submit written testimony prior to the formal hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.
- 2. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with copies to all parties of record and ten copies to the Commission.

- a. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.
- b. A party shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.
- c. For any request to which a party fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.
 - 3. Any party filing testimony shall file an original and ten copies.
- 4. At the public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summaries of direct testimonies shall be permitted.
 - 5. The official record of the formal hearing shall be by video only.
- 6. The parties may request, by motion, an informal conference with Commission Staff at any point during the course of this proceeding.
- 7. Any request to cancel or postpone the formal hearing shall be made by motion filed with the Commission at least one week before the hearing is scheduled to commence.
- 8. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

By the Commission

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ATTEST:

Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2010-00227 DATED **OCT 2 2 2010**

Motions to intervene shall be filed no later than
Requests for information to Highland shall be filed no later than11/19/10
Highland shall file responses to requests for information no later than
Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form, shall be filed no later than
Highland shall file rebuttal testimony, if any, in verified prepared form, no later than01/12/11
Public Hearing is to begin at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses
Briefs, if any, shall be filed by02/25/11

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