COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF NORTH CENTRAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC. FOR A GENERAL ADJUSTMENT IN RATES

CASE NO. 2017-00090

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<u>ORDER</u>

On May 23, 2017, North Central Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("North Central Telephone") filed a motion to withdraw its application without prejudice. In its motion, North Central Telephone stated that the purpose of the requested rate adjustment was to enable North Central Telephone to comply with the rate floor established by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC").¹ On May 18, 2017, the FCC ordered a "freeze [of] the rate floor at \$18 for two years unless or until we take further actions in this proceeding."² Therefore, North Central Telephone requests the Commission to permit it to terminate this case by withdrawing its application without prejudice. North Central Telephone also states it will promptly notify its customers of the requested withdrawal.

North Central Telephone has provided sufficient grounds to support its motion to withdraw its application. The FCC's freeze of the rate floor has removed any need for a

¹ See In the Matter of Connect America Fund et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161 (Nov 18, 2011)

² Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order, WC Docket 10-90 (May 18, 2017)

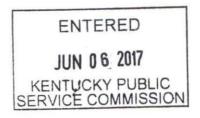
rate increase in basic local exchange rates at this time. The Commission finds that North Central Telephone's motion should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. North Central Telephone's request to withdraw its application without prejudice is granted.

2. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's active docket.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

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Executive Director

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