COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF SOUTH)	
CENTRAL RURAL TELEPHONE)	CASE NO.
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC. FOR A)	2017-00092
GENERAL ADJUSTMENT IN BATES	ĺ	

ORDER

On May 23, 2017, South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("South Central Rural Telephone") filed a motion to withdraw its application without prejudice. In its motion, South Central Rural Telephone stated that the purpose of the requested rate adjustment was to enable South Central Rural 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.\(^{12}\) Therefore, South Central Rural Telephone requests the Commission to permit it to terminate this case by withdrawing its application without prejudice. South Central Rural Telephone also states it will promptly notify its customers of the requested withdrawal.

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

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)

need for a rate increase in basic local exchange rates at this time. The Commission finds that South Central Rural Telephone's motion should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. South Central Rural Telephone's request to withdraw its application without prejudice is granted.
 - 2. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

By the Commission

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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