

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF GIBSON CONNECT, LLC)	
FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)	CASE NO.
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER)	2018-00333

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO GIBSON
CONNECT, LLC

Gibson Connect, LLC (Gibson Connect), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and five copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due within fifteen days of the date of this Request. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

Gibson Connect 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. For any request to which Gibson Connect fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, it shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When filing a paper containing personal information, Gibson

Connect shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to the Application, Section III, Paragraph E., in which Gibson Connect commits to advertise the availability of Lifeline service. Describe in further detail Gibson Connect's marketing plan and the inclusion of print, radio, television, magazines, outdoor advertising, direct marketing, and internet advertisements. Provide all examples of marketing materials.

2. Refer to the Application, Section III, Paragraph F., in which Gibson Connect states that it possesses the financial and technical capabilities to pay for all start-up expenses through its parent, Gibson EMC.

a. Provide the most recent audited financial statements of Gibson EMC.

b. Provide the construction cost estimates and timelines to construct the network.

c. Describe how Gibson Connect will secure right-of-way and pole attachments to complete the project.

d. Describe in detail the persons who will be responsible for the design, construction, and engineering of the network. Include any previous experience these persons have in telecommunications or in designing networks.

3. Provide a map in suitable scale depicting the service area in Exhibit A1 and A2. Include on the map the Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs) that provide service in the same area.

4. Describe the training, education, and qualifications of the persons who will market Gibson Connect's Lifeline service and state whether they will be employees or sub-contractors.

5. Confirm that Gibson Connect will collect or otherwise contribute the Kentucky Universal Service Fund (USF) per-line surcharge, currently \$0.09 per line per month, for each Gibson Connect Kentucky customer for both Lifeline and non-Lifeline service.

6. Confirm that Gibson Connect will collect or otherwise contribute the Kentucky Telecommunications Relay Service / Telecommunications Access Program surcharge, currently \$.03 per line per month, for each Gibson Connect Kentucky customer for both Lifeline and non-Lifeline service.

7. Confirm that Gibson Connect will collect or otherwise contribute to the appropriate 911 emergency service authority in its service area.

8. Confirm that Gibson Connect will comply with the annual assessment and gross earnings reports requirements pursuant to KRS 278.130-150.

9. Explain whether Gibson Connect has begun negotiations for or plans to enter into any interconnection agreements with ILECs.

10. Provide the date by which Gibson Connect will file the FCC Form 683 application.



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