

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of:

An Inquiry Into the State Universal     )  
Service Fund                                     )     Case No. 2016-00059

**MOTION TO WITHDRAW**

In its Order issued on February 1, 2016 initiating this case, the Commission made every local exchange carrier, commercial mobile radio service provider, and eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") a party to this proceeding. The Commission also gave any party that is not an ETC in Kentucky receiving both federal and state universal service fund ("USF") support the opportunity to file a written request setting forth the reasons why withdrawal as a party is appropriate. Level 3 Communications, LLC and the Company's affiliates: Broadwing Communications, LLC; Global Crossing Local Services, Inc.; TelCove Operations, LLC and tw telecom of kentucky llc move to withdraw from this proceeding and states its reasons for doing so below.

**ETC Status**

Level 3 Communications, LLC and the Company's affiliates are not ETCs in Kentucky and do not receive either federal or state USF support. Accordingly, it meets the Commission's threshold for being permitted to withdraw from this proceeding.

**Reasons Why Withdrawal as a Party is Appropriate**

Level 3 Communications, LLC and the Company's affiliates have no direct interest in the level of state support provided to ETCs, because it does not receive state USF support. Moreover, the Company and their affiliates pass applicable state USF surcharges on to its customers through their bills, so they are not directly impacted from a financial perspective by changes to the Kentucky USF assessment. After reviewing the Order and considering the potential impact of this proceeding on its operations, the Company and their affiliates have determined that it is not in their interest to participate at this time. Therefore, Level 3 Communications, LLC and the Company's affiliates moves to withdraw from the proceeding.

**Conclusion**

For the reasons stated above, Level 3 Communications, LLC and the Company's affiliates: Broadwing Communications, LLC; Global Crossing Local Services, Inc.; TelCove Operations, LLC and tw telecom of kentucky llc respectfully request that they be permitted to withdraw from further participation in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

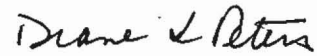


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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTRONIC FILING  
PROCEDURES**

In accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, I certify that the February 26, 2016 electronic filing of this Motion is a true and accurate copy of the same document being filed in paper medium; that the electronic filing was transmitted to the Commission on February 26, 2016; that there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding; and that an original paper medium of this Motion will be mailed to the Commission by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, on February 26, 2016.



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