

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

BALLARD RURAL TELEPHONE)	
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC., ET AL.)	
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COMPLAINANTS)	
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V.)	
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BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.)	
D/B/A AT&T KENTUCKY)	
)	
DEFENDANT)	CASE NO.
)	2011-00199
AND)	
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BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.)	
D/B/A AT&T KENTUCKY)	
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THIRD PARTY COMPLAINANT)	
)	
V.)	
)	
HALO WIRELESS, INC.)	
)	
THIRD PARTY DEFENDANT)	

ORDER

On February 24, 2014, several Rural Local Exchange Carriers¹ and BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Kentucky, jointly filed with the Commission a

¹ Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., Brandenburg Telephone Company, Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Gearhart Communications Co., Inc., Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Logan Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., North Central Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company, Inc., and West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.

motion to stay the procedural schedule in this case. As grounds for their motion, the parties state that since the procedural schedule was established on December 30, 2013, the parties have met in person and discussed potential settlement. At the meeting, the parties exchanged information and formal written settlement proposals and, although a final settlement has not been reached, significant progress has been made towards that end. The parties state that providing additional time for settlement will allow for the most orderly and efficient adjudication of this matter.

The parties request that the Commission hold this case in abeyance pending the outcome of settlement negotiations. The parties have proposed that they shall jointly file status reports 45 days after the case is placed in abeyance, and every 45 days thereafter, until this case is resolved.

The Commission finds that the parties have provided sufficient grounds to support their Joint Motion. The Commission encourages the parties to resolve this case, or at least as many issues as they can, prior to proceeding to a possible hearing before the Commission. However, the parties have had substantial time in which to reach a settlement. For that reason, the Commission will hold this case in abeyance for only 60 days from the date of this Order. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, the parties shall file a status report regarding the status of settlement negotiations. If no settlement is reached within 60 days from the date of this Order, the Commission will reissue a procedural schedule.

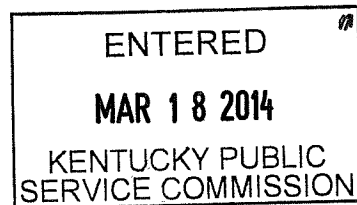
Based on the foregoing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. This case is held in abeyance for 60 days from the date of this Order.

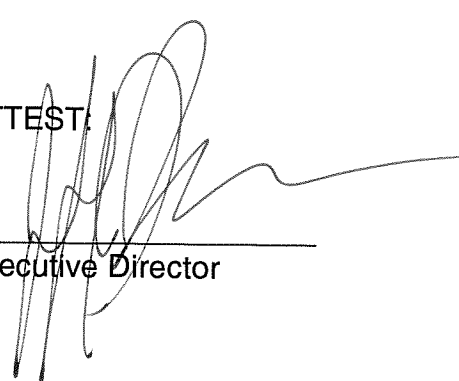
2. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, the parties shall file a report detailing the status of settlement negotiations.

3. If no settlement is reached within 60 days of the date of this Order, the Commission shall issue an amended procedural schedule to be followed by the parties.

By the Commission



ATTEST:



Executive Director

Case No. 2011-00199

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