

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF AMERICAN BROADBAND AND)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY FOR)	CASE NO.
REIMBURSEMENT FROM KENTUCKY)	2016-00426
UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND AS AN ELIGIBLE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER)	

ORDER

On October 26, 2018, American Broadband & Telecommunications Company (American Broadband), a wireless eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC), submitted a letter notifying the Commission that it was withdrawing its petition to receive a support payment from the Kentucky Universal Service Fund (KUSF) for providing Lifeline telecommunications service to eligible low-income customers in Kentucky. The Commission will treat American Broadband's notice as a motion.

In 2013, the Commission authorized American Broadband to operate as a wireless ETC in Kentucky, which included eligibility to receive federal universal service funds (USF) for providing Lifeline service.¹ On December 7, 2016, American Broadband filed its petition for reimbursement from the KUSF, in addition to reimbursement from the federal USF. On March 10, 2017, in an administrative proceeding investigating the funding, distribution, and administration of the KUSF, the Commission determined that wireless ETCs would not be reimbursed from the KUSF for Lifeline service provided after

¹ Case No. 2013-00175, *Application of American Broadband and Telecommunications Company for Limited Designation as an Eligible Wireless Telecommunications Carrier* (Ky. PSC Nov. 5, 2013).

2017. On April 20, 2017, the Commission stayed the March 10, 2017 Order pending further investigation of the impact of a law enacted on March 20, 2017, that removed the Commission's jurisdiction over basic local exchange service for certain telecommunications carriers.² The Commission deferred a determination in this matter until a final determination in the pending administrative proceeding.

Based upon the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that American Broadband's request to withdraw its request to receive support payment from the KUSF should be granted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. American Broadband's motion to withdraw its request to receive support payment from the KUSF is granted.
2. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

² 2017 Ky. Acts Ch. 43 (amending KRS 278.5435).

By the Commission



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