COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INQUIRY INTO UNIVERSAL SERVICE AND FUNDING ISSUES

ADMINISTRATIVE CASE NO. 360

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Due to changes in the projected cost of the Kentucky Lifeline Program, the monthly surcharge for each local exchange carrier¹ ("LEC") and wireless provider customer access line should be increased from three cents (\$0.03) to five cents (\$0.05) per month. As in the past, this surcharge should be shown on the customer's bill as "Kentucky Lifeline Surcharge." All LECs and wireless carriers should submit to the Commission updated tariffs to reflect this change no later than December 1, 2000, to be effective January 1, 2001. Also, carriers should use the new "Universal Service Fund" report form and instructions for completing the form, which is attached hereto as Appendix A. The Commission will also serve a copy of this Order on the Cabinet for Families and Children and will work with the Cabinet for Families and Children to ensure that persons eligible to participate in this program are made aware of it.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

The surcharge for the Kentucky Lifeline Program shall be five cents (\$0.05)
per access line per month beginning with all bills for service rendered after January 1,
2001.

2. By December 1, 2000, all carriers shall submit tariff revisions to reflect this

¹ Local exchange carriers include all incumbent and competitive local exchange carriers.

change.

3. For reports due on and after January 1, 2001, carriers shall use the form attached hereto and incorporated herein as Appendix A.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 17th day of November, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN ADMINISTRATIVE CASE NO. 360 DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2000