COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

AN INQUIRY INTO THE STATE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

CASE NO. 2016-00059

NEW HORIZONS COMMUNICATIONS CORP. MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS PARTY

New Horizons Communications Corp. ("New Horizons") (CLEC ID 5056910), by its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to the Kentucky Public Service Commission's February 1, 2016 Order in this proceeding ("Order"), hereby respectfully moves to withdraw as a party to this proceeding. The Commission initiated this administrative proceeding on its own motion to investigate the current and future funding, distribution, and administration of the Kentucky Universal Service Fund (the "KUSF"), due to the projected depletion of the Fund by the end of April 2016. In the Order, the Commission automatically made each local exchange carrier, commercial mobile radio service provider, and every eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") in Kentucky, as well as the Attorney General's Office, a party to this proceeding. The Commission also allowed any party that is not an ETC in Kentucky receiving both federal Universal Service Funds ("USF") and state support the opportunity to file a written request setting forth the reasons why withdrawal as a party is appropriate.

By this Motion, New Horizons states that it is not an ETC in Kentucky receiving both federal USF and state support, and therefore meets the threshold for being permitted to withdraw as a party for the reasons set forth below.

New Horizons does not receive state support from the KUSF or FUSF, has no lifeline customers and has no direct interest in the level of state support provided to ETCs that do receive

subsidies. The Company passes any applicable state surcharge on to its customers via their bills. New Horizons has a low level of interest in the universal service surcharge changes proposed. After reviewing the Order and considering the likely economic impact of this proceeding on New Horizons' operations, New Horizons has determined that it is not in its interest to participate at this time, and therefore moves to withdraw as a party.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, New Horizons Communications Corp. respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order granting this Motion for Withdrawal as a Party, and granting such additional or further relief as may be necessary or appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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