

March 15, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM

Linda Bridwell, Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Re: *In the Matter of An Inquiry into the State Universal Service Fund*
Case No. 2016-00059
Letter Response to *Order*, dated February 21, 2022

Dear Executive Director Bridwell:

East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless (“Appalachian Wireless”) hereby submits this letter in response to the Commission’s *Order* entered on February 21, 2022, which requires ETCs participating in the Affordable Connectivity Program (“ACP”) to detail the service plans offered to Kentucky Lifeline customers, the total cost of the program offered through the ACP, and how the ACP and federal and state Lifeline will be applied to eligible Lifeline plans.

At the present time, Appalachian Wireless allows eligible customers in qualifying households to apply the Affordable Connectivity Program discount only to one of these plans:

- (1) Unlimited¹ 25GB High Speed Data Plan – Standard:
Smartphone - Monthly recurring cost of \$95.00² (one line). Includes unlimited voice.
Tablet - Monthly recurring cost of \$65.00² (one line).
- (2) Unlimited¹ 25GB High Speed Data Plan – Advantage:
Smartphone - Monthly recurring cost of \$75.00² (one line). Includes unlimited voice.
Tablet - Monthly recurring cost of \$65.00² (one line).

¹ Unlimited Data speeds will be slowed to 512 Kbps after 25 GB per line.

² Standard rate prior to any applicable discounts, taxes, fees, and/or surcharges.

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For customers who qualify for both Lifeline and ACP and choose to apply both program discounts to their Appalachian Wireless service, discounts are applied as follows:

Plan	Device	Plan Rate	Federal Lifeline Discount	ACP Discount	State Lifeline Discount	Remaining
Unlimited 25GB HS – Standard	Smartphone	\$95.00	(\$9.25)	(\$30.00)	(\$6.00)	\$49.75
Unlimited 25GB HS – Standard	Tablet	\$65.00	(\$9.25)	(\$30.00)	(\$0.00)	\$25.75
Unlimited 25GB HS – Advantage	Smartphone	\$75.00	(\$9.25)	(\$30.00)	(\$6.00)	\$29.75
Unlimited 25GB HS – Advantage	Tablet	\$65.00	(\$9.25)	(\$30.00)	(\$0.00)	\$25.75

The Kentucky Lifeline discount can be applied to any Nationwide Mix and Match Plan, the Nationwide Unlimited Plan, or the Nationwide Unlimited+ Plan. Beginning April 15, 2022, eligible customers in qualifying households may apply the ACP discount to any plan that includes broadband data. **Attachment 1** lists the plans to which the Kentucky Lifeline discount may be applied, and shows how the discount will be applied with the ACP discount beginning April 15, 2022.

Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Cindy D. McCarty

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of this Letter has been served electronically on all parties of record through the use of the Commission's electronic filing system, and there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means. Pursuant to the Commission's July 22, 2021 *Order* in Case No. 2020-00085, a paper copy of this filing has not been transmitted to the Commission.

\s\ *Cindy D. McCarty*
Cindy D. McCarty

Attachment 1 to Letter Response dated March 15, 2022

Kentucky Lifeline Plans

PLAN	Plan MRC	Federal Lifeline	Remaining	ACP	Remaining	State Lifeline	Remaining
Mix & Match Standard - 1GB	\$60.00	-\$5.25	\$54.75	-\$30.00	\$24.75	-\$6.00	\$18.75
Mix & Match Advantage - 1GB	\$40.00	-\$5.25	\$34.75	-\$30.00	\$4.75	-\$4.75	\$0.00
Mix & Match Standard - 2GB	\$65.00	-\$5.25	\$59.75	-\$30.00	\$29.75	-\$6.00	\$23.75
Mix & Match Advantage - 2GB	\$45.00	-\$5.25	\$39.75	-\$30.00	\$9.75	-\$6.00	\$3.75
Mix & Match Standard - 4GB	\$70.00	-\$5.25	\$64.75	-\$30.00	\$34.75	-\$6.00	\$28.75
Mix & Match Advantage - 4GB	\$50.00	-\$5.25	\$44.75	-\$30.00	\$14.75	-\$6.00	\$8.75
Mix & Match Standard - 8GB	\$85.00	-\$9.25	\$75.75	-\$30.00	\$45.75	-\$6.00	\$39.75
Mix & Match Advantage - 8GB	\$65.00	-\$9.25	\$55.75	-\$30.00	\$25.75	-\$6.00	\$19.75
Mix & Match Standard - 12GB	\$100.00	-\$9.25	\$90.75	-\$30.00	\$60.75	-\$6.00	\$54.75
Mix & Match Advantage - 12GB	\$80.00	-\$9.25	\$70.75	-\$30.00	\$40.75	-\$6.00	\$34.75
Mix & Match Standard - 15GB	\$120.00	-\$9.25	\$110.75	-\$30.00	\$80.75	-\$6.00	\$74.75
Mix & Match Advantage - 15GB	\$100.00	-\$9.25	\$90.75	-\$30.00	\$60.75	-\$6.00	\$54.75
Mix & Match Standard - 25GB	\$160.00	-\$9.25	\$150.75	-\$30.00	\$120.75	-\$6.00	\$114.75
Mix & Match Advantage - 25GB	\$140.00	-\$9.25	\$130.75	-\$30.00	\$100.75	-\$6.00	\$94.75
NW 25GB HS Unlimited - Standard	\$95.00	-\$9.25	\$85.75	-\$30.00	\$55.75	-\$6.00	\$49.75
NW 25GB HS Unlimited - Advantage	\$75.00	-\$9.25	\$65.75	-\$30.00	\$35.75	-\$6.00	\$29.75
NW 50GB HS Unlimited+ - Standard	\$110.00	-\$9.25	\$100.75	-\$30.00	\$70.75	-\$6.00	\$64.75
NW 50GB HS Unlimited+ - Advantage	\$90.00	-\$9.25	\$80.75	-\$30.00	\$50.75	-\$6.00	\$44.75

- All plans include unlimited nationwide calling and unlimited text.
- 25GB Unlimited Data Plan - The first 25GB of data will be provided at typical, available speeds, which may vary depending on network conditions. After 25GB of data usage per month, speeds will be slowed to 512 Kbps.
- 50GB Unlimited+ Data Plan - The first 50GB of data will be provided at typical, available speeds, which may vary depending on network conditions. After 50GB of data usage per month, speeds will be slowed to 1Mbps.
- Mix and Match Plans are available at additional increments of 30GB, 45GB, 60GB, 75GB, 90GB, 120GB, and 150 GB. See, <https://www.appalachianwireless.com/mix-and-match>. Discounts would apply in the same manner.
- “Plan MRC” does not include taxes, fees, and surcharges, which are subject to change and may vary by location.
- Additional discounts may apply (eg. employee discount, auto-pay discount, large employer discount). All such discounts are applied before the Lifeline and ACP discounts.