

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INQUIRY INTO THE STATE
UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

) CASE NO. 2016-00059
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**BOOMERANG WIRELESS, LLC'S RESPONSES
TO COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Boomerang Wireless, LLC, hereby serves its Responses to the Kentucky Public Service Commission Request for Information dated June 22, 2016.

DATA RESPONSES

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO ALL PARTIES

REQUEST NO. 1. If not already provided in a previous response to a Commission Staff request for information, respond to the following:

- a) Provide the monthly Kentucky Universal Service Fund (“KUSF”) forms¹ (“KUSF form”) submitted to the Commission and the Department of Finance and Administration from January 2014 to the present.
- b) Explain how the total number of subscriber lines is calculated for the KUSF form when a new customer receives the service in the middle of the month.
- c) Explain how the total number of subscriber lines is calculated for the KUSF form when a customer leaves in the middle of the month.
- d) Explain how the KUSF surcharge remittance is calculated when you experience a bad debt. Explain whether none of the surcharge amount or the full surcharge amount billed to, but not paid by, the customer is remitted.
- e) State whether the KUSF surcharge billed to a customer is prorated if the customer has service for less than a full month.

RESPONSE: *See Boomerang Wireless, LLC’s, response to Request for Information to Parties That Received Payment from the Kentucky Universal Service Fund (“KUSF”).*

RESPONSIBLE WITNESS: Kimberley Lehrman, President

REQUEST NO. 2. If no KUSF forms have been submitted to the Commission and the Kentucky Department of Finance and Administration from January 2014, to the present, explain why the KUSF forms have not been submitted.

- a) If no KUSF forms have been submitted, state whether you collect the KUSF surcharge from your customers.
- b) If you do not collect the KUSF surcharge from your customers, explain why the KUSF surcharge has not been collected.
- c) If no KUSF forms have been submitted, state whether you remit the KUSF surcharge to Kentucky Department of Finance and Administration.
- d) If you do not remit the KUSF surcharge to the Kentucky Department of Finance and Administration, explain why the KUSF surcharge has not been remitted.

RESPONSE: N/A

RESPONSIBLE WITNESS: Kimberley Lehrman, President

REQUEST NO. 3. Explain the anticipated impact, if any, that the FCC's recent *Lifeline Reform Order* will have on the provision of Lifeline services in Kentucky, including, but not limited to, verifying eligibility of Lifeline customers; the potential provision of broadband services; and, the impact of the reduction of the Federal Universal Service funding for voice service.

RESPONSE: Boomerang is in the process of developing plans that will comply with the *Lifeline Reform Order*. Once plans are finalized, we will begin the process of filing them with the states. Boomerang will continue its process for verifying eligibility of the Lifeline customers in accordance with the rules and regulations until the National Verifier is implemented. Boomerang will use the National Verifier as the states are merged into the process. Reduction in federal support for voice-only services may have a detrimental impact on low income customers who depend on voice services and do not demand broadband services.

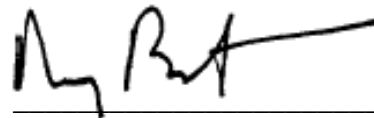
RESPONSIBLE WITNESS: Kimberley Lehrman, President

REQUEST NO. 4. In light of the *Lifeline Reform Order*, explain how a reduction in the amount of, or elimination of, KUSF support would impact the provision of Lifeline Service within Kentucky.

RESPONSE: The potential reduction in the amount of, or the elimination of, KUSF support would have a negative impact on Boomerang's provision of Lifeline voice service within Kentucky. Eliminating state support may reduce the percentage of eligible low income customers actually receiving voice services, particularly as federal support for voice only services is reduced, then eliminated.

RESPONSIBLE WITNESS: Kimberley Lehrman, President

Respectfully Submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, I certify that the July 13, 2016 electronic filing of these Data Responses is a true and accurate copy of the same document being filed in paper medium; that the electronic filing was transmitted to the Commission on July 13, 2016; that there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding; and that an original paper medium of these Data Responses will be mailed to the Commission by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, on July 13, 2016.



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