

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**In the Matter of:**

**AN INQUIRY INTO THE STATE     )  
UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND        )**

**CASE NO.  
2016-00059**

**RESPONSE TO COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
TO AMERICAN BROADBAND AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

American Broadband & Telecommunications (“AB&T”) hereby serves its Responses to the Kentucky Public Service Commission Request for Information to AB&T dated June 22, 2016.

**REQUEST NO. 1.** Refer to American Broadband and Telecommunications' response to Commission Staff's Request for Information to All Parties, Item 1. State whether the response indicates that American Broadband and Telecommunications is not collecting the Kentucky Universal Service Fund ("KUSF") surcharge. If so, explain why it is not collecting the surcharge. If not, explain why the KUSF Form is not being filed and why collections are not being submitted to the fund.

**RESPONSE:** .

American Broadband and Telecommunications is not collecting the Kentucky Universal Service Fund surcharge. The Commission Order establishing funding for the KUSF provides: "For services rendered on and after January 1, 1999, all ILECs, CLECs, and wireless providers shall place on all customers' bills a charge of five cents per month per bill." *An Inquiry into Universal Service and Funding Issues*, Order, Administrative Case No. 360 (November 16, 1998), at 4. The company's end users in Kentucky are Lifeline eligible, receive monthly minutes of use at no charge, and do not receive a bill. There is no mechanism in place for American Broadband and Telecommunications to collect a surcharge from these low income users.

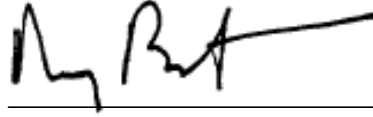
In addition, the company is unaware of any Commission directive that low income customers eligible for the Lifeline Program must also contribute financially to the program. Remitting to the KUSF support received from the Federal Universal Service Program would simply transfer support from one program to another.

As the company has neither collected surcharges nor requested support from the fund, it has not filed KUSF forms.

If there is a generally applicable legal requirement that MVNOs requesting KUSF support also collect the KUSF surcharge, American Broadband and Telecommunications would comply with that requirement when it requests support payments from the KUSF.

**RESPONSIBLE WITNESS:** Jeffrey S. Ansted, President

Respectfully Submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

In accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, I certify that the July 21, 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 21, 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 21, 2016.

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