COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INQUIRY INTO THE)
STATE UNIVERSAL)
SERVICE FUND)

CASE NO. 2016-00059

MOTION TO WITHDRAW

RCLEC, Inc. ("RCLEC") by and through counsel, moves to withdraw from this proceeding. On February 1, 2016, the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued an order opening this proceeding to investigate the current and future funding, distribution, and administration of the Kentucky Universal Service Fund ("KUSF"). Order, *In the Matter of Inquiry into the State Universal Service Fund*, at p.1. The Commission made all local exchange carriers, wireless carriers and ETCs respondents, but noted "carriers that pass the cost of the surcharge onto their customers and do not participate in the Lifeline program or ETCs that do not receive KUSF support, may not want to participate in this proceeding." *Id.* at p.6. The Commission therefore, provided an opportunity for such carriers to seek to withdraw from the proceeding.

RCLEC does not have any residential customers and therefore does not receive KUSF support. RCLEC also does not have any retail customers, and does not directly collect KUSF. Instead, its customers are solely wholesale customers that represent to RCLEC that they collect and remit any required KUSF from their own retail customers. On this basis, RCLEC therefore, respectfully moves the Commission to withdraw from this proceeding.

Dated: February 26, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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