

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

In the Matter of)	
)	
An Inquiry Into the State Universal)	Docket No. 2016-00059
Service Fund)	

MOTION TO WITHDRAW

In its Order issued on February 1, 2016 initiating this case, the Commission made every local exchange carrier, commercial mobile radio service provider, and eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) a party to this proceeding.¹ The Commission also gave any party that is not an ETC in Kentucky receiving both federal universal service fund (“USF”) and state support the opportunity to file a written request setting forth the reasons why withdrawal as a party is appropriate.² US Signal Company, L.L.C. (“US Signal” or “Company”) moves to withdraw from this proceeding and states its reasons for doing so below.

ETC Status

US Signal provides point-to-point connectivity and other data services. US Signal’s customer base is limited to commercial concerns including SMB, enterprise and carrier customers. Some of the Company’s services include Private Line, Optical Wavelength, and Cloud computing services. US Signal also provides IP-based services including Multiprotocol Label Switching services, Virtual Ethernet services, Dedicated Internet Access services, as well as Collocation services.

Accordingly, US Signal is not an ETC in Kentucky receiving both federal USF and state support, so it meets the threshold for being permitted to set forth the reasons why withdrawal is appropriate.

¹ Order, p. 1.

² Order, p. 6.

Reasons Why Withdrawal as a Party is Appropriate

As already noted, US Signal does not receive state support. The Company has no direct interest in the level of state support provided to ETCs that do receive subsidies. Moreover, the Company passes any applicable state surcharge on to its customers via their bills. US Signal has a low level of interest in the surcharge changes proposed in the Order. After reviewing the Order and considering the likely economic impact of this proceeding on the Company's operations, US Signal has determined that it is not in its interests to participate at this time. US Signal therefore moves to withdraw.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, US Signal Company, L.L.C. respectfully requests that it be permitted to withdraw from further participation in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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