

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

In the Matter of:

AN INQUIRY INTO THE STATE)	CASE NO.
UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND)	2016-00059

**MOTION OF CINCINNATI BELL ANY DISTANCE INC.
TO WITHDRAW AS PARTY**

The Commission initiated this administrative proceeding on its own motion to investigate the current and future funding, distribution, and administration of the Kentucky Universal Service Fund ("KUSF"), due to the projected depletion of the KUSF by the end of April 2016. Cincinnati Bell Any Distance Inc. ("CBAD") is a CLEC and was automatically made a party to this proceeding by the Commission.

While all LECs, wireless carriers, and ETCs in Kentucky were automatically made parties to this proceeding, the Commission recognized that some carriers may not have any interest in participating. The Commission gave as an example, carriers that pass the cost of the surcharge onto their customers and do not participate in the Lifeline program. That describes CBAD exactly. CBAD contributes to the KUSF at the rate of \$0.08 for each access line it has in Kentucky and passes that cost on to its customers, but CBAD does not draw support from the KUSF and has no Kentucky Lifeline customers. CBAD will continue that practice, regardless of the KUSF contribution rate established by the Commission in this

matter, so it has no interest in participating.

The Commission gave carriers that are not an ETC in Kentucky receiving both federal USF and state support the opportunity to file, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a request to withdraw as a party. CBAD is not an ETC in Kentucky, does not draw support from the KUSF and will collect from its customers and pass on to the KUSF whatever contribution rate is established by the Commission, therefore it has no interest in this proceeding and seeks to withdraw.

CBAD requests that the Commission grant this motion and dismiss it as a party to this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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