

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INQUIRY INTO THE STATE
UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

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CASE NO.
2016-00059

**RESPONSE OF KY BACKHAUL TRANSMISSION NETWORKS, LLC
TO COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO
ALL PARTIES OF RECORD**

Response to Requests for Information to All Parties

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 ("KUSP") forms ("KUSF form") submitted to the Commission and the Department of Finance and Administration from January 2014 to the present.

Response: KY Backhaul Transmission Networks, LLC, encloses all KUSF forms submitted to the Commission and Department of Finance and Administration from January 2014 to the present as **Exhibit A**.

b. Explain how the total number of subscriber lines is calculated for the KUSF form when a new customer receives service in the middle of a month.

Response: KY Backhaul Transmission Networks, LLC does not provide subscriber lines to the public, and has not provided this service during the time period January 2014 to the present in Kentucky. Accordingly, this question is not applicable to KY Backhaul Transmission Networks, LLC.

c. Explain how the total number of subscriber lines is calculated for the KUSF form when a customer leaves in the middle of a month.

Response: KY Backhaul Transmission Networks, LLC does not provide subscriber lines to the public, and has not provided this service during the time period January 2014 to the present in Kentucky. Accordingly, this question is not applicable to KY Backhaul Transmission Networks, LLC.

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.

Response: KY Backhaul Transmission Networks, LLC does not provide subscriber lines to the public, does not bill for or receive surcharges remitted to KUSF, and has not provided this service during the time period January 2014 to the present in Kentucky. Accordingly, this question is not applicable to KY Backhaul Transmission Networks, LLC.

e. State whether the KUSF surcharge billed to a customer is prorated if the customer has service for less than a full month.

Response: KY Backhaul Transmission Networks, LLC does not provide subscriber lines to the public, does not bill for or receive surcharges remitted to KUSF, and has not provided this service during the time period January 2014 to the present in Kentucky. Accordingly, this question is not applicable to KY Backhaul Transmission Networks, LLC.

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.

Response: KY Backhaul Transmission Networks, LLC remits KUSF forms monthly to the Commission. Accordingly, this question is not applicable to KY Backhaul Transmission Networks, LLC.

a. If no KUSF forms have been submitted, state whether you collect the KUSF surcharge from your customers.

Response: Not applicable.

b. If you do not collect the KUSF surcharge from your customers, explain why the KUSF surcharge has not been collected.

Response: KY Backhaul Transmission Networks, LLC does not provide assessable subscriber lines to the public. Accordingly, KY Backhaul Transmission Networks, LLC does not bill for or receive surcharges remitted to KUSF.

c. If no KUSF forms have been submitted, state whether you remit the KUSF surcharge to the Kentucky Department of Finance and Administration.

Response: Not applicable.

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: Not applicable.

3. Explain the anticipated impact, if any, that the FCC's recent *Lifeline Reform Order* will have on the provision of Lifeline service in Kentucky, including, but not limited to, verifying eligibility of Lifeline customers; the potential provision of broadband service; and, the impact of the reduction of Federal Universal Service funding for voice service.

Response: Not applicable. KY Backhaul Transmission Networks, LLC does not participate in the Lifeline program and expresses no opinion on this question.

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 in Kentucky.

Response: Not applicable. KY Backhaul Transmission Networks, LLC does not participate in the Lifeline program and expresses no opinion on this question.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have supervised the preparation of the responses on behalf of KY Backhaul Transmission Networks, LLC to the Commission Staff's Second Request for Information to All Parties, and that the responses contained herein are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after reasonable inquiry.

