

**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

Matrix Telecom, Inc., (“Matrix”) by and through counsel, moves to withdraw from participation in the above- referenced case. In its Order initiating this case, the Commission made each local exchange carrier, commercial mobile radio service provider, and eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) a party to this proceeding. Order¹, p.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 reason why withdrawal as a party is appropriate. Order, p.6. Matrix moves to withdraw and states such reasons below.

ETC Status

Matrix 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.

Reasons Why Withdrawal as a Party is Appropriate

As previously noted, Matrix does not receive state support. It therefore has no direct interest in the level of state support provided to ETCs that do receive subsidies. Moreover,

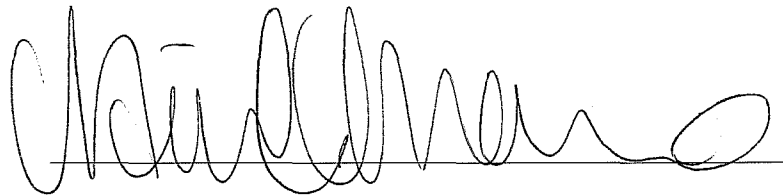
¹ Order dated February 1, 2016.

Matrix passes the state surcharge on to its customers via their bills. Because the Matrix's customers receive pass-through charges, Matrix 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 Matrix's operations, Matrix has determined that it is not in its interest to participate at this time. Matrix therefore moves to withdraw.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, Matrix respectfully requests that it be permitted to withdraw from further participation in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of February, 2016.

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