

**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

TNCI Operating Company, LLC, (“TNCI”) 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. TNCI moves to withdraw and states such reasons below.

ETC Status

TNCI 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, TNCI 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.

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

Conclusion

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

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of February, 2016.

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