

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF MOUNTAIN)	
RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE)	CASE NO.
CORPORATION, INC. FOR A GENERAL)	2017-00087
ADJUSTMENT IN RATES		

ORDER

On May 23, 2017, Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. (“Mountain Rural Telephone”) filed a motion to withdraw its application without prejudice. In its motion, Mountain Rural Telephone stated that the purpose of the requested rate adjustment was to enable Mountain Rural Telephone to comply with the rate floor established by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”).¹ On May 18, 2017, the FCC ordered a “freeze [of] the rate floor at \$18 for two years unless or until we take further actions in this proceeding.”² Therefore, Mountain Rural Telephone requests the Commission to permit it to terminate this case by withdrawing its application without prejudice. Mountain Rural Telephone also states it will promptly notify its customers of the requested withdrawal.

Mountain Rural Telephone has provided sufficient grounds to support its motion to withdraw its application. The FCC’s freeze of the rate floor has removed any need for a

¹ See *In the Matter of Connect America Fund et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161* (Nov 18, 2011)

² Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order, WC Docket 10-90 (May 18, 2017)

rate increase in basic local exchange rates at this time. The Commission finds that Mountain Rural Telephone's motion should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Mountain Rural Telephone's request to withdraw its application without prejudice is granted.
2. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's active docket.

By the Commission



ATTEST:



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