

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF)	
CUMBERLAND CONNECT, LLC FOR)	CASE NO.
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)	2021-00041
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO CUMBERLAND CONNECT, LLC

Cumberland Connect, LLC (Cumberland Connect), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested herein is due within 14 days of the date of this request. The Commission directs Cumberland Connect to the Commission's March 16, 2020 and March 24, 2020 Orders in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission. The Commission expects the original documents to be filed with the Commission within 30 days of the lifting of the current state of emergency. All responses in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 16, 2020), Order at 5–6. Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 24, 2020), Order at 1–3.

association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Cumberland Connect shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Cumberland Connect obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which Cumberland Connect fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Cumberland Connect shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, Cumberland Connect shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Confirm that Cumberland Connect is a common carrier eligible for support as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101.
2. Provide a description of how Cumberland Connect meets the qualifications to comply with 47 C.F.R. § 54.101.

3. Provide a description of how Cumberland Connect meets the qualifications to comply with 47 C.F.R. § 54.202.

4. Provide a description of the service that Cumberland Connect plans to offer that meets the qualifications to comply with 47 C.F.R. § 54.401

5. Confirm that Cumberland Connect will collect or otherwise contribute the Kentucky USF per-line surcharge, currently \$0.15 per line per month, to the Kentucky USF for each Cumberland Connect Kentucky customer, both Lifeline and non-Lifeline.

6. Confirm that Cumberland Connect will collect or otherwise contribute the Kentucky Telecommunications Relay Service/Telecommunications Access Program surcharge, currently \$0.03 per line per month, to the Kentucky Telecommunications Relay Service/Telecommunications Access Program Fund for each Cumberland Connect Kentucky customer, both Lifeline and non-Lifeline.

7. Confirm that Cumberland Connect will collect or otherwise contribute to the appropriate 911 emergency service authority in its service area.

8. Confirm that Cumberland Connect will comply with the annual assessment and gross earnings reports requirements pursuant to KRS 278.130-150.



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