

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF EASTERN	)	
TELEPHONE & TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR	)	CASE NO.
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE	)	2021-00089
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER	)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
TO EASTERN TELEPHONE & TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Eastern Telephone & Technologies, Inc. (Eastern Telephone), 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 on May 28, 2021. The Commission directs Eastern Telephone to the Commission's March 16, 2020 and March 24, 2020 Orders in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>1</sup> 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 association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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.

Eastern Telephone shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Eastern Telephone 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 Eastern Telephone fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Eastern Telephone 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, Eastern Telephone 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 Eastern Telephone is a common carrier eligible for support as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101.

2. Provide a description of how Eastern Telephone meets the qualifications to comply with 47 C.F.R. § 54.101.

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

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

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

6. Confirm that Eastern Telephone 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 Eastern Telephone Kentucky customer, both Lifeline and non-Lifeline.

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

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



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DATED MAY 06 2021

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