

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Susan K. Duffy, Chair  
Shari Feist Albrecht  
Dwight D. Keen

In the Matter of a General Investigation to )  
Address Issues Concerning the Kansas Lifeline ) Docket No. 16-GIMT-575-GIT  
Service Program. )

**ORDER WAIVING KLSP RECERTIFICATION AND REVERIFICATION RULES  
UNTIL MAY 29, 2020**

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the pleadings and record, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On July 12, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Opening Docket; Soliciting Comments; Procedural Matters and Schedule (Order), soliciting comments for possible changes to the Kansas Lifeline Service Program (KLSP) as a result of changes to the federal Lifeline program since the Commission last modified the KLSP in Docket No. 10-GIMT-658-GIT (10-658 Docket). The Order included Commission Staff's (Staff) Report and Recommendation (R&R) dated June 29, 2016, examining federal Lifeline changes since the 10-658 Docket. In relevant part, Staff's analysis addressed Program Eligibility and Income Criterion and Recertification & De-enrollment.<sup>1</sup>

2. The Order invited all interested parties to respond to Staff's First R&R by August 8, 2016, with reply comments due August 22, 2016, followed by a second Staff Report and Recommendation on September 23, 2016, with responses due October 7, 2016.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Order Opening Docket; Soliciting Comments; Procedural Matters and Schedule, July 12, 2016.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*, See *Ordering Clauses C-F*.

3. On October 18, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Modifying Kansas Lifeline Service Program (KLSP) Requirements; and Soliciting Further Comment.<sup>3</sup> On October 18, 2016, after reviewing both Staff's June 29, 2016 R&R and Staff's September 23, 2016 R&R, and the comments in responses, the Commission concluded that it would, among other things, adopt the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) recertification rules in 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(f) and de-enrollment rules in 47 C.F.R. § 54.405(e), including deadlines and timelines contained therein for the KLSP.<sup>4</sup>

4. On March 30, 2020, in In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, WC Docket No. 11-42, the FCC announced that due to the COVID-19 outbreak: (1) the Wireline Competition Bureau temporarily waives the Lifeline program's usage requirements and general de-enrollment procedures until May 29, 2020; (2) the FCC will extend its previous waiver of the Lifeline program's recertification and reverification rules to May 29, 2020 to ensure that all of the waiver periods for Lifeline's de-enrollment rules will have the same duration; and (3) the FCC directs the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to pause any involuntary de-enrollment of existing subscribers.

5. Since the Commission has previously determined it would adopt the FCC's recertification and de-enrollment regulations and timelines for the KLSP, the Commission finds it should waive the KLSP program's recertification and de-enrollment rules to May 29, 2020 to coincide with the FCC's actions. If the FCC issues additional delays to these regulations and timelines, the Commission will follow suit.

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<sup>3</sup> Order Modifying Kansas Lifeline Service Program (KLSP) Requirements; Soliciting Further Comment, October 18, 2016.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*, ¶ 11.

**THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

A. The KLSP program's recertification and de-enrollment rules are waived until May 29, 2020 to coincide with the FCC's actions.

B. The parties have 15 days from the date this Order was electronically served to petition for reconsideration.<sup>5</sup>

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it deems necessary.

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Duffy, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Dated: 04/14/2020



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Lynn M. Retz  
Executive Director

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<sup>5</sup> K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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