

What's New . . .

- **The KUSF Assessment rate is 9.40%.**
- FY 24 KUSF Instructions, Carrier Remittance Worksheets (CRW), and the Kansas Corporation Commission's (KCC) Order adopting the 9.40% assessment rate are enclosed.

Important Reminders . . .

- Any Provider doing business in the State of Kansas must be registered with the Kansas Secretary of State's office. Contact the Office at corp@kssos.org or (785) 296-4564.
- **Providers are encouraged to use E-Filing (<http://www.gvnw.com/USF/KUSF.aspx>) to reduce errors and ensure a CRW is complete. E-Filing may also reduce administrative resources and penalties. Filings must be received by GVNW Consulting, Inc. (GVNW) by the due date.**
- **Remit electronic payments** to ensure timely receipt and processing of payments and avoids Late Payment Penalties. Contact us today at kusf@gvnw.com to start electronic payments.
- Every company must submit a new **“Carrier Operations and Election Form,”** referred to as **Attachment B, for Year 24 by April 15, 2020. No CRWs or True-up will be processed without a new Attachment B on file. Note: An Attachment B must be filed any time during FY 24 to update company, agent, or revenue information.**
- KUSF penalties include:¹ 1) a new Late Filing Penalty is applied to all filings, including an Attachment B, and Quarterly and Annual True-ups received after the due date; and 2) the Late Payment Penalty for additional assessments due (i.e. Annual and Quarterly True-ups, revisions, etc., if received and processed by the bank after the due date. Refer to pages 4-5 of the enclosed Instructions for more information.
- Penalties are assessed based on receipt by GVNW; not postmark date.
- A Provider is **required to notify the Commission and GVNW within 30 days of any change made to its KUSF contribution methodology.** The notice **shall be filed in the applicable annual KUSF docket and a copy of the notice shall be provided to the KUSF third-party administrator.**²
- **FY 23 Annual True-Ups (2019/2020)** will be sent via email in late March 2020. A current e-mail contact must be on file with GVNW. **The Annual True-Up is due to GVNW by April 15, 2020.**** See page (number) of the Instructions regarding Annual True-ups. GVNW and Staff cannot waive any penalty. An official legal pleading to seek a waiver of any penalty must comply with K.A.R. 82-1-228(d), requiring a corporation to have an attorney that is admitted to practice in Kansas or a non-resident attorney associated with a local attorney.

¹ Order, Docket 18-GIMT-084-GIT, Sept. 27, 2018; and Order Granting Petition of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company For Clarification and/or Reconsideration of Order Modifying Kansas Universal Service Fund Penalties, Oct. 30, 2018. Exceptions include: 1) VoIP or Wireless provider that is not generating revenue in Kansas; 2) when a provider self-reports an error; and 3) a Provider submits revisions within 30 days of inquiry and notification by GVNW.

² Order, Docket No. 16-GIMT-517-GIT, Feb. 23, 2017, ¶ 21.