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The Honorable Senator Emler
Senate Utilities Committee, Chairman
State Capitol
300 SW 10th
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Senator Emler:

Attached is some of the information requested by members of the Senate Utilities Committee during the hearing for SB49. I have not been able to gather all of the information requested. Specifically, I have not yet gathered information that would provide committee members with the dollar amount contributed by VoIP carriers to the KUSF on a voluntary basis. I will get that information to the committee as soon as it is available.

A list of VoIP providers is attached. This list was developed for the Commission's use in the proceeding where it is currently considering whether to assess VoIP providers' intrastate revenues for KUSF purposes in Docket No. 07-GIMT-432-GIT. Those carriers with an asterisk by their names are carriers that currently pay KUSF assessments. However, it should be noted that these carriers provide services, in addition to VoIP services, that are assessable for KUSF purposes. Staff has not yet been able to contact the carriers to determine whether they are providing assessments only on non-VoIP services or both VoIP and non-VoIP services. Additionally, Staff has not yet determined the dollar amount associated with any voluntary payments on VoIP services. As indicated above, that information will be delivered to the Committee as soon as it is available.

A map of the areas in the state where cable providers offer broadband service is also attached. While the information is 2002, it provides some general information regarding where VoIP services could be provided by cable operators. Staff has not yet had the opportunity to discuss the availability of more current information with the Kansas Cable and Telecommunications Association. However, if the Committee would like current information, Staff will work with the Kansas Cable and Telecommunications Association to provide that as soon as a new map as soon as possible.

Finally, attached is a spreadsheet indicating the availability of broadband as reported by incumbent local telephone carriers in their Annual Reports filed with the Commission. Data are provided for 2003, 2004, and 2005. Data are provided to the Commission for each exchange

served by the carrier. Some carriers have marked this information as confidential. In those instances where the availability was not uniform over the exchanges served by the carrier, Staff has provided the range of availability and the average availability over all exchanges. Also included is an approximate subscribership level for the broadband service offered by the incumbent local telephone carriers for the same years.

I hope you will find this information useful. If you or members of the Committee have additional questions, please contact me at (785) 271-3293 or j.buchanan@kcc.state.ks.us. Again, additional information will be sent as soon as it can be compiled.

Sincerely,

Janet Buchanan