

SENATE MEMBERS

**Robert Stivers**  
President, LRC Co-Chair  
**David Givens**  
President Pro Tempore  
**Damon Thayer**  
Majority Floor Leader  
**Morgan McGarvey**  
Minority Floor Leader  
**Julie Raque Adams**  
Majority Caucus Chair  
**Johnny Ray Turner**  
Minority Caucus Chair  
**Mike Wilson**  
Majority Whip  
**Dennis Parrett**  
Minority Whip



**LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION**

State Capitol 700 Capital Avenue Frankfort KY 40601

**502-564-8100**

Capitol Fax 502-564-2922

Annex Fax 502-564-6543

legislature.ky.gov

**Jay D. Hartz**  
Director

HOUSE MEMBERS

**David W. Osborne**  
Speaker, LRC Co-Chair  
**David Meade**  
Speaker Pro Tempore  
**John Bam Carney**  
Majority Floor Leader  
**Rocky Adkins**  
Minority Floor Leader  
**Suzanne Miles**  
Majority Caucus Chair  
**Derrick Graham**  
Minority Caucus Chair  
**Chad McCoy**  
Majority Whip  
**Joni L. Jenkins**  
Minority Whip

June 19, 2019

William M. Landrum III, Secretary  
Finance and Administration Cabinet  
Room 383, Capitol Annex  
702 Capital Avenue  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Secretary Landrum:

Pursuant to KRS 45.800, this letter is to notify you that at its June 18, 2019 meeting, the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee did not approve the debt issuance submitted by the Kentucky Communications Network Authority to finance certain costs of the KentuckyWired project. The committee members' objections were due to uncertainty regarding and/or disagreement with specific contractual agreements.

If you have any questions, then please contact Katherine Halloran, Committee Staff Administrator, (502) 564-8100, extension 352.

Sincerely,

Representative Walker Thomas, Co-Chair  
Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee

Sincerely,

Senator Rick Girdler, Co-Chair  
Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee

cc: Members, Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee  
Scott Brinkman, Secretary of the Executive Cabinet  
John Chilton, State Budget Director  
Melinda Hill, Chief of Staff, Finance and Administration Cabinet  
Chris Lewis, General Counsel, Finance and Administration Cabinet  
Ryan Barrow, Executive Director, Office of Financial Management, Finance and Administration Cabinet  
Judy Piazza, Director, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Finance and Administration Cabinet  
Bernard Decker, Interim Executive Director, Kentucky Communications Network Authority  
Doug Hendrix, General Counsel, Kentucky Communications Network Authority



Commonwealth of Kentucky  
Finance and Administration Cabinet  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

Room 383, Capitol Annex  
702 Capital Avenue  
Frankfort, KY 40601-3462  
(502) 564-4240  
Fax (502) 564-6785

**Matthew G. Bevin**  
Governor

**William M. Landrum III**  
Secretary

June 24, 2018

Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee  
Legislative Research Commission  
700 Capitol Avenue  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

The Honorable Rick Girdler, Co-Chairman  
Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee  
Legislative Research Commission  
700 Capitol Avenue, Annex Rm. 209  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

The Honorable Walker Thomas, Co-Chair  
Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee  
Legislative Research Commission  
700 Capitol Avenue, Annex Rm. 329C  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Senator Girdler and Representative Thomas:

I have received the recommendation of the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee concerning the debt issuance submitted by the Kentucky Communications Network Authority to finance certain costs of the KentuckyWired project. Your letter expressed that the recommendation was due to committee members' objections "due to uncertainty regarding and/or disagreement with specific contractual agreements." Upon review of your correspondence and the audio transcript from the June 19, 2019 hearing, it would appear that the majority of committee members' objections were related to the provisions of a settlement agreement to which the Commonwealth is already bound and not to the substance or terms of this proposed debt issuance.

This letter is to communicate the decision of this Office to proceed with the debt issuance for that project in accordance with the provisions of KRS 45.810(3)(c). The authorization for the Kentucky Communications Network Authority to incur this debt was codified by the Legislature in KRS 154.15-020(4)(b). As none of the concerns raised by the Committee in its recommendation appear to have any bearing on the substance or terms of this debt issuance, I feel it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth that this project proceed.

Sincerely,



William M. Landrum III  
Secretary

cc: Members, Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee  
Scott Brinkman, Secretary of the Executive Cabinet  
John Chilton, State Budget Director  
Melinda Hill, Chief of Staff, Finance and Administration Cabinet  
Chris Lewis, General Counsel, Finance and Administration Cabinet  
Ryan Barrow, Executive Director, Office of Financial Management, Finance and Administration Cabinet  
Judy Piazza, Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Finance and Administration Cabinet  
Bernard Decker, Interim Executive Director, Kentucky Communications Network Authority  
Doug Hendrix, General Counsel, Kentucky Communications Network Authority