

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

Before Commissioners: Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair
 Jay Scott Emler
 Dwight D. Keen

In the Matter of a Joint Application of)
Bluestem Telephone Company, Inc., for)
Permission to Cease Operating as a Telephone) Docket No. 19-BSTT-172-CCS
Public Utility and Sunflower Telephone)
Company, Inc. for a Certificate of)
Convenience and Authority to Operate as a)
Telephone Public Utility in the Area Served by)
Bluestem Telephone Company, Inc.)

In the Matter of a Joint Application of)
Bluestem Telephone Company, Inc., for)
Permission to Cease Operating as a Telephone) Docket No. 19-SFLT-189-COC
Public Utility and Sunflower Telephone)
Company, Inc. for a Certificate of)
Convenience and Authority to Operate as a)
Telephone Public Utility in the Area Served by)
Bluestem Telephone Company, Inc.)

ORDER APPROVING AMENDED REPLACEMENT TARIFF

NOW, the above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

I. Background

1. On November 27, 2018, in both above captioned dockets, the Commission issued an *Order Cancelling Bluestem's Certificate and Enlarging Sunflower's Certificate to Include the Cedar Point, Saffordville, and Americus Exchanges* (Order).

2. The Order, among other things, required Sunflower Telephone Company, Inc. (Sunflower) to file, in Docket No. 19-SFLT-189-COC, a revised tariff incorporating Bluestem's

tariff without any changes to the tariff other than the name at least seven (7) days prior to January 1, 2019, with an effective date of January 1, 2019.

3. On December 21, 2018, Sunflower filed a replacement tariff in Docket No. 19-SFLT-189-COC and in Docket No. 19-BSTT-172-CCS. Then, on December 27, 2018, Sunflower filed an amended replacement tariff in Docket No. 19-SFLT-189-COC. Additionally, on December 27, 2018, Sunflower filed a response to a Staff data request indicating that the replacement tariff contained substantive changes in addition to the name changes as required by the Order. Specifically, Sunflower removed two service packages from the tariff.

4. On January 4, 2019, in Docket No. 19-SFLT-189-COC, Sunflower filed another amended replacement tariff re-inserting the packages and complying with the Order by making name changes and several pagination and section removals that did not change the substance of the General Exchange Tariff.¹ Sunflower indicated that its December 21, 2018, replacement tariff removed the service packages in error and it would seek approval at a later date.

II. Jurisdiction and Standard of Review

5. The Commission holds full power, authority and jurisdiction to supervise and control Sunflower as local exchange carriers pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,188. Sunflower must have its schedules of rates on file with the Commission under K.S.A. 66-1,190, and the rates and terms of service must be just and reasonable under K.S.A. 66-1,189. Furthermore, the rates and terms of service must be approved by the Commission under K.S.A. 66-117.

III. Findings and Conclusions

6. Sunflower's January 4, 2019, amended replacement tariff filing complies with the Commission's December 21, 2018, Order and should be approved.

¹This was confirmed in a Staff Data Request response filing also made by Sunflower on January 4, 2019.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Sunflower's amended replacement tariff filed January 4, 2019, in Docket No. 19-SFLT-189-COC is hereby approved.


B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of issuing such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Dated: 01/10/2019



Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

MRN

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

19-BSTT-172-CCS

I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of
01/10/2019
electronic service on _____.

KEVIN J KASTOR, DIRECTOR-GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
350 S LOOP 336 WEST
CONROE, TX 77304-3308
kevin.kastor@consolidated.com

NICOLE STEPHENS, KUSF ADMINISTRATOR MANAGER
GVNW CONSULTING, INC.
2930 MONTVALE DRIVE, STE. B
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
Fax: 719-594-5803
nstephens@gvnw.com

MICHAEL NEELEY, LITIGATION COUNSEL
KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION
1500 SW ARROWHEAD RD
TOPEKA, KS 66604
Fax: 785-271-3167
m.neeley@kcc.ks.gov

RACHEL LIPMAN REIBER, ATTORNEY
REIBER LAW OFFICE, LLC
214 S CHESTNUT, SUITE 3
OLATHE, KS 66061
Fax: 913-782-4445
rlreiberlaw@gmail.com

/S/ DeeAnn Shupe

DeeAnn Shupe