

3. On July 1, 2025, Commission Staff (“Staff”) issued its Report and Recommendation (“R&R”) recommending that the Commission approve the Application grandfathering the various residential packaged offers and services in its tariff.¹

4. Based on representations made by the Company, the current subscribers of the Economy Pack Bundle, the Unlimited Nationwide Calling, and the Simply Unlimited Phone for Residence plans will continue to receive service and are not affected by this revision. These grandfathered packaged offers and services will be limited to current customers’ lines in service at existing locations, but future customers will not be able to subscribe effective July 26, 2025.² Consequently, no customers will be impacted because of this change and there will be no revenue impact.³

5. Based on Staff’s R&R and Brightspeed’s Application, the Commission finds the Company’s tariff revisions will not impact its existing Kansas customers.⁴

6. The Commission finds Staff’s R&R, including the analysis and recommendations and attached hereto and incorporated by reference, should be adopted as additional findings.

7. The Commission concludes the Company’s tariff revisions set forth in its application are just and reasonable and that the application should be granted.⁵

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Brightspeed Companies of Kansas’s Application filed in this matter on June 24, 2025, is hereby granted with the tariff revisions effective July 26, 2025.

¹ Report and Recommendation, Docket No. 25-UTDT-550-TAR (June 24, 2025) (“Staff’s R&R”), p. 2.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

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).⁶

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

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner.

Dated: 07/15/2025



Celeste Chaney-Tucker
Executive Director

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⁶ K.S.A. 66-11b; K.S.A. 77-503(c) and K.S.A. 77-531(b).

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
UTILITIES DIVISION**

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DATE: July 1, 2025

RE: Docket No. 25-UTDT-550-TAR
In the Matter of Brightspeed Companies of Kansas for Grandfathering Residential
Bundles of Kansas General Exchange Service Tariff.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On June 24, 2025, Brightspeed Companies of Kansas (Brightspeed) filed an application requesting the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission) approve revisions to its General Exchange Tariff. This filing updates the tariff by grandfathering¹ various Residential packaged offers and services effective July 26, 2025.

Commission action on this matter is required no later than **Thursday July 24, 2025**. Commission Staff (Staff) recommends approval of the application.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission derives its authority to review Local Exchange Carrier tariffs from K.S.A. 66-117(d), which states in part:

(d) Except as provided in subsection (c), no change shall be made in any rate, toll, charge, classification or schedule of charges or joint rates, or in any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service or rates of any such public utility or common carrier, without the consent of the commission.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,189, the Commission must review rates and terms for every telecommunication public utility to ensure they are “just and reasonable” and the classifications, rules, and regulations regarding the services are not unduly discriminatory or preferential.

¹ A grandfathered service is one that is no longer sold/offered.

Additionally, K.S.A. 66-1,190 requires every public utility doing business in Kansas over which the Commission has control to publish and file with the Commission copies of all schedules of rates, joint rates, tolls, charges, classifications and divisions of rates affecting Kansas traffic, either state or interstate. The Commission has the power to prescribe reasonable rules and regulations regarding the form and filing of all schedules, tariffs and classifications of all rates, joint rates, tolls and charges, and all rules and regulations of such telecommunications public utilities as the Commission determines reasonable and appropriate.

ANALYSIS:

The filing cancels and replaces the following General Exchange Tariff, Section 25, pages: 1st Revised Page 10.3, Original Page 64-66, Original Page 71-73. Brightspeed's filing impacted the tariff's Special Packaged Offerings of: *Residential Solutions* plan², *Unlimited Nationwide Calling or Essential Home Phone with 30 Minutes Long Distance* plan³, and *Simply Unlimited Phone for Residence* plan. Brightspeed seeks Commission approval to grandfather services within the aforementioned plans. Customers cannot purchase or subscribe to these grandfathered services. Respectively, the following services within those plans are grandfathered effective July 26, 2025:

1. **Economy Pack Bundle:** Availability is limited to lines and features currently in service at existing locations.
2. **Unlimited Nationwide Calling:** Availability is limited to lines and features currently in service at existing locations.
3. **Simply Unlimited Phone for Residence:** Availability is limited to lines and features currently in service at existing locations.

The changes made to the tariff identify the specific services that will be grandfathered through a footnote that includes its effective date. There were no changes in rates associated with this tariff revision. The company stated the changes do not impact service or call features currently provided on grandfathered accounts.⁴ Current subscribers will be able to maintain their existing Residential service offerings, so it will have no adverse impact on those Kansas customers. Staff has reviewed the filing and does not have any concerns regarding its approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve all the subsequent replacement tariff pages, 2nd Revised Page 10.3, 1st Revised Page 64-66, and 1st Revised Page 71-73; with an effective date of July 26, 2025, as requested by the company.

² Docket 19-UTDT-374-TAR, April 12, 2019, Grandfathered *Economy Pack Plus* and *Economy Pack Plus Lite* Bundles, G.E.T, Sect. 25, p. 10.3.

³ Docket 19-UTDT-281-TAR, February 14, 2019, Grandfathered *Essential Home Phone w 30 Minutes LD*, G.E.T, Sect. 25, pp. 64-66.

⁴ See Application, p.1.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

25-UTDT-550-TAR

I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of electronic service on 07/15/2025.

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