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January 31, 2023

Secretary to the Commission Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka KS 66604

RE: Consolidated Communications of Kansas Company - Tariff Revision - General Exchange Tariff, Residential Rate Increases

#### Dear Secretary:

Enclosed for filing, Consolidated Communications of Kansas Company hereby submits the following tariff sheets pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2007(b) with a proposed effective date of June 1, 2023.

Section 3 - Fifth Revised Sheet 1	Section 6 - Fourth Revised Sheet 6
Section 6 - Fourth Revised Sheet 3	Section 6 - Fourth Revised Sheet 14
Section 6 - Fourth Revised Sheet 5	

The effective date on each sheet has been excluded to allow for proper review and approval by KCC Staff.

The purpose of this filing is the make the following tariff changes:

- Residential access line rate will increase by \$1.50 per month for exchanges in Leoti, Tribune, Marienthal, Jetmore, Sharon Springs, Wallace & Weskan (Current access line rate is \$17.77 increasing to \$19.27)
- Residential access line rate will increase by \$1.50 per month for exchanges in Americus, Cedar Point & Saffordville (Current access line rate is \$21.24 increasing to \$22.74)
- Voice Advantage and Voice Advantage II bundles will increase by \$2.50 per month (residential access line rate increase of \$1.50 and intrastate long distance minutes' rate increase of \$1.00)
- Home Phone bundles will increase by \$2.50 per month (residential access line rate increase of \$1.50 and interstate long distance minutes of \$1.00)

A copy of the bill messaging that will be used to notify customers of these changes is enclosed for your reference. These bill messages will be delivered to customers as part of the March 1, 2022, billing cycle.

On an annual basis, Consolidated Communications of Kansas Company anticipates recognizing approximately \$13,500 in additional residential access line revenue (\$7,902 from stand-alone access lines and \$5,598 from access lines in bundles) and \$3,732 in additional intrastate and interstate long distance revenue resulting from bundled service containing long distance service. These figures do not include estimates of customer churn.



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Please contact me at the number below or Carrie Patterson at <u>carrie.patterson@consolidated.com</u> with any questions or concerns regarding this filing.

Regards,

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# CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OF KANSAS COMPANY BILL MESSAGES – CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

## **RESIDENTIAL:**

## Local Exchange Telephone Service - Basic Service Rates (Applies to Americus, Cedar Point & Saffordville)

Changes Coming to Your Bill

At Consolidated Communications we strive to keep you informed of any changes to your billing and service options. Effective on June's bill, the access line rate will increase by \$1.50 per month to \$22.74/month.

You may petition the Kansas Corporation Commission to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates by contacting them at 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, KS 66604-4027, (800) 662-0027 or go to the Commission's website (<a href="www.kcc.ks.gov">www.kcc.ks.gov</a>) and click on the "Your Opinion Matters" link to enter your comment. A petition by 15% or more of subscribers' subject to the proposed rate increase would require the Commission to initiate a reasonableness investigation. The final date to submit your comment to the Commission is May 1, 2023.

We value your business and look forward to providing you with the best services possible. For more information, please call 1.844.YOUR.CCI (1.844.968.7224).

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## **Voice Bundles (Applies to All Exchanges)**

Changes Coming to Your Bill

At Consolidated Communications we strive to keep you informed of any changes to your billing and service options. Effective on June's bill, your voice bundle rate will increase by \$2.50 per month.

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#### SECTION 3. LOCAL SERVICES

## 3.1 <u>Local Exchange Telephone Service - Basic Service Rates</u>

These monthly rates apply to all customers of the Company. This rate covers the provision of network access to a local customer location, including tone dialing capability, and entitles the customer to local calls (without toll charge) to all local stations connected to a central office of the exchange, or to all local extended local service area where comprised of more than one exchange.

The following rates apply to all customers for basic local exchange service within the exchanges of:

	Monthly Rate		
	Leoti, Tribune, Marienthal,		
	Jetmore, Sharon Springs,		
	Wallace, Weskan	Cedar Point & Saffordville	<u>Americus</u>
Business Access Line	\$19.50*	\$24.00*	\$25.50*
Residence Access Line	\$19.27 (I)	\$22.74 (I)	\$22.74 (I)

<sup>\*</sup>See Section 3, Sheet 20 for available term and volume discounts

#### 3.11 Kansas Universal Service Fund

Beginning March 1, 1997, the Company will assess a fee for funding of the Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF), including Kansas Lifeline Service Program (KLSP), and the Kansas Telecommunications Access Program (TAP). These funds were enacted by the Kansas Legislature in 1996, and authorized by the Kansas Corporation Commission on December 27, 1996 in Docket No. 190,492-U. The Amount of the fee may vary as determined by the Fund Administrator.

## SECTION 6. <u>BUNDLED SERVICE PACKAGES</u> (CONT'D)

6.1 <u>Voice Advantage Bundles<sup>1</sup></u> (Cont'd)

#### 6.13 Rates

- 1. Subscribers to any of the Voice Advantage Bundles may upgrade their bundle for an additional \$5.00 per month to include:
  - a. Three Way Calling
  - b. Anonymous Call Rejection
  - c. Repeat Dialing Unlimited
  - d. Call Return Unlimited
  - e. Call Forwarding

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		In All Exchanges	
		except Americus	In Americus
		Cedar Point and	Cedar Point &
		<u>Saffordville</u>	<u>Saffordville</u>
2.	Voice Advantage Basic	\$20.49 <sup>2</sup> ( <b>I</b> )	\$23.96 <sup>2</sup> (I)
3.	Voice Advantage 600	$$20.49^2$ (I)	$$23.96^2$ (I)
4.	Voice Advantage Unlimited	$$20.49^2$ (I)	$$23.96^2$ (I)
5.	All IntraLATA and InterLATA minutes		
	in excess of minutes included		
	in the bundles*	\$.10 per minute	\$.10 per minute
	in the bundles	ψ.10 per minute	ψ. το per illinate

<sup>1</sup>Effective December 1, 2013, Voice Advantage Bundles will no longer be available to new customers. Existing Voice Advantage Bundles customers will be allowed to keep their Voice Advantage Bundles at their current service location under the same billing party. No changes to or additions of services to the existing Voice Advantage Bundles are allowed.

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes a non-regulated service

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>This price does not include the IntraLATA and InterLATA components which are provided by Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc.

#### SECTION 6. <u>BUNDLED SERVICE PACKAGES</u> (CONT'D)

#### 6.2 <u>Residential Bundled Packages</u> (Cont'd)

6.22 Rates (Cont'd)

Monthly Rate

Leoti Sharon Springs, Tribune, Wallace, Marienthal,

Americus, Cedar Marienthal, Weskan, Saffordville Jetmore Exchanges Exchanges

d. Home Phone Standard (per access line)<sup>1</sup> \$38.95 (I) \$38.95 (I)

Includes: Access Line

Bundle Calling Feature Package 1

LD 10 ¢ Plan\*

e. Home Phone Basic (per access line)<sup>1</sup> \$43.95 (I) \$43.95 (I)

Includes: Access Line

Bundle Calling Feature Package 1

LD 120 Minutes \*

f. Home Phone 150 (per access line)<sup>1</sup> \$48.95 (I) \$48.95 (I)

Includes: Access Line

Bundle Calling Feature Package 1

LD 150 Minutes \*

g. Home Phone 300 (per access line)<sup>1</sup> N/A (C) \$53.95 (I)

Includes: Access Line

Bundle Calling Feature Package 1

LD 300 Minutes \*

h. Home Phone 600 (per access line)<sup>1</sup> N/A (C) \$63.95 (I)

Includes: Access Line

Bundle Calling Feature Package 1

LD 600 Minutes \*

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes a non-regulated service

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Obsolete - available only to existing Customers at existing locations

## SECTION 6. <u>BUNDLED SERVICE PACKAGES</u> (CONT'D)

6.2 <u>Residential Bundled Packages</u> (Cont'd)

6.22 Rates (Cont'd)

Monthly Rate

Leoti Sharon Springs, Tribune, Wallace,

Americus, Cedar Marienthal,
Point, Weskan,
Saffordville Jetmore
Exchanges Exchanges

i. Home Phone 1500 (per access line)<sup>1</sup>

\$68.95 (I)

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Includes: Access Line

Bundle Calling Feature Package

1

LD 1500 Minutes \*

j. Home Phone 300 Plus (per access line)<sup>1</sup>

N/A

\$58.95 (I)

Includes: Access Line

Bundle Calling Feature Package

2

LD 300 Minutes \*

k. Home Phone 1500 Plus (per access line)<sup>1</sup>

N/A

\$N/A (C)

Effective:

Includes: Access Line

Bundle Calling Feature Package

2

LD 1500 Minutes \*

Issued: January 31, 2023

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Obsolete - available only to existing Customers at existing locations

#### SECTION 6. <u>BUNDLED SERVICE PACKAGES</u> (CONT'D)

## 6.5 <u>Voice Advantage II Bundles (Cont'd)</u>

### 6.52 <u>Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

- 10. The Voice Advantage II Bundles are offered only to residential customers for the customer's personal, residential, non-business and non-professional use. Use of the Voice Advantage II Bundle is prohibited for any profit or nonprofit commercial or governmental activities, including, but not limited to, activities related to home office, business, sales, telecommuting, telemarketing, continuous autodialing, fax broadcast, fax blasting, resale or transfer of the Voice Advantage II Bundle or any other activity that would be inconsistent with the normal residential voice-grade applications and usage patterns. If it is determined that the usage on the Voice Advantage II Bundle is not consistent with residential applications or is otherwise prohibited as specified in this tariff, Consolidated Communications of Kansas Company will contact the customer and arrange a transfer to a business service or terminate service under the residential Voice Advantage II Bundle. Additional restrictions may apply as provided elsewhere in the tariff.
- 11. Voice Advantage II Bundle customers have the option of subscribing to Voice Mail\* and Internet\* products at discounted rates.

#### 6.53 Rates

	Leoti, Tribune, Marienthal,	Americus, Cedar Point,
	Jetmore, Sharon Springs,	Saffordville
	Wallace, Weskan Exchanges	<b>Exchanges</b>
Voice Advantage II Basic	\$19.27 <sup>1</sup> ( <b>I</b> )	\$22.74 <sup>1</sup> ( <b>I</b> )
Voice Advantage II 600	\$19.27 <sup>1</sup> (I)	\$22.74 <sup>1</sup> ( <b>I</b> )
Voice Advantage II Unlimited	\$19.27 <sup>1</sup> (I)	$$22.74^1$ (I)
All IntraLATA and		
InterLATA minutes in excess of minutes included in the		
bundles	\$0.10 per minute*	\$0.10 per minute*
	Voice Advantage II 600 Voice Advantage II Unlimited All IntraLATA and InterLATA minutes in excess of minutes included in the	Wallace, Weskan Exchanges  Voice Advantage II Basic Voice Advantage II 600 Voice Advantage II Unlimited All IntraLATA and InterLATA minutes in excess of minutes included in the

- 5. Subscribers to any of the Voice Advantage II Bundles may upgrade their bundle for an additional \$5.00 per month to include:
  - a. Caller ID
  - b. Call Waiting
  - c. Caller ID on Call Waiting
  - d. Three Way Calling
  - e. Anonymous Call Rejection
  - f. Repeat Dialing Unlimited
  - g. Call Return Unlimited
  - h. Call Forwarding
  - i. Telemarketer Call Screening

Not all features may be available in all areas

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