

Attachment A.⁴ Staff ultimately recommended that the Commission approve Brightspeed's Application as filed with an effective date of September 1, 2025.⁵

II. LEGAL STANDARDS AND DISCUSSION

3. 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.

4. The Commission must review rates and terms for every telecommunications public utility to ensure they are just and reasonable and that the classifications, rules, and regulations regarding services are not unduly discriminatory or preferential.⁶

5. Every public utility doing business in Kansas over which the Commission has control is required 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.⁷

III. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

6. The Commission hereby incorporates by reference the findings contained in Staff's August 20, 2025, R&R.

7. The Commission finds that the tariff revisions contained in Brightspeed's Application are just and reasonable and not unduly discriminatory nor preferential.

⁴ Report and Recommendation, Utilities Division, Docket No. 26-UTDT-046-TAR (Aug. 20, 2025) ("Staff's R&R" or "R&R").

⁵ Staff's R&R, p. 2.

⁶ K.S.A. 66-1,189.

⁷ K.S.A. 66-1,190.

8. The Commission concludes that Brightspeed's Application should be granted as filed in the above-captioned docket.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. Brightspeed Companies of Kansas' Application is granted with an effective date of the tariff revisions of September 1, 2025, as requested by Brightspeed.

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).⁸

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chair; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 08/28/2025



Celeste Chaney-Tucker
Executive Director

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⁸ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

ATTACHMENT A

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION UTILITIES DIVISION

TO: Andrew J. French, Chairperson
Dwight D. Keen, Commissioner
Annie Kuether, Commissioner

FROM: Hemant Bhagat, Senior Telecommunications Analyst
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DATE: August 20, 2025

RE: Docket No. 26-UTDT-046-TAR
In the Matter of the Application of Brightspeed Companies of Kansas General
Exchange Service Tariff.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On August 1, 2025, Brightspeed Companies of Kansas (Brightspeed) filed an application requesting the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission) to approve revisions to its General Exchange Tariff reflecting the addition of the extended calling areas in Kansas City Metropolitan area for customers subscribed to Brightspeed Voice or Brightspeed Business Voice Plan.

The filing includes revisions to Brightspeed's General Exchange Tariff, impacting Section 25:

Section 25 – Original page 74.1 (new page)
Section 25 – 1st Revised page 75
Section 25 – Original page 77.1 (new page)
Section 25 – 1st Revised page 78

Commission action on this matter is required no later than Thursday, August 28, 2025. The Company's proposed effective date is September 1, 2025. Commission Staff recommends approval of the Application.

BACKGROUND:

Brightspeed's revision to its General Exchange Tariff reflects textual language change without change in pricing to include extended calling areas relating to Brightspeed Voice and Brightspeed Business Voice Plan. This revision to extend the calling area for price-cap regulated Brightspeed, is within the bounds of the statutory language in K.S.A. 66-2005(q)(1)(F).

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.

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:

Brightspeed seeks Commission approval to revise its General Exchange Tariff to include a list of extended calling areas in Kansas City Metropolitan area for metro calling customers subscribed to Brightspeed Voice or Brightspeed Business Voice Plan.

The list of extended calling areas includes the following Brightspeed exchanges in Kansas:

- Bucyrus, Edgerton, Gardner, Lancaster, Linwood, Osawatomie, and Spring Hill.

The exchanges mentioned above will have extended calling scope in:

- Kansas City, Bethel, Bonner Springs, Melrose, and Stanley; in Kansas; and
- Kansas City, Belton, Blue Springs, East Independence, Gladstone, Independence, Lee’s Summit, Liberty, Nashua, Parkville, Raytown, South Kansas City, and Tiffnay Springs; in Missouri.

Staff believes Brightspeed’s revisions to the Tariff language to include extended calling areas for Brightspeed Voice and Brightspeed Business Voice plan, without change in pricing, will have no revenue impact to the company or service-related issues to Kansas customers.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve Brightspeed’s revision to the General Exchange Tariff to include the extended calling areas for Brightspeed Voice and Bright Business Voice plans; with an effective date of September 1, 2025, as requested by the company.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

26-UTDT-046-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 08/28/2025.

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