

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

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson
 Dwight D. Keen
 Annie Kuether

In the Matter of the Application of Madison)
Telephone, LLC for Approval of Tariff) Docket No. 25-MDTT-153-TAR
Changes Regarding Directory Distribution.)

ORDER APPROVING REVISED TARIFF

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and determination. Having examined its files and record, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. On September 10, 2024, Madison Telephone, LLC (Madison) filed an Application requesting to make tariff revisions in its General Local Exchange Service Tariff implementing the Commission's August 22, 2024, Order Adopting Joint Staff and RLECs Proposed Replacement for 1967 Directive Regarding Directories in Docket No. 24-GIMT-380-MIS (24-380).

2. 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.

K.S.A. 66-1,190 provides in part that telecommunications public utilities doing business in Kansas shall:

...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...and...the commission shall have 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...

The Commission must review rates and terms for jurisdictional telecommunications services to ensure they are “just and reasonable” pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,189. Further, K.S.A. 66-1,189 requires the Commission to ensure that all classifications, rules and regulations regarding the services are not unduly discriminatory or preferential.

3. On September 16, 2024, the Commission Staff (Staff) submitted its Report and Recommendation, attached hereto and made a part hereof, recommending the Commission grant Madison’s Application and approve the company’s proposed tariff, effective January 1, 2025, as requested by the company.

4. Staff reviewed Madison’s Application in light of the Commission’s August 22, 2024, Order in 24-380 and recommends approval of Madison’s Application.

5. The Commission adopts Staff’s analysis and recommendation of September 16, 2024, as stated in its Report and Recommendation and finds that Madison’s Application should be granted and the company’s revised tariff approved as proposed.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Madison Telephone, LLC’s Application is hereby granted and its revised General Exchange Tariff is hereby approved and shall become effective January 1, 2025.

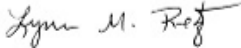
B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).¹

¹ K.S.A. 66-1118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 09/26/2024



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DATE: September 16, 2024

SUBJECT: Docket No. 25-MDTT-153-TAR

In the Matter of the Application of Madison Telephone, LLC for Approval of Tariff Changes Regarding Directory Distribution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On September 10, 2024, Madison Telephone, LLC (Madison) filed an Application with the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission) for revision to its General Exchange Tariff. This revision will implement the Commission's August 22, 2024, Order Adopting Joint Staff and RLECs Proposed Replacement for 1967 Directive Regarding Directories in Docket No. 24-GIMT-380-MIS (24-380). The Tariff page impacted by this revision is Section 1, Original Sheet 7.

Staff recommends approval of this Application. The Commission action date is October 10, 2024.

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.

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:

Madison's revisions to its General Exchange Tariff implement the wording that the Company will make available upon request to any Subscriber a copy of the directory in January of each year. The wording is also added that Subscribers may view a copy of the directory on the Company's website or request a paper copy in person at the Company premises.

Madison has also implemented the change in wording in a sentence from "him" to "the customer" within the same page being revised from the Tariff.

Having reviewed the Application provided by the Company, and applying the Commission's August 22, 2024, Order in Docket No. 24-380 addressing the requested changes, Staff does not oppose the application for revisions to Madison's tariff.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve Madison's revised tariff to implement the wording from the Commission's August 22, 2024, Order in Docket No. 24-GIMT-380-MIS with an effective date of January 1, 2025, as requested by the Company.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of electronic service on 09/26/2024.

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