

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

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

In the Matter of Brightspeed Companies of       )  
Kansas Filing Tariff Revisions to Introduce    )   Docket No. 25-UTDT-549-TAR  
Brightspeed Voice Packages.                        )  
  )

**ORDER APPROVING REVISED TARIFF**

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:

1.       On June 24, 2025, Brightspeed Companies of Kansas (Brightspeed) filed an Application requesting to make tariff revisions to its General Exchange Tariff.

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...

3. 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.

4. On July 3, 2025, Staff submitted its Report and Recommendation (R&R), attached hereto and made a part hereof, recommending the Commission grant Brightspeed’s Application and approve the company’s proposed tariff, effective July 24, 2025, as requested by the company.

5. Based on Brightspeed’s representations in its application, the Company is seeking Commission approval to revise its General Exchange Tariff to introduce Brightspeed Voice and Brightspeed Business Voice which will be optional service packages available to residential and business customers.<sup>1</sup> Staff indicated that these service plans permit residential and business customers who subscribe to qualifying products and services to receive Local Exchange Service and additional features and services for a flat monthly rate.

6. Based on the representations in Brightspeed’s Application and its responses to discovery requests, Staff determined the requested tariff revisions are just and reasonable.

7. The Commission adopts Staff’s R&R as additional findings concludes the recommendations found therein to be just and reasonable.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:**

A. Brightspeed Companies of Kansas’s Application is hereby granted, and its revised tariff is hereby approved and shall become effective July 24, 2025.

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<sup>1</sup>Staff’s R&R at p. 2 (Jul. 3, 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).<sup>2</sup>

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 07/10/2025



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Celeste Chaney-Tucker  
Executive Director

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<sup>2</sup> K.S.A. 66-1118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

Andrew J. French, Chairperson  
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Annie Kuether, Commissioner

Laura Kelly, Governor

## **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION UTILITIES DIVISION**

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

**FROM:** Drennan Dolsky, Telecommunications Analyst  
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**DATE:** July 3, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Docket No. 25-UTDT-549-TAR  
In the Matter of Brightspeed Companies of Kansas Filing Tariff Revisions to Introduce Brightspeed Voice Packages.

### **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. The tariff page impacted by this revision includes the General Exchange Tariff, Section 25, Original Sheet 1. New pages are also being introduced that will be identified as General Exchange Tariff, Section 25, Original Sheets 74-80.

The Commission Staff recommends approval of Brightspeed's tariff revisions to introduce Brightspeed Voice Packages for residential and business customers. The Commission action date on this matter is required no later than **Thursday, July 24, 2025**.

### **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 telecommunications 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's revision to its General Exchange Tariff introduces Brightspeed Voice and Brightspeed Business Voice which will be optional service packages available to residential and business customers.

Brightspeed Voice will offer a flat monthly rate of \$50.00 per customer and a discount of \$10.00 if a customer also subscribes to Brightspeed's High Speed Internet as a new service with Brightspeed Voice. Brightspeed Business Voice will offer a flat monthly rate of \$65.00 for the first package with a rate of \$50.00 per month for additional packages. A subscribing business customer could also receive a discount of \$10.00 if the customer subscribes to Brightspeed's High Speed Internet as a new service with Brightspeed Business Voice.

Enrollment in Brightspeed Voice and Brightspeed Business Voice are optional. These service plans permit residential and business customers who subscribe to qualifying products and services to receive Local Exchange Service and additional features and services for a flat monthly rate.<sup>1</sup>

Staff's review has indicated the revisions to Brightspeed's General Exchange Tariff are just and reasonable and Staff recommends approval.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Commission approve Brightspeed's revisions to its General Exchange Tariff to introduce Brightspeed Voice and Brightspeed Business Voice Packages with an effective date of July 26, 2025, as requested by the company.

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<sup>1</sup> See Application, Page 3, ¶ A and Page 6, ¶ A.

## **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 07/10/2025.

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