

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Mark Sievers, Chairman
Ward Loyd
Thomas E. Wright

In the Matter of Wamego Telecommunications)
Company, Inc. Filing Tariff Revisions)
Changing the Federal Lifeline Credit Per FCC) Docket No. 12-WTCT-698-TAR
Order, Removing the Link-Up Program Per)
FCC Order, and Adding a New Optional)
Customer Service Known as IP Voice Service.)

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS

NOW, 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 March 16, 2012, Wamego Telecommunications Company, Inc. (Wamego) filed an application with the Commission requesting to revise its General Exchange Tariff. The revised tariff changes eligibility requirements for Lifeline Services and eliminates reference to Link-Up. The revised tariff also adds offerings of Voice over Internet Protocol service.

2. Commission Staff filed its report and recommendation on April 2, 2012, attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference. Staff recommended that Wamego's request be approved effective no later than April 15, 2012.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. The Commission adopts the Commission Staff's recommendation of approving Wamego's tariff revisions as stated in its Report and Recommendation.

B. Wamego's tariff revisions are hereby approved.

C. The parties have fifteen (15) days, plus three (3) days if service of this order is by mail, from the date this order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

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

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Sievers, Chmn.; Loyd, Com.; Wright, Com.

Dated: APR 11 2012


ORDER MAILED APR 11 2012

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
UTILITIES DIVISION**

TO: Chairman Mark Sievers
Commissioner Ward Loyd
Commissioner Thomas E. Wright

FROM: Hal Baumhardt

DATE: April 2, 2012

DATE SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: 4/2/12

DATE SUBMITTED TO LEGAL: 4.3.12

DATE SUBMITTED TO COMMISSIONERS: 4-04-12

SUBJECT: 12-WTCT-698-TAR

In the Matter of Wamego Telecommunications Company, Inc. Filing Tariff Revisions Changing the Federal Lifeline Credit Per FCC Order, Removing the Link-Up Program per FCC Order, Adding the New Lifeline Service Program Eligible Program Per FCC Order, and Adding a New Optional Customer Service Known as IP Voice Service.

BACKGROUND:

On March 16, 2012, Tom Maurer, on behalf of Wamego Telecommunications Company, Inc. (Wamego), filed this Application with the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission). With this filing, Wamego is revising the eligibility requirements for its Lifeline Services and eliminating reference to Link-Up to conform to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) February 6, 2012, Lifeline Order (FCC 12-11). The tariff also adds a new residential and/or business service offering called IP Voice service. Staff recommends the Application be approved.

Wamego is a local exchange carrier (LEC) that services three exchanges in Kansas: Paxico, St. George, and Wamego. The Company is headquartered in Wamego, Kansas, and its President is Steve Sackrider.

This filing requires Commission action on or before **April 15, 2012.**

ANALYSIS:

The FCC issued its Lifeline and Link-Up Modernization and Reform Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on February 6, 2012.¹ In the Lifeline Order, the FCC comprehensively reforms the low-income program of the Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) and eliminates the Link-Up support in non-Tribal areas.

This tariff revision revises Wamego's General Exchange Tariff, Section 3, pages 1 through 4, and Section 4 of its General Exchange Tariff to conform with the FCC's February 6, 2012, Lifeline Order. The changes include: the elimination of Link-Up for non-Tribal lands and adds to the list of eligible public assistance programs for Tribal lands; the Food Distribution Program; Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation (FDPIR); Tribally Administered Free School Lunch Program; and Tribally Administered Head Start. The revised tariff indicates that the current federal Lifeline credit is \$10.00, but will be revised to \$9.25 upon FCC implementation of 47 C.F.R. 54.403.

The tariff revision also adds a new optional business and/or residential service called IP Voice Service that allows the customer to access the telecommunications network using Internet protocol technology or what is more commonly called Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP). There are two IP voice feature sets offered: Basic and Advanced. The rate for the Basic IP Voice Service is \$30.00 (standard service connection charges apply) and to acquire the Advance IP voice features will add \$5.00 more per channel.

Staff has no concerns with this filing.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission approve this Application to be effective no later than April 15, 2012, as requested by Wamego.

cc: Patrice Petersen-Klein, Executive Director
Jeff McClanahan, Director of Utilities
Christine Aarnes, Chief of Telecommunications

¹ *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization; Lifeline and Link Up; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training*; WC Docket No. 11-42, WC Docket No. 03-109, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 12-23; Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Rel. Feb. 6, 2012, ("FCC Lifeline Order").

PLEASE FORWARD THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT (S) ISSUED IN THE ABOVE-REFERENCED DOCKET TO THE FOLLOWING:

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The Docket Room hereby certified that on this _____ day of _____, 20_____, it caused a true and correct copy of the attached ORDER to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the above persons.