



May 2, 2017 Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Amy Green Secretary of the Commission Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka, KS 66604-4027

17-UTDT-485-TAR

Dear Ms. Green:

United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink have enclosed for filing revisions to the Local Exchange Tariff. Reference Guide Second Revised Sheet 6 is included.

This filing increases monthly rates for all residential and business flat rate access lines and also certain business PBX Key Trunks. These increases comply with HB 2131 changes to 66-2005(q)(1)(F) effective July 1, 2016 and are within the change permitted by the increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers.

Included as Attachment A, please find the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers in 2016 and 2017. Attachment B is information supporting the business and residential access line rate changes proposed in this filing. The changes are guided by the change in the Consumer Price Index as noted in Attachment A. Attachment C includes a copy of the customer notification.

In compliance with existing rules, we make this filing on thirty days' advance notification, and anticipate a June 1, 2017 effective date. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact John Idoux at (913) 353-7085.

Sincerely,

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cc: John Idoux, Centurylink

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# ATTACHMENT A **CPI** Summary

# United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers

Date	Index
February 2016	237.111*
February 2017	243.603*
ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE	2.74%

\* See <u>CPI Detailed Report Data for February 2017</u>, Table 24 at bottom of page 75. Report available at https://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpid1702.pdf.

# ATTACHMENT B Rate Calculations

# United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink Proposed Rate Calculation

Current B1 Rate	\$28.66
Proposed B1 Rate	\$29.41
Proposed B1 Rate Increase	\$0.75
Proposed B1 Rate Increase	2.62%
FCC Local Rate Floor (released 2/14/17)	\$22.49
Current R1 Rate	\$18.08
Proposed R1 Rate	\$18.83
Proposed R1 Rate Increase	\$0.75

#### United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink

Following is the verbiage contained in CenturyLink's Customer Notice bill messages associated with the pending rate increase for residential and business customers.

#### Residence (All Exchanges)

Effective June 1, 2017, the monthly rate for flat rate one-party residence lines will increase to \$18.83. The following Solutions bundles will each increase by \$1.00 per month: Solutions, Solutions with Voicemail, Home Phone, Simple Home Phone, Solutions I and II, Safe and Sound, Total Solutions, Special Plan Lite, Special Plan Plus, Basic Home Phone II and Basic Home Phone w/ Voicemail. Safe and Sound II, Practical Solution and Metro Bundle and will increase by \$0.75 per month. If you have any questions about these changes or would like to review your account, please contact a Customer Care Representative at 800-943-8809. Thank you for choosing CenturyLink for your communication needs--we value you as our customer.

#### Business (1 of 2)

Exchanges: Abbyville, Alden, Alma, Alta Vista, Altamont, Altoona, Arlington, Baldwin, Baxter Springs, Belle Plaine, Belpre, Benedict, Blue Mound, Buffalo, Buhler, Burlingame, Burlington, Burrton, Circleville, Claflin, Conway, Coyville, Cunningham, Delia, Denison, Durham, Easton, Effingham, Ellinwood, Emmett, Eskridge, Fall River, Fredonia, Galena, Garnett, Greeley, Gridley, Harveyville, Haven, Hesston, Hiawatha, Highland, Hillsboro, Hoisington, Holton, Horton, Hoyt, Hudson, Inman, Kincaid, LaFontaine, Lancaster, Lane, Langdon, Lebo, Lehigh, Leroy, Linwood, Lyndon, Macksville, Mapleton, Mayetta, McLouth, Melvern, Meriden, Michigan Valley, Moran, Morrill, Mound City, Mound Valley, Murdock, Neosho Falls, Nortonville, Osage City, Osawatomie, Oskaloosa, Oswego, Overbrook, Oxford, Ozawkie, Parker, Partridge, Perry, Piqua, Pomona, Powhattan, Preston, Pretty Prairie, Princeton, Quenemo, Quincy, Richmond, Riverton, Saint John, Saint Marys, Scammon, Sterling, Sylvia, Thayer, Toronto, Troy, Valley Falls, Walton, Wathena, Waverly, Westphalia, White Cloud, Winchester, Windom

Effective June 1, 2017, the monthly rate for flat rate one-party business lines will increase to \$29.41 and key trunks will increase to \$34.00. Monthly rate increases for Complete Business Bundle, Complete Business Bundle Additional Line, Business Bundle and Complete Business Bundle 2 will range from \$0.31 to \$2.00 per bundle per month. If you have any questions about these changes or would like to review your account, please contact a Customer Care Representative at the telephone number printed on this bill. Thank you for choosing CenturyLink for your communication needs--we value you as our customer.

#### Business (2 of 2)

Exchanges: Bucyrus, Centropolis, Edgerton, Fontana, Gardner, Junction City, Rossville, Silver Lake, Spring Hill, Wellsville

Effective June 1, 2017, the monthly rate for flat rate one-party business lines will increase to \$29.41. Monthly rate increases for Complete Business Bundle, Complete Business Bundle Additional Line, Business Bundle and Complete Business Bundle 2 will range from \$0.31 to \$2.00 per bundle per month. If you have any questions about these changes or would like to review your account, please contact a Customer Care Representative at the telephone number printed on this bill. Thank you for choosing CenturyLink for your communication needs--we value you as our customer.

# 2. ACCESS LINE RATES

Following are the monthly access line rates associated with each class of service: Residence Access Line, Residence Key Trunk, Business Access Line, Business Key Trunk, PBX Trunk and Pay Telephone Service. All access line rates include Touch-Tone as part of the monthly rate.

Monthly Rates	Rate <u>Group 1-3</u>	Rate <u>Group 4</u>	
Residence Access Line	\$18.83	\$18.83	(I)
Residence Key Trunk	33.25	37.25	
Business Access Line	29.41	29.41	(I)
Business Key Trunk	<b>34.00</b> (I)	37.25	
PBX Trunk	41.50	46.50	
Pay Telephone Service	25.66	25.66	