

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

interstate, and shall furnish the commission copies of all rules and regulations and contracts between such telecommunications public utilities pertaining to any and all jurisdictional services to be rendered by such telecommunications public utilities.

The statute further provides that 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. The Commission's authority to review Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) tariffs derives from K.S.A. 66-117(d), which states in part:

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. 66-2005(g), with regard to LECs that elected to have their rates regulated pursuant to price caps under K.S.A. 66-2005(b), the Commission must review proposed rates for services to ensure that when compared to the basket in which those services belong, the rates are collectively at or below the basket's price cap based on the formula approved by the Commission. The proposed rates are subject to a price floor under K.S.A. 66-2005(k) and must also be "just and reasonable" pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,189.¹

3. On April 6, 2015, Staff filed its Report and Recommendation dated April 2, 2014. According to Staff, Privacy ID service provided subscribers with the ability to identify unavailable, unknown, blocked, and private numbers and block the calls. The company asserts that these services are technologically obsolete and CenturyLink has no current subscribers. Consequently, the proposed deletion of this service will not affect revenue or have an impact on the price cap basket. Staff further explains that the Core Solution Plus bundle was previously

¹ Report and Recommendation, pages 1 and 2.

grandfathered to existing customers on July 15, 2011. The subject bundle included an access line, various custom calling features, and Privacy ID. This bundle also has no current customers. Concluding, Staff states that it has no concerns regarding CenturyLink's filing and recommends Commission approval of the requested tariff revisions, with the same to become effective May 1, 2015, as requested by the company.²

4. The Commission adopts Staff's analysis and recommendation of April 2, 2015, as stated in its Report and Recommendation, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, and finds that CenturyLink's Application is reasonable, in the public interest, and should be granted and the requested tariff revisions approved, with the same to become effective May 1, 2015.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink's Application is hereby granted and the proposed tariff revisions are hereby approved and shall become effective May 1, 2015.

B. 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. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 77-529.

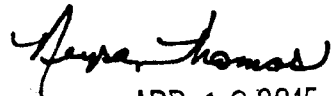
C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink and the subject matter of this docket for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it deems necessary.

² Report and Recommendation, page 2.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: APR 09 2015


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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION UTILITIES DIVISION

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Pat Apple, Commissioner

FROM: Kelly Mabon, Telecommunications Analyst
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Jeff McClanahan, Director of Utilities

DATE: April 2, 2015

RE: Docket No. 15-UTDT-437-TAR
In the Matter of United Telephone Companies of Kansas Filing Tariff
Revisions to Delete Privacy ID and The Grandfather Core Solution Plus

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On March 27, 2015, United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink) filed a request to make tariff revisions to delete Privacy ID and Core Solution Plus. Staff recommends Commission approval of this Application.

The Commission action date is **Sunday, April 26, 2015.**

ANALYSIS:

The Kansas Corporation 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.

In addition, K.S.A. 66-1,190 requires every public utility doing business in Kansas 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.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2005(g), and in regards to local exchange carriers that elected to have their rates regulated pursuant to price caps under K.S.A. 66-2005(b), the Commission must review proposed rates for services to ensure that when compared to the basket in which those services belong, the rates are collectively at or below the basket's price cap based on the formula approved by the Commission. The proposed rates are subject to a price floor under K.S.A. 66-2005(k). The rates must also be 'just and reasonable" pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,189.

Staff's Analysis:

Privacy ID service provided subscribers with the ability to identify unavailable, unknown, blocked, and private numbers and block the calls. CenturyLink asserts that these services are technologically obsolete and have no current subscribers, therefore, the proposed deletion will not affect revenue or have an impact on the price cap basket.

The Core Solution Plus bundle was previously grandfathered to existing customers on July 15, 2011. The bundle included an access line, various custom calling features, and Privacy ID. This bundle also has no current subscribers.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff has no concerns with this filing. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117 and K.S.A. 66-1,190, Staff recommends the Commission approve this tariff revision to be effective May 1, 2015, as requested by CenturyLink.

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

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ORDER MAILED **APR 10 2015**

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.