## 2. LOCAL SERVICES

## 2.1 Local Exchange Telephone Service -Basic Service Rates

These monthly rates apply to all subscribers of the Company. This rate covers the provision of network access to a local customer location, and entitles the customer to local calls (without toll charge) to all local stations connected to a central office of the exchange, or to all local extended local service area where comprised of more than one exchange.

The following rates apply to all customers for basic local exchange service within the Columbus exchange:

Business Access Line \$20.75
Residence Access Line \$18.65

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## 2.1.1 Kansas Universal Service Fund

Beginning March 1, 1997, the Company will assess a fee for funding of the Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF), including Kansas Lifeline Service Program (KLSP), and the Kansas Telecommunications Access Program (TAP). These funds were enacted by the Kansas Legislature in 1996, and authorized by the Kansas Corporation Commission on December 27, 1996 in Docket No. 190, 492-U. The amount of the fee may vary as determined by the Fund Administrator.

# 2.1.2 <u>Lifeline Service</u>

The Lifeline Service (Lifeline) program, sponsored by the FCC, is a program designed to maintain and reserve universal service by providing a reduction in the price of basic residential local exchange service to qualifying low-income customers.

#### a. General

- Lifeline is a federally funded reduction of the subscriber line charge (SLC) and a reduction of local service charges. Eligible applicants will receive a reduction of \$9.25 on their local telephone bill.
  - (a) Lifeline customers will also receive additional Lifeline Service reductions in intrastate local service of \$7.77.
- Local service for Lifeline customers may not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges.
  - (a) Toll Restriction Service will be provided to Lifeline customers at no charge.

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