

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

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

In the Matter of the Application of Southern)
Kansas Telephone Filing Tariff Revisions to No)
Longer Provide a Printed Telephone Directory) Docket No. 25-SNKT-249-TAR
and Remove Services Which No Longer)
Provided.)

SUSPENSION ORDER: August 18, 2025

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“Commission”). For consideration and determination. Having examined its files and records, the Commission finds and concludes:

I. Background

1. On December 20, 2024, Southern Kansas Telephone filed with the Commission an Application for revisions to its Local Exchange Tariff, pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2007(b) for Commission approval.¹

II. Suspension Order

2. K.S.A. 66-117(c) states in part:

The commission shall not delay the effective date of the proposed change in rate, joint rate, toll, charge or classification or schedule of charges, or in any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service or rates of any such public utility or common carrier, more than 240 days beyond the date the public utility or common carrier filed its application requesting the proposed change. If the commission does not suspend the proposed schedule within 30 days of the date the same is filed by the public utility or common carrier, such proposed schedule shall be deemed approved by the commission and shall take effect on the proposed effective date.

¹ Southern Kansas Telephone, Application (Dec. 20, 2024).

3. A full investigation of the Application, which may result in a hearing, is deemed necessary and proper. Absent suspension, the Commission and its Staff are without sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether approval of the Application is proper.

4. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of the effectiveness of the Application and deferral of its effective date are required to allow sufficient time for full investigation of this matter. The effectiveness of the Application is hereby suspended for a period of 240 days from the date it was filed, December 20, 2024, until Monday, August 18, 2025, pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c).² A Commission decision may be issued before such date.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c), the Application in the above-captioned docket shall be suspended, and the effective date deferred, until August 18, 2025, pending further action by the Commission.


B. Electronic service shall be utilized for serving pleadings/motions and orders.

C. 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).³

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner.

Dated: 12/31/2024



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

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² The 240-day time period ends Sunday, Aug. 17, 2025. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-503(c), the deadline is extended until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday, which is Monday, Aug. 18, 2025.

³ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

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 12/31/2024.

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