

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

Before Commissioners: Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair
 Jay Scott Emler
 Pat Apple

In the Matter of United Telephone)
Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink)
Filing Tariff Revisions to Increase Rates for)
Non-Listed and Non-Published Directory) Docket No. 15-UTDT-525-TAR
Listings Services, Late Payment, Directory)
Assistance and Convenience Fee.)

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISION

NOW, the above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having examined its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. On May 1, 2015, United Telephone Companies of Kansas, d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink) filed an Application requesting Commission approval to increase rates for its Non-Listed and Non-Published Directory Listings Services, Late Payment, Directory Assistance and Convenience Fee.

2. On May 13, 2015, Commission Staff (Staff), having reviewed CenturyLink's filing, submitted a Report and Recommendation (R&R) recommending approval of the Application as filed.

3. On May 21, 2015, the Commission issued an Order approving the Application as filed.

4. On May 15, 2015, CenturyLink had filed an amendment to its Application, seeking to withdraw the proposed increase for its Convenience Fee. However, Staff was not aware of this amendment, and therefore, the amendment was not incorporated into the Order.

5. K.S.A. 66-117(d) states that “[e]xcept 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.”

6. K.S.A. 66-1,190 requires that telecommunications public utilities doing business in Kansas shall:

... 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, and...[t]he commission shall have 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.

7. K.S.A. 66-1,189 requires the Commission to review rates and terms for jurisdictional telecommunications services to ensure they are *just and reasonable* and ensure that all classifications, rules, and regulations regarding the services provided are not unduly discriminatory or preferential.

8. On June 25, 2015, Staff submitted an R&R regarding CenturyLink’s desire to withdraw its request to increase its Convenience Fee, attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

9. Staff found that CenturyLink’s pertinent revision to its General Exchange Tariff corrects the Convenience Fee Charge from \$5.00 to \$4.00. Because the proposed Convenience Fee rate increase is simply being withdrawn, the projected yearly revenue impact is zero. Staff’s analysis also finds the tariff rate remains above the cost of providing service and is just and reasonable.

10. The Commission adopts Staff's analysis and recommendation of June 25, 2015, as stated in its R&R, and finds that CenturyLink's request is in the public interest and the proposed tariff revision should be approved, with the same to become effective July 2, 2015.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. United Telephone Companies of Kansas, d/b/a CenturyLink's request to withdraw its request to increase its Convenience Fee from \$4.00 to \$5.00, filed in this matter on May 15, 2015, is hereby granted and the proposed tariff revision to its General Exchange Tariff is hereby approved and shall become effective July 2, 2015.

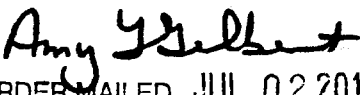
B. The parties have fifteen (15) days, plus three (3) days if service of this Order is by mail, from the date this Order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 77-529.

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over CenturyLink and the subject matter of this docket for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it deems necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: JUL 02 2015


ORDER MAILED JUL 02 2015
Amy L. Gilbert
Secretary

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
UTILITIES DIVISION**

TO: Chair Shari Feist Albrecht
Commissioner Jay Scott Emler
Commissioner Pat Apple

FROM: Paula Artzer, Senior Telecommunications Analyst
Christine Aarnes, Chief of Telecommunications
Jeff McClanahan, Director of Utilities

DATE: June 25, 2015

SUBJECT: Docket No. 15-UTDT-525-TAR
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CenturyLink Filing Tariff Revisions to Increases Rates for Non-Listed and
Non-Published Directory Listings Services, Late Payment, Directory
Assistance and Convenience Fee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff recommends the Commission issue an Order approving the request by United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink) to withdraw its request to increase its Convenience Fee from \$4 to \$5.

BACKGROUND:

On May 1, 2015, CenturyLink filed an Application to increase the rates for its Non-Listed and Non-Published Directory Listings Services, Late Payment, Directory Assistance and Convenience Fee.

KCC Utilities Staff reviewed the filing and submitted a Report and Recommendation to the Commission on May 13, 2015, recommending approval of the Application as filed. On May 21, 2015, the Commission issued an Order approving the Application as filed.

On May 15, 2015, an amendment was filed by CenturyLink to withdraw the proposed increase for its Convenience Fee. However, Staff was not aware of the amendment; therefore, the amendment was not incorporated into the Order.

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.

Moreover, K.S.A. 66-1,190 requires every telecommunications 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. The rates must also be "just and reasonable" pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,189.

Staff has examined CenturyLink's May 15, 2015, filing. CenturyLink's pertinent revision to its General Exchange Tariff includes the following change:

- 4th Revised Sheet 15 in Section 9.21, under the Payments heading corrects the Convenience Fee Charge from \$5.00 to \$4.00.

This rate adjustment represents a projected yearly revenue impact of zero as the proposed Convenience Fee rate increase is simply being withdrawn. Staff's analysis also finds that the tariff rate remains above the cost of providing the service and is just and reasonable.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff has no concerns with this filing and finds it complies with K.S.A. 66-117, K.S.A. 66-1,189 and K.S.A. 66-1,190. Staff recommends the Commission approve this tariff revision to be effective as soon as possible.

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

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ORDER MAILED JUL 02 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.