

September 26, 2019

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

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Dear Ms. Green:

United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink has enclosed for filing revisions to its General Exchange Tariff. The following revisions are included in this filing:

Section 13 First Revised Sheet 36.2

This filing revises Federal Lifeline terms and conditions regarding the manner in which applicants may request Lifeline assistance. These changes are filed in support of the launch of the National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier (NLEV), also known as National Verifier. The FCC established the NLEV in April 2016, to be rolled out in phases. As of October 23, 2019, the NLEV will be utilized to make eligibility determinations and perform other functions necessary to enroll eligible subscribers into the Lifeline Program.

In compliance with existing rules, we make this filing on thirty days advance notification, and anticipate an October 26, 2019 effective date.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, you may contact me at (913) 353-7070.

Sincerely,

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## MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

- 17. LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (Continued)
  - A. Federal Lifeline Program (Continued)
    - 3. Terms and Conditions
      - a. Effective October 23, 2019, an applicant may request Lifeline assistance directly through the on-line consumer portal of the National Lifeline Verifier. Applicants may also mail a completed paper application, Household Worksheet, and proof of eligibility to the Lifeline Support Center. Applicants may contact the Company to request that paper copies of the application and Household Worksheet be mailed to them or may obtain the required forms from the following website: https://www.lifelinesupport.org/ls/nv/default.aspx.
      - b. The Federal Lifeline Program credit may be applied to any qualifying residential Local Exchange Service provided by the Company (including Packaged Services).
      - c. Customers are limited to one credit per household, which may be applied towards a qualifying wireline service, broadband service or a bundled voice and data service package. Customers are not eligible to receive a credit from the Company if they receive a Federal Lifeline Program credit for a service provided by another Eligible Telecommunications Carrier or Lifeline Broadband Provider.
      - d. The Federal Lifeline Program credit will be pro-rated on the basis of a 30-day month from the effective date of the customer's application.
      - e. Applicants must provide proof of eligibility and be deemed eligible for participation before monthly credits begin. Credits will only be issued on a go-forward basis.
      - f. Nonrecurring charges will not apply when establishing this program on existing service.
      - e. Partial payments made by Lifeline customers will be applied first towards local service charges.