

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

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

In the Matter of the Application of United)
Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a) Docket No. 15-UTDT-440-TAR
CenturyLink Filing Tariff Revisions to)
Clarify the Conditions of Call Line)
Identifier.

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS

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 record, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. On March 27, 2015, United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink) filed an Application requesting Commission approval of proposed tariff revisions to its General Exchange Tariff clarifying the conditions of Call Line Identifier. Supplementing its Application, CenturyLink included a copy of its revised tariff.

2. The Commission's jurisdiction and standard of review in this matter derive from K.S.A. 66-117(d) and K.S.A. 66-1,190, the pertinent provisions of which are presented in detail in the Commission Staff's Report and Recommendation attached to this Order, and the same are adopted herein by reference.

3. On April 8, 2015, the Commission Staff (Staff) filed its Report and Recommendation dated April 6, 2015, stating that CenturyLink's tariff revision includes the following:

- Section 13, First Revised Sheet 43, cancelling Original Sheet 43 – Call Line Identifier

According to Staff, the tariff revisions include new text in item 9 providing that Call Line Identifier will be provided without charge for up to three administrative lines associated with law enforcement and public safety organizations. Other changes include a reduction in the initial price for the nonrecurring charge per line for the 30-Day Period to \$46 from \$50; a price increase for the 12-Month Period to \$108 from \$55; and a renewal price increase for only the 12-Month Period to \$41 from \$20. CenturyLink states that there are no customers currently subscribed to Call Line Identifier, therefore, these rate changes do not impact customers and have no immediate revenue impact. Staff explains that Call Line Identifier is used to attempt to trace and identify, at the request of the customer, the source or origin of obscene, harassing, and/or other nuisance type telephone calls. The service is intended to cover situations where subscribers require extended trace for a specified length of time on a per line basis, which differs from Call Trace, which is activated on a per call basis. Concluding, Staff states that it has no concerns regarding CenturyLink's request and recommends the Commission grant the company's Application and approve the requested tariff revisions, with the same to become effective April 17, 2015. Report and Recommendation, page 2.

4. The Commission adopts Staff's analysis and recommendation of April 6, 2015, as stated in its Report and Recommendation, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, and finds that CenturyLink's request is reasonable, in the public interest, and should be granted and the requested tariff revisions approved.

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 requested tariff revisions are hereby approved and shall become effective April 17, 2015.

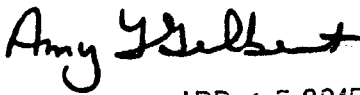
B. The parties have fifteen (15) days, plus three (3) days if service of this Order is by mail, from the date this Order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 77-529.

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: APR 14 2015


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Commissioner Jay Scott Emler
Commissioner Pat Apple

FROM: Hal Baumhardt, Senior Telecommunications Analyst
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DATE: April 6, 2015

SUBJECT: Docket No. 15-UTDT-440-TAR
In the Matter of United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a
CenturyLink Filing Tariff Revisions to Clarify the Conditions of Call Line
Identifier

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink) filed an Application for approval of tariff revisions to clarify the conditions of Call Line Identifier. Staff recommends approval of this filing.

BACKGROUND:

On March 27, 2015, Robin Crichton, on behalf of CenturyLink, filed this Application with the Kansas Corporation Commission. The tariff revision clarifies the conditions of Call Line Identifier and revises the non-recurring charges associated with the service.

CenturyLink is the second largest Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) in Kansas. CenturyLink operates three separate service areas in Kansas: Eastern; Southeast; and United. CenturyLink is headquartered in Monroe, Louisiana, and its President is Kenny Wyatt.

This filing requires Commission action on or before **April 17, 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.

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.

Staff has examined this filing. CenturyLink's pertinent revision to its General Exchange Tariff Section 13 includes the following change:

- 1st Revised Sheet 43 – Call Line Identifier

The tariff revisions include new text as item nine (9)¹: a reduction in the initial price for the nonrecurring charge per line for the 30-Day Period to \$46 from \$50; a price increase for the 12-Month Period to \$108 from \$55; and a renewal price increase for only the 12-Month Period to \$41 from \$20. Moreover, CenturyLink states that there are no customers currently subscribed to Call Line Identifier, therefore, these rate changes do not impact customers and have no immediate revenue impact.

Call Line Identifier is used to attempt to trace and identify, at the request of the customer, the source or origin of obscene, harassing, and/or other nuisance type of telephone calls. The service is intended for situations where subscribers require extended trace for a specified length of time on a per line basis. This service differs from Call Trace, which is activated on a per call basis.

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 April 17, 2015.

¹ Call Line Identifier will be provided without charge for up to three administrative lines associated with law enforcement and public safety organizations.

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

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ORDER MAILED APR 15 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.