

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

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

In the Matter of United Telephone Companies)
of Kansas Filing Tariff Revisions Sheet 8,)
Sheet 10 and Sheet 17 for the Purpose of) Docket No. 18-UTDT-054-TAR
Standardization and Clarification.)

ORDER APPROVING REVISED TARIFF

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

1. On July 31, 2017, United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink) filed an Application requesting to make tariff revisions in its General Exchange Tariff.

2. On August 11, 2017, the Commission Staff (Staff) submitted its Report and Recommendation, attached hereto and made a part hereof, recommending the Commission grant CenturyLink's Application and approve the company's proposed tariff, effective August 30, 2017. The Commission derives its authority to review Local Exchange Carrier tariffs from K.S.A. 66-117(d), which reads 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.

K.S.A. 66-1,190 provides in part 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...the commission shall have 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...

The Commission must review rates and terms for jurisdictional telecommunications services to ensure they are “just and reasonable” pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,189. Further, K.S.A. 66-1,189 requires the KCC to ensure that all classifications, rules, and regulations regarding the services are not unduly discriminatory or preferential.

3. According to Staff, CenturyLink’s filing revises language in the Explanation of Terms Section of the Company’s General Exchange tariff for the purpose of standardization and clarification. Specifically, the revision adds the term, a.k.a. One-Party Line, to the definition of Individual Line Service.

4. Staff states that these changes will have no adverse effect on customers, and thus recommends that the Commission approve this application.

5. The Commission adopts Staff’s analysis and recommendation of August 11, 2017, as stated in its Report and Recommendation and finds that CenturyLink’s Application 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 its revised General Exchange Tariff is hereby approved and shall become effective August 30, 2017.

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. 2015 Supp. 77-529.

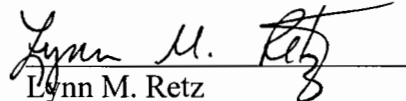
C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink and the subject matter of this docket for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it deems necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Apple, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

AUG 24 2017

Dated: _____


Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

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AUG 25 2017

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
UTILITIES DIVISION**

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

FROM: Kelly Mabon, Telecommunications Analyst
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DATE: August 11, 2017

SUBJECT: Docket No. 18-UTDT-054-TAR
In the Matter of the United Telephone Companies of Kansas Filing Tariff
Revisions Sheet 8, Sheet 10 and Sheet 17 for the Purpose of Standardization and
Clarification.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On July 31, 2017, United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink) filed a request to make tariff revisions in its General Exchange Tariff. Staff recommends Commission approval of this Application.

The Commission action date is **Wednesday, August 30, 2017.**

BACKGROUND:

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.

In addition, K.S.A. 66-1,190 requires every 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.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2005(g), and in regards to local exchange carriers that elected to have their rates regulated pursuant to price caps under K.S.A. 66-2005(b), the Commission must review proposed rates for services to ensure that when compared to the basket in which those services belong, the rates are collectively at or below the basket's price cap based on the formula approved by the Commission. The proposed rates are subject to a price floor under K.S.A. 66-2005(k). The rates must also be "just and reasonable" pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,189.

ANALYSIS:

This filing revises language in the Explanation of Terms Section of the Company's General Exchange tariff for the purpose of standardization and clarification.

Specifically, the revision adds the term, a.k.a One-Party Line, to the definition of Individual Line Service.

Staff recommends approval of these changes as they will have no adverse effect on customers.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve this Application to be effective on August 30, 2017, as requested by the Company.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of first class mail/hand delivered on **AUG 24 2017**.

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