

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Brian J. Moline, Chair
 Robert E. Krehbiel
 Michael C. Moffet

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc.)
(RuralTel) and Gorham Telephone)
Company, Inc. (Gorham) for Permission of)
RuralTel to Cease Operating as a Telephone)
Public Utility in Two Kansas Exchanges it is)
Acquiring from United and to Grant Gorham)
a Certificate of Public Convenience for the)
Same Two Exchanges, and for Authority to)
Transfer Property, Plant and Equipment of)
RuralTel Located in the Two Exchanges to)
Gorham and Complete all Matters Incident)
to the Transfer.)

Docket No. 06-GRHT-1095-COC
Telecom-LEC

ORDER

NOW, the above-captioned matter comes for consideration and determination before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having reviewed its files and being fully advised of all matters of record, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. On August 25, 2006, Telecom Support Services (TSS), on behalf of Gorham Telephone Company, Inc. (GRHT) filed this application. With this filing GRHT is complying with the Commission's Order in Docket No. 06-GRHT-1095-COC, granted August 9, 2006. Part of the Order and Certificate is a Stipulation and Agreement (S&A) entered into between Gorham Telephone Company, Inc. (Gorham), the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) and the Commission staff (Staff) of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas that requires Gorham to file revisions to its General Exchange Tariff.

2. On September 18, 2006, Staff submitted a memorandum recommending the Commission grant the revisions to update Gorham's General Exchange Tariff, with an effective date of October 1, 2006.

3. Staff has reviewed the filing. Gorham's pertinent revisions in its revised General Exchange Tariff include the following changes:

- a. 3rd Revised Sheet 4 for General Exchange Tariff, Index – change in text associated with Section 3.
- b. Original Revised Sheet 5 for General Exchange Tariff, Index – additional change in text.
- c. 1st Sheet 1 for General Exchange Tariff, Section 1 – added new United exchanges Luray and Paradise.
- d. 11th Revised Sheet 1 for General Exchange Tariff, Section 2 – added United's monthly rates for local services and Lifeline Service Credits.
- e. 1st Revised Sheet 1 for General Exchange Tariff, Section 3 – moved text from Sheet 2, and custom calling services from Sheet 4.
- f. 2nd Revised Sheet 2 for General Exchange Tariff, Section 3 – moved text from Sheet 4, and change in text associated with custom calling.
- g. 2nd Revised Sheet 3 for General Exchange Tariff, Section 3 – restructured custom calling offering and rates to reflect rates offered by United.
- h. 3rd Revised Sheet 4 for General Exchange Tariff, Section 3 – added new advanced calling services (ACS).
- i. 2nd Revised Sheet 5 for General Exchange Tariff, Section 3 – added four new advanced calling services.

- j. 2nd Revised Sheet 6 for General Exchange Tariff, Section 3 – integrated monthly rates for the new ACS features.
- k. 2nd Revised Sheet 7 for General Exchange Tariff, Section 3 – added new discounted service bundles for vertical services.
- l. 2nd Revised Sheet 8 for General Exchange Tariff, Section 3 – change in text for 900 service access restriction.
- m. 2nd Revised Sheet 9 for General Exchange Tariff, Section 3 – change in text for emergency 911 services.
- n. Sheets 10 – 13 have been deleted.

4. Paragraph nine of the S&A defines the requirements in how Gorham’s tariff will apply so that customers are not impacted in a negative way. In Staff’s review of these S&A conditions Staff finds that Gorham has sustained the Local Service rates once charged by United and append those as separate rate groups to Gorham Service Tariff. In addition, Gorham has maintained its own General Tariff rates for all other services such as call waiting, three-way calling and all other charges applicable to installation.

5. United offers discounted service bundles to its customers and maintains the local service features contained within these bundles. At the same time, Gorham’s revised tariff contains five additional bundles comprising of comparable features for the expanded customer base to choose from at or below original bundle offerings. Staff found that Gorham did not increase its rates for its existing customer base, as a result of the acquisition of the two exchanges Luray and Paradise.

6. The Commission finds and concludes that Gorham’s application to revise its General Exchange Tariff as agreed upon between the parties in the S&A to service Gorham’s

existing and expanded customer base should be approved with an effective date of October 1, 2006, as requested by the applicant.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. The application of Gorham Telephone Company, Inc. to revise its General Exchange Tariff is hereby approved with an effective date of October 1, 2006.

B. The parties have fifteen days, plus three 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. 66-118; K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Moline, Chr.; Krehbiel, Com; Moffet, Com.

Dated: SEP 21 2006

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 Executive
Director

Susan K. Duffy
Executive Director

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