

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

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson  
Dwight D. Keen  
Annie Kuether

In the Matter of Blue Valley Tele- )  
Communication Filing Tariff in Revisions in ) Docket No. 25-BLVT-274-TAR  
Section 2, 4 Sheet 14 and Section 2, 8 Sheet )  
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**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS**

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, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. On January 13, 2025, Blue Valley Tele-Communication (Blue Valley) filed a request to revise its General Exchange Tariff's bundled services rates to reflect a local rate change and pricing changes to non-regulated services. Blue Valley's revised bundled services:

a. Business Group 1 rates will increase by \$.25 cent per month for Bundle A (phone and internet) and \$8.95 for Bundles B and C (phone, internet and TV bundles);

b. Business Group 2 rates will increase by \$.50 cent per month for Bundle A (phone and internet) and \$8.20 for Bundles B and C (phone, internet and TV bundles) and resident.

c. Residential Groups 1 and 2 rates will increase by \$.25 cent per month for Bundle A (phone and internet) and \$8.95 for Bundles B and C (phone, internet and TV bundles);

Blue Valley has filed an updated tariff sheet, Section 2, 4th Revised Sheet 14, and Section 2, 8<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet 15 and requested an effective date of March 1, 2025. Staff found the rate changes are partially the result of the \$.25 cent increase approved by the Commission in Docket No. 25-GIMT-141-GIT.

2. 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...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 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.

3. The Commission maintains authority to require telecommunications public utilities to maintain rates that are not unjust or unreasonably discriminatory.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, the Commission conducts its investigation regarding the reasonableness of Blue Valley's request to modify its general exchange tariff language increasing its bundled services rates.

4. The Commission Staff (Staff) issued a Report and Recommendation, dated January 21, 2025, advising the Commission to grant the general exchange tariff revisions proposed by Blue Valley. The Staff noted the tariff revisions would not have a material impact on annual regulated revenue and were consistent with the Commission's decision in Docket No. 04-GIMT-1080-GIT regarding the threshold for not conducting a formal audit, however, still reserves the right to request an audit.

5. The Commission adopts Staff's analysis and recommendations of January 21, 2025, as stated in the Report and Recommendation, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by

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<sup>1</sup> K.S.A. 66-1,189.

reference and finds that Blue Valley's request should be granted. In conjunction with the request, the Commission finds that the effective date shall be March 1, 2025. The Commission concludes the company's proposed revised general exchange tariff is just and reasonable.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:**

A. Blue Valley Tele-Communication's request, filed in this matter on January 13, 2025, is hereby granted with the effective tariff date occurring on March 1, 2025.

B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).<sup>2</sup>

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.**

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 01/30/2025



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Lynn M. Retz  
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<sup>2</sup> K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
UTILITIES DIVISION**

**TO:** Andrew J. French, Chairperson  
Dwight D. Keen, Commissioner  
Annie Kuether, Commissioner

**FROM:** Jorge Soto-Gomez, Telecommunications Analyst  
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**DATE:** January 21, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Docket No. 25-BLVT-274-TAR  
In the Matter of Blue Valley Tele-Communication Filing Tariff in  
Revisions in Section 2, 4 Sheet 14 and Section 2, 8 Sheet 15.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On January 13, 2025, Blue Valley Tele-Communications, Inc (Blue Valley) filed an Application with the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission) for revision to its General Exchange Tariff relating to bundle service rates. Commission Staff (Staff) recommends approval of this Application.

The Commission action date is **Tuesday February 11, 2025.**

**BACKGROUND:**

The 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.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,189, the Commission must review rates and terms for every telecommunications public utility to ensure they are “just and reasonable” and the classifications, rules, and regulations regarding the services are not unduly discriminatory or preferential.

Additionally, K.S.A. 66-1,190 requires every public utility doing business in Kansas over which the Commission has control 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.

Commission Staff reserves the right to request an audit consistent with Docket No. 04-GIMT-1080-GIT.

### **ANALYSIS:**

Blue Valley’s revisions in its General Exchange Tariff are to its Business and Residential Discount Bundles where its prices are reflective of the consumer’s choice of services. All bundles include an access line with various custom calling features and non-regulated services such as internet, television and long-distance minutes. The following changes in rates are a result of the upcoming local service rates taking effect March 1, 2025<sup>1</sup>:

Bundle C, “Sky’s The Limit” upgraded its Broadband download & upload capacity from 100M/100M to 250M/250M.

### **Business Bundles**

Rates for Group 1:

- Increased by \$0.25 for Bundle A, “Blue Streak” (phone and internet bundle) to \$80.20 per month.
- Increased by \$8.95 for both Bundle B, “Blue Sky” and Bundle C, “Sky’s The Limit” (phone, internet, and television bundles) to \$130.85 and \$182.85 per month respectively.

Rates for Group 2:

- Blue Streak (phone and internet bundle) reduced by \$0.50 to \$85.45 per month.
- Increased by \$8.20 for both Blue Sky and Sky’s The Limit (phone, internet, and television bundles) to \$136.10 and \$188.10 per month respectively.

### **Residential Bundles**

Residential rates for Group 1 and Group 2 are equivalent:

- Increased evenly by \$0.25 for Blue Streak (phone and internet bundle) to \$77.20 per month.
- Increased evenly by \$8.95 for both Blue Sky and Sky’s The Limit (phone, internet, and television bundles) to \$179.85 per month respectively.

Staff’s review determines that these rate changes are partially an end-result of the 25-cent increase in business and residential access line rates approved by the Commission in Docket No. 25-GIMT-

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<sup>1</sup> Order Adopting KUSF Year 29 Assessment Rate and Affordable Rates, Docket No. 25-GIMT-141-GIT, Jan. 16, 2025.

141-GIT (Docket 25-141). Staff's review in Docket 25-141 included an analysis of the revenue changes as a result of the access line rate changes. The Staff noted the tariff revisions would not have a material impact on annual regulated revenue and were consistent with the Commission's decision in Docket No. 04-GIMT-1080-GIT regarding the threshold for not conducting a formal audit. The Application indicates the price changes besides those approved for the access lines are for non-regulated services included in the bundle packages. Staff believes the rate changes in this filing are just and reasonable and consistent with the access line changes approved in Docket 25-141.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Commission accept the newly revised tariff sheets of Section 2, 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet 14 and the successive 8<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet 15 with an effective date of March 1, 2025, as requested by the Company.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of electronic service on 01/30/2025.

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