

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

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

In the Matter of Home Telephone Company Filing)
Tariff Revisions Removing Services No Longer)
Provided.) Docket No. 25-HOMT-372-TAR

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 records, the Commission finds and concludes:

1. On April 10, 2025, Home Telephone Company (“Home Telephone” or “the Company”) filed an application requesting permission to remove the Residential Discount Bundle, specifically the “100 Mb Basic Internet Bundle (“Bundle”) that is no longer offered to the customers (“Application”). On April 30, 2025, upon Commission Staff’s request, Home Telephone filed an amendment correcting the initial filing to grandfather-in the Bundle.

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 shall furnish the commission copies of all rules and regulations and contracts between such telecommunications public utilities pertaining to any and all jurisdictional services to be rendered by such telecommunications public utilities.

The Commission derives its authority to review Local Exchange Carrier tariffs from K.S.A. 66-117(d), which states in part:

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. On April 30, 2025, Commission Staff (“Staff”) issued its Report and Recommendation (“R&R”) recommending that the Commission approve the Application, as amended, to grandfather-in the Bundle in its tariff.¹

4. Based on representations made by the Company, the current subscribers of the Bundle will continue to receive service and are not affected by this revision. The Bundle will be discontinued and will not be offered to new subscribers, but future customers will not be able to subscribe to the Bundle.² Consequently, no customers will be impacted because of this change and there will be no revenue impact.³

5. Based on Staff’s evaluation of Home Telephone’s Application, and its R&R, the Commission finds the Company’s tariff revisions will not impact its existing Kansas customers.⁴

6. The Commission adopts Staff’s analysis and recommendations as additional findings as contained in its April 30, 2025, R&R, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference,

7. The Commission also finds the Company’s tariff revisions set forth in its application are just and reasonable and that the application, as amended, should be effective May 10, 2025.⁵

¹ Report and Recommendation, Docket No. 25-HOMT-372-TAR (Apr. 30, 2025) (“Staff’s R&R”), p. 1.

² *Id.*, p. 2.

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. The Home Telephone Company's Application filed in this matter on April 10, 2025, as amended on April 30, 2025, is hereby granted with the effective tariff date of May 10, 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).⁶

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: 05/08/2025



Celeste Chaney-Tucker
Executive Director

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⁶ K.S.A. 66-11b; K.S.A. 77-503(c) and K.S.A. 77-531(b).

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
UTILITIES DIVISION**

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

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DATE: April 30, 2025

SUBJECT: Docket No. 25-HOMT-372-TAR
In the Matter of Home Telephone Company Filing Tariff Revisions Removing
Services No Longer Provided

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On April 10, 2025, Home Telephone Company (Home Telephone) filed revisions to its Local Exchange Service Tariff to remove Residential Discount Bundle service that is no longer provided to the customers. On April 30, 2025, upon Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission) Staff's request, Home Telephone filed an amendment correcting the initial filing to grandfather the Residential Discount Bundle. Staff recommends Commission approval of this Application.

The Tariff pages impacted by this revision include the following:

- Table of Contents - 1st Revised Sheet 6
- Section 4 - 9th Revised Sheet 9

The Commission action date is Thursday May 8, 2025.

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 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.

The KCC 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.

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

ANALYSIS:

Home Telephone filed revisions to its Local Exchange tariff grandfathering the Residential Discount Bundle service (Bundle), specifically the “100 Mb Basic Internet Bundle.” The grandfathered service is no longer sold, and the availability is limited to lines currently in service at existing locations. Current subscribers of this Bundle will continue to receive the bundled service at the existing locations and will not be affected by this revision, The bundle will be discontinued and will not be offered to new subscribers. Home Telephone states there will be no customer impact because of this change and there will be no revenue effect.

Staff finds Home Telephone’s revisions to the Tariff language to grandfather Residential Discount Bundle service for residential customers will have no revenue impact to the company or service related issues to Kansas customers; therefore, staff believes the proposed grandfathering of services is reasonable.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission accept Home Telephone’s revised tariff to grandfather Residential Discount Bundle to existing subscribers with an effective date of May 10, 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 05/08/2025.

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