

March 1, 2024

Secretary to the Commission Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka KS 66604

# **RE:** Consolidated Communications of Kansas Company - Tariff Revision - General Exchange Tariff - Residential Rate Increases

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed for filing, Consolidated Communications of Kansas Company hereby submits the following tariff sheets pursuant to K.S.A. 66-2007(b) with a proposed effective date of August 1, 2024.

Section 3 - Sixth Revised Sheet 1 Section 6 - Fifth Revised Sheet 3 Section 6 - Fifth Revised Sheet 5 Section 6 - Fifth Revised Sheet 6 Section 6 - Fifth Revised Sheet 14

The effective date on each sheet has been excluded to allow for proper review and approval by KCC Staff.

The purpose of this filing is the make the following tariff changes:

- Residential access line rate will increase by \$1.50 per month for exchanges in Leoti, Tribune, Marienthal, Jetmore, Sharon Springs, Wallace & Weskan (Current access line rate is \$19.27 increasing to \$20.77)
- Residential access line rate will increase by \$1.50 per month for exchanges in Americus, Cedar Point & Saffordville (Current access line rate is \$22.74 increasing to \$24.24)
- Voice Advantage and Voice Advantage II bundles will increase by \$2.50 per month (residential access line rate increase of \$1.50 and intrastate long distance minutes' rate increase of \$1.00)
- Home Phone bundles will increase by \$2.50 per month

A copy of the bill messaging that will be used to notify customers of these changes is enclosed for your reference. These bill messages will be delivered to customers as part of the April 1, 2024, billing cycle.

On an annual basis, Consolidated Communications of Kansas Company anticipates recognizing approximately \$10,818 in additional residential access line revenue (\$6,336 from stand-alone access lines and \$4,482 from access lines in bundles) and \$2,988 in additional intrastate and interstate long distance revenue resulting from bundled service containing long distance service. These figures do not include estimates of customer churn.



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Please contact me at the number above or at <u>carole.williamson@consolidated.com</u> or Carrie Patterson at <u>carrie.patterson@consolidated.com</u> with any questions or concerns regarding this filing.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Regards,

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## CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OF KANSAS COMPANY BILL MESSAGES – CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

#### **RESIDENTIAL:**

# Local Exchange Telephone Service - Basic Service Rates (Applies to Americus, Cedar Point & Saffordville)

#### NOTICE OF PRICE INCREASE

At Consolidated Communications we strive to keep you informed of any changes to your billing and service options. Effective on August's bill, the access line rate will increase by \$1.50 per month to \$24.24/month.

You may petition the Kansas Corporation Commission to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates by contacting them at 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, KS 66604-4027, (800) 662-0027 or go to the Commission's website (www.kcc.ks.gov) and click on the "Your Opinion Matters" link to enter your comment. A petition by 15% or more of subscribers subject to the proposed rate increase would require the Commission to initiate a reasonableness investigation. The final date to submit your comment to the Commission is June 5, 2024.

We value your business and look forward to providing you with the best services possible. For more information, please call 1.844.YOUR.CCI (1.844.968.7224).

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#### **Voice Bundles (Applies to All Exchanges)**

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### SECTION 3. LOCAL SERVICES

#### 3.1 Local Exchange Telephone Service - Basic Service Rates

These monthly rates apply to all customers of the Company. This rate covers the provision of network access to a local customer location, including tone dialing capability, and entitles the customer to local calls (without toll charge) to all local stations connected to a central office of the exchange, or to all local extended local service area where comprised of more than one exchange.

The following rates apply to all customers for basic local exchange service within the exchanges of:

	Monthly Rate			
	Leoti, Tribune, Marienthal,			
	Jetmore, Sharon Springs,			
	Wallace, Weskan	Cedar Point & Saffordville	Americus	
Business Access Line	\$19.50*	\$24.00*	\$25.50*	
Residence Access Line	\$20.77 <b>(I)</b>	\$24.24 <b>(I)</b>	\$24.24 <b>(I)</b>	

\*See Section 3, Sheet 20 for available term and volume discounts

#### 3.11 Kansas Universal Service Fund

Beginning March 1, 1997, the Company will assess a fee for funding of the Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF), including Kansas Lifeline Service Program (KLSP), and the Kansas Telecommunications Access Program (TAP). These funds were enacted by the Kansas Legislature in 1996, and authorized by the Kansas Corporation Commission on December 27, 1996 in Docket No. 190,492-U. The Amount of the fee may vary as determined by the Fund Administrator.

#### SECTION 6. <u>BUNDLED SERVICE PACKAGES</u> (CONT'D)

#### 6.1 <u>Voice Advantage Bundles<sup>1</sup></u>(Cont'd)

- 6.13 <u>Rates</u>
  - 1. Subscribers to any of the Voice Advantage Bundles may upgrade their bundle for an additional \$5.00 per month to include:
    - a. Three Way Calling
    - b. Anonymous Call Rejection
    - c. Repeat Dialing Unlimited
    - d. Call Return Unlimited
    - e. Call Forwarding

		In All Exchanges except Americus, Cedar Point & Saffordville		In Americus, Cedar Point & Saffordville	
		Local Rate of <u>the</u> <u>Bundle<sup>2</sup></u>	Total Bundle <u>Rate</u>	Local Rate of <u>the</u> <u>Bundle<sup>2</sup></u>	Total Bundle <u>Rate</u>
2.	Voice Advantage Basic	\$21.99 <b>(I)</b>	\$42.49 <b>(I)</b>	\$25.46 (I)	\$49.49 <b>(I)</b>
3.	Voice Advantage 600	\$21.99 (I)	\$47.49 (I)	\$25.46 (I)	\$54.49 (I)
4.	Voice Advantage Unlimited	\$21.99 <b>(I)</b>	\$52.49 <b>(I)</b>	\$25.46 (I)	\$59.49 <b>(I)</b>
5.	All IntraLATA and InterLATA minutes in excess of minutes included in the bundles*	\$.10 per	minute	\$.10 per	minute

\* Denotes a non-regulated service

<sup>1</sup>Effective December 1, 2013, Voice Advantage Bundles will no longer be available to new customers. Existing Voice Advantage Bundles customers will be allowed to keep their Voice Advantage Bundles at their current service location under the same billing party. No changes to or additions of services to the existing Voice Advantage Bundles are allowed.

<sup>2</sup>This price does not include the IntraLATA and InterLATA long distance (non-regulated) components which are provided by Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc.

#### SECTION 6. <u>BUNDLED SERVICE PACKAGES</u> (CONT'D)

- 6.2 <u>Residential Bundled Packages</u>(Cont'd)
  - 6.22 <u>Rates</u> (Cont'd)

<u>Kates</u>	(Cont'd)		<u>Monthl</u> Americus, Cedar Point, Saffordville <u>Exchanges</u>	y Rate Leoti Sharon Springs, Tribune, Wallace, Marienthal, Weskan, Jetmore <u>Exchanges</u>
d.	d. Home Phone Standard (per access line) <sup>1</sup>		\$41.45 <b>(I)</b>	\$41.45 <b>(I)</b>
	Includes:	Access Line Bundle Calling Feature Package 1 LD 10 ¢ Plan*		
e.	. Home Phone Basic (per access line) <sup>1</sup>		\$46.45 <b>(I)</b>	\$46.45 <b>(I)</b>
	Includes:	Access Line Bundle Calling Feature Package 1 LD 120 Minutes *		
f.	Home Phone 150	(per access line) <sup>1</sup>	N/A (C)	\$51.45 <b>(I)</b>
	Includes:	Access Line Bundle Calling Feature Package 1 LD 150 Minutes *		
g.	g. Home Phone 300 (per access line) <sup>1</sup>		N/A	\$56.45 <b>(I)</b>
	Includes:	Access Line Bundle Calling Feature Package 1 LD 300 Minutes *		
h.	h. Home Phone 600 (per access line) <sup>1</sup>		N/A	\$66.45 <b>(I)</b>
	Includes:	Access Line Bundle Calling Feature Package 1 LD 600 Minutes *		
regulate	ed service			

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<sup>1</sup>Obsolete - available only to existing Customers at existing locations

### SECTION 6. <u>BUNDLED SERVICE PACKAGES</u> (CONT'D)

#### 6.2 <u>Residential Bundled Packages</u>(Cont'd)

6.22 <u>Rates</u> (Cont'd)

	< <i>,</i>		<u>Month</u> Americus, Cedar Point, Saffordville <u>Exchanges</u>	<u>ly Rate</u> Leoti Sharon Springs, Tribune, Wallace, Marienthal, Weskan, Jetmore <u>Exchanges</u>
i.	Home Phone 15	00 (per access line) <sup>1</sup>	\$71.45 <b>(I)</b>	\$71.45 ( <b>I</b> )
	Includes:	Access Line Bundle Calling Feature Package LD 1500 Minutes *		
j.	Home Phone 30	0 Plus (per access line) <sup>1</sup>	N/A	\$61.45 <b>(I)</b>
	Includes: 2	Access Line Bundle Calling Feature Package LD 300 Minutes *		
k.	Home Phone 15	00 Plus (per access line) <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A
	Includes:	Access Line Bundle Calling Feature Package		
	2	LD 1500 Minutes *		

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#### SECTION 6. <u>BUNDLED SERVICE PACKAGES</u> (CONT'D)

- 6.5 <u>Voice Advantage II Bundles (Cont'd)</u>
  - 6.52 <u>Regulations (Cont'd)</u>
    - 10. The Voice Advantage II Bundles are offered only to residential customers for the customer's personal, residential, non-business and non-professional use. Use of the Voice Advantage II Bundle is prohibited for any profit or nonprofit commercial or governmental activities, including, but not limited to, activities related to home office, business, sales, telecommuting, telemarketing, continuous autodialing, fax broadcast, fax blasting, resale or transfer of the Voice Advantage II Bundle or any other activity that would be inconsistent with the normal residential voice-grade applications and usage patterns. If it is determined that the usage on the Voice Advantage II Bundle is not consistent with residential applications or is otherwise prohibited as specified in this tariff, Consolidated Communications of Kansas Company will contact the customer and arrange a transfer to a business service or terminate service under the residential Voice Advantage II Bundle. Additional restrictions may apply as provided elsewhere in the tariff.
    - 11. Voice Advantage II Bundle customers have the option of subscribing to Voice Mail\* and Internet\* products at discounted rates.
  - 6.53 <u>Rates</u>

	Leoti, Tribune, Marienthal, Jetmore, Sharon Springs, Wallace, Weskan Exchanges		Americus, Cedar Point, Saffordville Exchanges		
	<u>Local Rate</u> of the <u>Bundle<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Total Bundle</u> <u>Rate</u>	Local Rate of the Bundle <sup>1</sup>	<u>Total Bundle</u> <u>Rate</u>	
<ol> <li>Voice Advantage II Basic</li> <li>Voice Advantage II 600</li> <li>Voice Advantage II Unlimited</li> <li>All IntraLATA and InterLATA minutes in excess of minutes</li> </ol>	\$20.77 (I) \$20.77 (I) \$20.77 (I)	\$40.49 ( <b>I</b> ) \$45.49 ( <b>I</b> ) \$50.49 ( <b>I</b> )	\$24.24 ( <b>I</b> ) \$24.24 ( <b>I</b> ) \$24.24 ( <b>I</b> )	\$47.49 ( <b>I</b> ) \$52.49 ( <b>I</b> ) \$57.49 ( <b>I</b> )	
included in the bundles	\$0.10 pe	\$0.10 per minute*		\$0.10 per minute*	

- 5. Subscribers to any of the Voice Advantage II Bundles may upgrade their bundle for an additional \$5.00 per month to include:
  - Caller ID a. Call Waiting b. Caller ID on Call Waiting c. Three Way Calling d. Anonymous Call Rejection e. f. Repeat Dialing - Unlimited Call Return - Unlimited g. Call Forwarding h. Telemarketer Call Screening i.

Not all features may be available in all areas

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