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Via Electronic Filing

Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk and Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: United Telephone Company of the Carolinas LLC d/b/a CenturyLink
General Subscriber Services Tariff

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing, please find revisions to the United Telephone Company of the Carolinas LLC d/b/a CenturyLink General Subscriber Services Tariff. These revisions are submitted with a March 30, 2012 issue date and a proposed effective date of April 2, 2012. The tariff pages enclosed for review and approval are as follows:

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This filing is being made in accordance with the Interim Order from the South Carolina Public Service Commission in Docket No. 2012-115C to become effective April 2, 2012. This compliance filing eliminates the federal non-Tribal Link Up support as ordered by the FCC. This filing also replaces the non-Tribal Lifeline support with a flat monthly credit of \$9.25. The Timing of the change in the Lifeline support will become effective as required by the FCC's Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Report, and Order, and Future Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WC Docket No. 11-42, FCC 12-11 (rel. Feb. 6, 2012) as amended or delayed. This filing also updates the list of programs in which the consumer may participate in order to be eligible for Lifeline support and adds the FCC mandated income criteria as a qualifier for Lifeline support.

If you have questions regarding this filing, you may call me at (913) 345-7535.

Sincerely,



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U1. DEFINITION OF TERMS

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LOCAL CALLING AREA (U3)
See "Local Service Area."

LOCAL DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE (U3)
Local Directory Assistance is furnished to the subscriber of the Company's local service for the obtaining of local telephone numbers of other subscribers served by the Company.

LOCAL MEASURED SERVICE (U3)
See "Exchange Service."

LOCAL MESSAGE (U2)
See "Message."

LOCAL OPERATOR VERIFICATION/INTERRUPTION SERVICE (U3)
Verification Service provides operator assistance in determining if a called line is in use. Interruption Service provides for operator interruption of a conversation in progress on a called line. The customer may request these services for a charge, where facilities are available, by calling the "0" operator.

LOCAL SERVICE (U3)
A type of localized calling whereby a subscriber can complete calls from his premises to another premises within an Exchange Service Area without the payment of Long Distance (Local Toll) Charges.

LOCAL SERVICE AREA (U3)
The area within which telephone service is furnished to subscribers under a specific schedule of exchange rates and without Long Distance (Local Toll) Charges. A local service area may include one (1) or more exchange service areas.

LOCAL TOLL DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICE (U18)
A service provided to assist subscribers in obtaining intraLATA long distance (local toll) telephone numbers.

LOCAL TOLL MESSAGE (LONG DISTANCE (LOCAL TOLL) MESSAGE) (U18)
See "Message."

LOCAL TOLL OPTIONAL CALLING PLANS (LTOCPs) (U20)
Local Toll Optional Calling Plans (LTOCPs) are market designed billing options that customers may select in lieu of Long Distance (Local Toll) Message Telecommunications Service billing.

LOCAL TOLL SERVICE (U18)
See "Long Distance (Local Toll) Message Telecommunications Service."

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U3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

U3.10 LIFELINE

U3.10.1 GENERAL

The Lifeline program is designed to increase the availability of telecommunications services to low income subscribers by providing a credit to monthly recurring local service for qualifying residential subscribers. Basic terms and conditions are in compliance with FCC **guidelines**. Specific terms and conditions are as prescribed by the South Carolina Public Service Commission and are as set forth in this tariff. Lifeline Assistance is a Federal support program that provides eligible customers with the following benefits:

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- a. **Effective as required by the FCC's Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Report, and Order, and Future Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WC Docket No. 11-42, FCC 12-11 (rel. Feb. 6, 2012) as amended or delayed, the Federal monthly discount is \$9.25.**
- b. An **additional** reduction of **\$3.50** off the customer's monthly basic local service charge, resulting from a state funded credit.
- c. The Federal Universal Service Fund End User Charge will not be billed to Lifeline customers.
- d. Free toll blocking and toll control services, to the extent that they are offered, upon the customer's request.
- e. A waiver of the Telephone Company's service deposit requirement, if the customer elects to receive toll blocking. However, acceptance of toll blocking services will not be a condition for receiving service under Lifeline. If a Lifeline customer removes toll blocking prior to establishing an acceptable credit, history, a deposit may be required. When applicable, advance payments will not exceed the Connection and Local Service Charges for one (1) month.

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U3.10 LIFELINE

U3.10.1 GENERAL

f. Residence Lifeline Service consists of the following tariffed standard features and optional customer elected services at the applicable rates, charges and regulations for each feature and service provided:

- (1) One-Party Residence Line Rate
- (2) Directory Listing (standard only)
- (3) Non-Published or Non-Listed Telephone Number Service
- (4) Access to Directory Assistance Service
- (5) U-Touch Calling Service
- (6) Access to Message Toll Telephone Service and Optional Dial Station-to-Station Calling Plan Services
- (7) Access to Operator Services
- (8) Access to 800/888 Services
- (9) Access to Call Trace
- (10) Access to Emergency Services (9-1-1 dialing)
- (11) Access to Bundle and Custom Calling/Class Features Services

U3.10.2 REGULATIONS

a. Lifeline Assistance is available to all residential customers **whose gross household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines⁽¹⁾. Lifeline Assistance is also available to all residential customers** who are currently participating in one of the following Federal Assistance Programs, **or is available to residential customers who have dependents, or members of the customer's household who participate in one of the following Federal or State Assistance Programs:**

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- (1) Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- (2) Medicaid
- (3) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- (4) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- (5) Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- (6) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TNAF)
- (7) National School Lunch Program's free lunch program⁽¹⁾**

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- b. The Access Line must be in the Lifeline recipient's name.
- c. At no time shall a customer's Lifeline rate go below zero.
- d. A Lifeline Service customer may not subscribe to any other type of residence Local Exchange Service at the same or other premises, e.g., a second access line.
- e. Foreign Exchange and Vacation Service are not available on Lifeline.

⁽¹⁾ **Effective June 1, 2012, Lifeline eligibility is expanded to include customers meeting the FCC's Federal Poverty Guidelines, and participants in the National School Lunch Program's free lunch program.**

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U4.3 APPLICATION OF RATES AND CHARGES (Cont'd)

U4.3.5 LINK-UP

Effective April 1, 2012, the Link Up Program is eliminated pursuant to the FCC's Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WC Docket No. 11-42, FCC 12-11 (rel. Feb. 6, 2012).

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U4.3 APPLICATION OF RATES AND CHARGES (Cont'd)

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U4.3 APPLICATION OF RATES AND CHARGES (Cont'd)

U4.3.5 **RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE** (Cont'd)

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