



August 8, 2016
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 an August 8, 2016 issue date and a proposed effective date of August 15, 2016.

The following revisions are included in this filing:

Section U3 First Revised Page 19.2
Section U3 Second Revised Page 20

Pursuant to FCC 15-71, adopted June 18, 2015, Lifeline rule changes became effective on February 17, 2016. Under the revised rules, as of August 15, 2016, Carriers will no longer receive Lifeline reimbursement for any wholesale services to resellers, and incumbent LEC's are no longer required to offer their Lifeline services to resellers. This filing proposes changes to tariff provisions, compliant with these rule changes.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, you may contact me at (913) 353-7087.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robyn Crichton".

Robyn Crichton
Attachment

cc: Zel Gilbert, CenturyLink
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GENERAL SUBSCRIBER SERVICES TARIFF

United Telephone Company of the Carolinas LLC
d/b/a CenturyLink

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U3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

U3.10 LIFELINE

U3.10.3 OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMPANY

- a. Partial payments that are received from Lifeline customers will first be applied to local service charges and then to any outstanding toll charges.
- b. The Company reserves the right to periodically audit its records, working in conjunction with the appropriate state agencies, for the purpose of determining continuing eligibility. Information obtained during such audit will be treated as confidential information to the extent required under State and Federal laws. The use or disclosure of information concerning enrollees will be limited to purposes directly connected with the administration of the Lifeline plan.
- c. **Pursuant to FCC order 15-71, adopted June 18, 2015, the Company does not provide Lifeline discounted service to resellers as of August 15, 2016.**

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GENERAL SUBSCRIBER SERVICES TARIFF

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U3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

U3.10 LIFELINE (Cont'd)

U3.10.4 OBLIGATIONS OF THE CUSTOMER

- a. Proof of eligibility in any of the qualifying low income assistance programs should be provided to the Company at the time of application of service. The Lifeline credit will not be established until proof of eligibility has been received by the Company. If the customer requests installation prior to the Company's receipt of proof of eligibility, the requested service will be provided without the Lifeline credit. When eligibility documentation is provided subsequent to installation, the Lifeline credit will be provided on a going forward basis.
- b. When a customer is determined to be ineligible as a result of an audit, the Company will contact the customer. If the customer cannot provide eligibility documentation, the Lifeline credit will be discontinued.
- c. Any Lifeline customer who has a past due balance in toll message charges will be automatically restricted from access to toll services until the outstanding balance is paid. The Restoral Charge applies to Lifeline customers whose message toll service has been restricted for nonpayment. If a Lifeline customer is toll restricted for a second occurrence, the Company may, at its **discretion**, place the Lifeline customer on a permanent toll restriction.

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