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TARIFF CONTROL NO. 50194

**APPLICATION OF COMMUNITY
TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR
ADMINISTRATIVE TARIFF
REVISIONS UNDER 16 TAC § 26.208**

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS

COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE APPLICATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Staff's Recommendation on the Application. Staff recommends that the application be approved. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On October 31, 2019, Community Telephone Company (Community) filed an application for approval of administrative revisions to its Customer Services Tariff. Community's revisions incorporate mandatory changes to the federal Lifeline discount under 47 C.F.R. § 54.403(a)(2). On November 13, 2019, the Commission administrative law judge issued a document titled, *Notice Setting Deadline for Staff Recommendation*, requiring Staff to file a recommendation on the application by November 21, 2019. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the application, and as detailed in the attached memorandum of Stephen Mendoza of the Commission's Rate Regulation Division, Staff recommends approval of the requested administrative revisions to Community's Customer Services Tariff.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with the above recommendation.

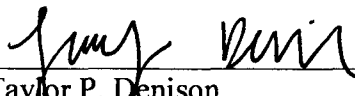
Dated: November 20, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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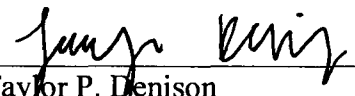


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on November 20, 2019, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



Taylor P. Denison

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

Memorandum

TO: Taylor Denison
Legal Division

FROM: Stephen Mendoza
Rate Regulation Division

DATE: November 20, 2019

RE: Tariff Control No. 50194 – *Application of Community Telephone Company for Administrative Tariff Revisions Under 16 TAC § 26.208*

On October 31, 2019, Community Telephone Company (“Community” or “the Company”) filed an application to make administrative revisions to its Customer Services Tariff under the guidelines provided in 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§ 26.207 and 26.208.

Community stated that the revisions incorporate mandated changes to the federal Lifeline discount as required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.403(a)(2). Specifically, effective December 1, 2019, the Federal Communications Commission is reducing the Lifeline Program discount on stand-alone voice service from \$9.25 to \$7.25 per month. Accordingly, the Company is proposing language to properly reflect the reduction in the Lifeline Program discount for stand-alone voice service.

Commission Staff (Staff) has reviewed the application and finds that the proposed language is consistent with the discussion above and that the Company is in compliance with the necessary provisions of 16 TAC §§ 26.207 and 26.208. Staff recommends that the customer notice included in Attachment A of the application be approved. Additionally, Staff recommends that the following tariff sheets be **APPROVED** as filed on October 31, 2019:

<u>Tariff</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Sheet</u>
Customer Services Tariff	4	3 rd Revised Page 14
Customer Services Tariff	4	1 st Revised Page 18