**EXHIBIT A**

United Telephone Company of Ohio Section 1

d/b/a CenturyLink P.U.C.O. NO. 5

 GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

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| GENERAL REGULATIONS |  |
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| IV. ADVANCE PAYMENTS |  |
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|  The Telephone Company may require applicants to make such advance payments as service connection charges, installation charges and special construction charges as necessary to protect the Telephone Company's local exchange service revenues. The amount of the advance payment will be credited to the subscriber's account as applying to any indebtedness under the contract. |  |
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| V. DEPOSITS |  |
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|  A. The Telephone Company may, in order to safeguard its interest or those of an Interexchange Carrier (IXC) for whom the Telephone Company is an authorized agent, may require an applicant or a customer to make a suitable deposit to be held by the Telephone Company or IXC or provide a third party guarantor in lieu of a deposit as a guarantee of the payment of telephone service charges. The Telephone Company must inform the applicant or customer of all options available for meeting the requirements. |  |
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|  Local exchange service shall be provided to local service applicants who are able to meet the deposit requirements for local service regardless of whether the applicant is able to meet the deposit requirements for the provisioning of toll service. |  |
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|  B. The deposit amounts shall not exceed the requirements set forth in Ohio Administrative Code 4901:1-6-12. |  |
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