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Ms. Reneé J. Jenkins
Director of Administration
Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: In the Matter of the Application of The Conneaut Telephone Company for Approval of an Alternative Form of Regulation Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-4, Ohio Administrative Code PUCO Case No. 07-507-TP-ALT

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

Enclosed are an original and twenty (20) copies of revised and new tariff sheets to be filed on behalf of The Conneaut Telephone Company in the above-referenced matter. Please replace the sheets originally filed on May 1, 2007 in this matter with the sheets attached hereto and add Section 4, Sheet No. 5 and Sheet No. 6 as new proposed tariff sheets in this proceeding.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

Carolyn S. Flahive

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### Enclosure

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#### SECTION ONE

The local service area embraces all calls between stations bearing the designations of Conneaut, Kingsville and Pierpont.

The classification and rates provided in this section apply at any point within the Base Rate Area which is defined as all territory in the exchange lying north of Route Interstate 90.

|   | <b>Monthly</b> | Max Rate               | (C) |
|---|----------------|------------------------|-----|
|   | Rate           |                        |     |
| Business – Individual Line – * Tier 1 Core                              | \$ 12.15       | \$ 12.15               | •   |
| Business - Second and Third Individual Lines - *Tier 1 Noncore          | \$ 12.15       | \$ 24.30               |     |
| Business – Four Individual Lines or More – *Tier 2                      | \$ 12.15       | N/A                    |     |
| Business - Two-Party Line - * Tier 1 Core                               | \$ 10.20 1/    | \$ 10.20               | ŀ   |
| Business – Rotary Trunk – * Tier 1 Core                                 | \$ 18.95       | \$ 18.95               |     |
| Residence – Individual Line – * Tier 1 Core                             | \$ 7.55        | \$ 7.55                |     |
| Residence – Second and Third Individual Lines – *Tier 1 Noncore         | \$ 7.55        | \$ 15.10               |     |
| Residence – Four Individual Lines or More – *Tier 2                     | \$ 7.55        | N/A                    | (C) |
| Residence – Two-Party Line – * Tier 1 Core                              | \$ 6.30 1/     | \$ 6.30                |     |
| Residence - Four-Party Line - * Tier 1 Core                             | \$ 4.20 1/     | \$ 4.20                |     |
| Payphone: **  |                |                        |     |
| Coin Operated Telephone Service Access Line                             | \$ 12.15       |                        |     |
| Coin Supervision Additive   | \$ 7.20        |                        |     |
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<sup>1/</sup> This service and rate not available to new customers. Existing customers of this service will be grandfathered.

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<sup>\*</sup> Note: \*Rates for Tier 1 Core services are capped at current rates. Rates for Tier 1 Non-Core services are capped at current rates until June 18, 2009. After June 18, 2009, Tier 1 Non-Core rates can be increased to a maximum cap of double the initial rate, other than the second local exchange access line and call waiting, which are limited to a ten percent increase per year until they cap at double the initial rate. This pricing flexibility is in accordance with O.A.C. 4901:1-4 and Alt Reg Case No. 07-507-TP-ALT, effective June 18, 2007.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The rates and terms for payphones are governed by 96-1310-TP-COI and do not fall under a Tier designation.

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#### SECTION ONE-A

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The classifications and rates following apply at any point within Zone A which is defined as all territory in the exchange lying south of Route Interstate 90.

|   | Monthly Rate   | Max. Rate | (C) |    |
|---|----------------|-----------|-----|----|
| Business – Individual Line – * Tier 1 Core                      | \$ 15.15       | \$ 15.15  |     |    |
| Business - Second and Third Individual Lines - *Tier 1 Noncore  | \$ 15.15       | \$ 30.30  |     |    |
| Business – Four Individual Lines or More – *Tier 2              | \$ 15.15       | N/A       |     |    |
| Business - Two-Party Line - * Tier 1 Core                       | \$ 10.20 1/ 2/ | \$ 10.20  | 1   |    |
| Business – Rotary Trunk – * Tier 1 Core                         | \$ 21.95       | \$ 21.95  |     |    |
| Business – Multi-Party Line – * Tier 1 Core                     | \$ 9.55 2/     | \$ 9.55   |     |    |
| Residence – Individual Line – * Tier 1 Core                     | \$ 10.55       | \$ 10.55  |     |    |
| Residence – Second and Third Individual Lines – *Tier 1 Noncore | \$ 10.55       | \$ 21.10  |     |    |
| Residence – Four Individual Lines or More – *Tier 2             | \$ 10.55       | N/A       |     |    |
| Residence – Two-Party Line – * Tier 1 Core                      | \$ 6.30 1/ 2/  | \$ 6.30   |     |    |
| Residence – Four-Party Line – * Tier 1 Core                     | \$ 4.20 2/     | \$ 4.20   | (C) |    |
| Payphone: **  |                |           |     |    |
| Coin Operated Telephone Service Access Line                     | \$ 15.15       |           | 1   |    |
| Coin Supervision Additive                                       | \$ 7.20        |           |     |    |
| 1/ Subject to mileage charge contained to new customers.        |                |           |     |    |
| 2/ This service and rate not available to new customers.        |                |           | ı   |    |
| Existing customers of this service will be grandfathered.       |                |           | (M  | .) |

## SECTION TWO

## NON-SUFFICIENT FUND CHECK CHARGE - \* Non-Specific

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- 1. If the Company receives a check from a customer in payment for services rendered or for any other reason of indebtedness, which is returned from the bank due to insufficient funds or for any other reason, the Company shall apply a service charge as shown below for each such check returned, unless the customer can establish that the charge should not be assessed. At its option, the Company may waive the imposition of the non-sufficient fund charge.
- 2. The charge of \$20.00, in addition to any other charges which may apply under this tariff, shall be billed to the customer at the time the Company receives notice that a check is being or has been returned from the bank.
- \* Note: \*Rates for Tier 1 Core services are capped at current rates. Rates for Tier 1 Non-Core services are capped at current rates until June 18, 2009. After June 18, 2009, Tier 1 Non-Core rates can be increased to a maximum cap of double the initial rate, other than the second local exchange access line and call waiting, which are limited to a ten percent increase per year until they cap at double the initial rate. This pricing flexibility is in accordance with O.A.C. 4901:1-4 and Alt Reg Case No. 07-507-TP-ALT, effective June 18, 2007.
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## P.U.C.O. NO. 6 LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

### EXTENDED LOCAL CALLING SERVICE

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### 1. DESCRIPTION

- A. Extended Local Calling Service is a four-element measured rate service provided between specific intrastate exchanges.
- B. Extended Local Calling Service will be provided in lieu of new Extended Area Service (EAS), whether one-way or two-way, between specific exchanges of the Company and to exchanges of other telephone companies when ordered by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) in an Extended Area Service case.
- C. All Extended Area Service existing prior to the establishment of extended Local Calling Service will continue in its present form unless discontinued by order of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
- D. Extended Local Calling Service is available with all classes of service and to all customers within the specific exchange.
- E. Extended Local Calling Service is restricted to customer-dialed, station-to-station, sent paid calls to the extended exchange(s) and does not apply to operator-assisted calls.

#### 2. RATES

A. Implementation of Extended Local Calling Service in an exchange will not affect the monthly rate, as indicated in other sections of this tariff, for access line service.

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| В. | Extended Local Calling Service is provided at the following rates: |  |
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Initial Minute Rate - \* Tier 1 Core
 Monday through Friday: To telephone numbers in designated exchanges the following distance bands:

|    |                                      | 0-10         | Max.          | 11-22        | Max.           | 23-55        | Max.        |
|----|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
|    |                                      | <u>Miles</u> | Rate          | <u>Miles</u> | Rate           | <u>Miles</u> | <u>Rate</u> |
| a) | 8 a.m. to, but not including, 9 p.m. | \$0.13       | <b>\$0.13</b> | \$0.15       | <b>\$0</b> .15 | \$0.16       | \$0.16      |
| b) | 9 p.m. to, but not including, 8 a.m. | \$0.07       | \$0.07        | \$0.08       | \$0.08         | \$0.09       | \$0.09      |
| c) | Saturday, Sunday, and holidays       | \$0.07       | \$0.07        | \$0.08       | \$0.08         | \$0.09       | \$0.09      |

2. Rate for Each Additional Minute: — \* Tier 1 Core

Monday through Friday: To telephone numbers in designated exchanges within the
following distance bands:

|    |                                      | 0-10<br><u>Miles</u> | Max.<br><u>Rate</u> | 11-22<br><u>Miles</u> | Max.<br><u>Rate</u> | 23-55<br><u>Miles</u> | Max.<br><u>Rate</u> |
|----|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| a) | 8 a.m. to, but not including, 9 p.m. | \$0.06               | \$0.06              | \$0.08                | \$0.08              | \$0.10                | \$0.10              |
| b) | 9 p.m. to, but not including, 8 a.m. | \$0.05               | \$0.05              | \$0.07                | \$0.07              | \$0.08                | \$0.08              |
| c) | Saturday, Sunday, and holidays       | \$0.05               | \$0.05              | \$0.07                | \$0.07              | \$0.08                | \$0.08              |

C. Charges for calls made where Extended Local Calling Service has been implemented, whether between exchanges of the Company or to exchanges of other telephone companies, are based upon four measured elements, i.e., frequency (the total number of outgoing completed calls), the distance and duration of each call and the time of day each call is originated, subject to the following:

#### 1. Distance

The charges for calls vary based on the airline distance (i.e., rate mileage) between the rate centers of the central offices serving the originating and terminating points of the call. These airline distances are determined in the same manner as message toll distances.

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#### 2. Duration

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- a. Initial minute rates are for connections of one minute, or any fraction thereof.
- b. Additional minute rates are for each additional minute, or any fraction thereof, that the connection continues beyond the initial minute.
- c. Chargeable time is started when the called party answers or when the caller is connected to automatic answering recording equipment.
- d. Chargeable time ends when the calling station "hangs up," thereby releasing the network connection. If the called station "hangs up" but the calling station does not, chargeable time ends when the network connection is released by automatic timing equipment in the telephone network.
- e. Chargeable time does not include time lost because of faults or defects in the service.

## 3. Time of Day

- Holiday rates apply on Christmas Day (December 25), New Year's Day (January 1), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day, or resulting legal holidays when Christmas, New Year's, or Independence Day legal holidays fall on dates other than December 25, January 1, and July 4, respectively.
- b. In cases where a call begins in one rate period and ends in another, the rate in effect at the time the connection is established applies to the entire message.

## 3. AVAILABILITY

A. Extended Local Calling Service is provided in the following exchanges:

| Exchanges in which | Exchange(s) which | Mileage from     |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| service is offered | can be called     | exchange offered |

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# P.U.C.O. NO. 6 GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICE TARIFFS

# ASHTABULA COUNTY LOCAL CALLING PLAN \* Tier 1 Core

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# A. DESCRIPTION

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- 1. This plan is restricted to the areas hereinafter described within Ashtabula County.
- 2. This plan provides for a measured rate or optional flat rate service between specific Ashtabula County intrastate exchanges listed in Section B, below.
- 3. This is a local service offering; therefore, any stimulation to calling volumes between exchanges that occur after its implementation may not be used as a basis for any flat rate alternative besides the flat rate additives as listed in this section.
- 4. This plan is available to residence and business customers in the exchanges and routes as listed in Section B, below.
- 5. This plan is restricted to customer dialed, station-to-station calls and does not include operator assisted calls.

### B. RATES AND APPLICATION

- 1. The implementation of this plan will not affect any other rates listed in any other section of this tariff.
- 2. Measured Rate Option Customers selecting the measured rate option will be charged \$.07 (seven cents) per minute for both initial minutes or additional minutes for calls originating in the specified The Conneaut Telephone Company exchanges. No time of day, day of week, or holiday discounts apply to the measured rate option. Max. Rate: \$.07 (seven cents) per minute for both initial minutes or additional minutes.
- 3. <u>Flat Rate Option</u> The flat rate option allows customers unlimited untimed calling between the exchanges listed below.

The following are flat rate additives, per access line, per month. These rates are in addition to monthly local rates for both business and residence service listed in other sections of this tariff.

Optional Flat Rate per Access Line per Month

|               |                               | per 2           | recess Time her | ATAMINT   |           | ı      |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| From Exchange | To Exchange                   | <b>Business</b> | Max. Rate       | Residence | Max. Rate | I      |
| Conneaut      | Ashtabula and/or<br>Jefferson | \$7.00          | \$7.00          | \$7.00    | \$7.00    | (M)(C) |

\* Note: \*Rates for Tier 1 Core services are capped at current rates. Rates for Tier 1 Non-Core services are capped at current rates until June 18, 2009. After June 18, 2009, Tier 1 Non-Core rates can be increased to a maximum cap of double the initial rate, other than the second local exchange access line and call waiting, which are limited to a ten percent increase per year until they cap at double the initial rate. This pricing flexibility is in accordance with O.A.C. 4901:1-4 and Alt Reg Case No. 07-507-TP-ALT, effective June 18, 2007.

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# P.U.C.O. NO. 6 GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICE TARIFFS

# ASHTABULA COUNTY LOCAL CALLING PLAN

# C. BILL DETAIL

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1. Measured Rate Option

A detailed bill that lists each individual completed call made during the monthly billing period can be provided at a rate of \$2.00 per month. The customer must subscribe to this service for a minimum six (6) month period.

2. Flat Rate Option

No detailed billing is offered or provided to customers selecting the flat rate option plan.

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## P.U.C.O. NO. 6 TARIFFS

#### BASIC TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

# II. SERVICE CONNECTION ASSISTANCE

## A. General

Service Connection Assistance is a telephone assistance program that provides certain eligible residential customers requesting local exchange service with the following benefits:

- Waiver of applicable deposit requirements under Section 13 of this tariff.
- Full or partial waiver up to \$60.00 of applicable service connection charges for establishing or re-establishing local exchange service as described in Section 10 of this tariff (Service Connection Assistance does not apply to network wiring charges).

# B. Regulations

- Service Connection Assistance is a basic local exchange residential service offering available to customers who are currently participating in one of the following assistance programs:
  - a. Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP);
  - b. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) under Title XVI of the Social Security Act;
  - c. Food Stamps;
  - d. Federal Public Housing or Section 8 Assistance; or
  - Medical Assistance under Chapter 5111 of the Ohio Revised Code (Medicaid).
- 2. The Telephone Company shall require, as proof of eligibility for Service Connection Assistance, a document signed by the customer, certifying under penalty of perjury that the customer is receiving benefits from one of the programs identified in Paragraph II.B.1.above; identifying the specific program or programs from which the customer receives benefits.
- 3. Customers of Service Connection Assistance cannot be a dependent (as defined by the Federal Income Tax Code) under the age of 60.
- 4. Service Connection Assistance is available for all grades of service.
- 5. Service Connection Assistance is available for a single telephone line at the customer's principal place of residence.

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### **BASIC TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE**

# II. SERVICE CONNECTION ASSISTANCE (continued)

- B. Regulations (continued)
  - 6. Service Connection Assistance shall be available to eligible customers not more than once in a one-year period at the same address. Customers must pay or make arrangements to pay to the Telephone Company any outstanding bills for regulated telephone services in the customer's name, and no other member of the household may owe money for such services previously provided at the customer's current address.
  - 7. Service Connection Assistance customers are not restricted on the optional services to which they may subscribe.

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## P.U.C.O. NO. 6 TARIFFS

# IV. LIFELINE ASSISTANCE (Con't)

- B. Regulations (Con't)
  - Participants in Lifeline Assistance shall not be disconnected from local service for non-payment of toll charges. In addition, the Company will not deny reestablishment of local service to customers who are eligible for Lifeline Assistance and have previously been disconnected for non-payment of toll charges.
  - 3. Partial payments that are received from Lifeline customers will first be applied to local service charges and then to any outstanding toll charges.
  - 4. The Telephone Company shall require, as proof of eligibility for Lifeline Assistance, a document signed by the customer, certifying under penalty of perjury that the customer is receiving benefits from one of the programs identified in Section IV.B.1., above; identifying the specific program or programs from which the customer receives benefits, and agreeing to notify the carrier if the customer ceases to participate in such program or programs. If a customer is applying for both Lifeline and Link Up, such customer may utilize the same document to verify eligibility for both programs. If the customer is applying for Lifeline based on income Section IV.B.1.h., examples of income documentation would be 1) the prior year's state or federal income tax return; 2) a current income statement from an employer or W-2; 3) three consecutive months worth of the most current pay stubs; 4) the most recent Social Security statement of benefits; 5) the most recent Veteran's Administration statement of benefits: 6) the most recent retirement/pension statement of benefits: 7) the most recent Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits; 8) a divorce decree or child support document.
  - 5. The Telephone Company shall perform a verification audit of a customer receiving Lifeline Assistance.
  - The Lifeline discounts and waivers apply to only one access line per household.
  - 7. Participants in Lifeline may subscribe to Call Waiting at tariffed rates. Customers have the option to purchase other features for medical and/or safety reasons. Requests to purchase other features must be signed by the customer self-certifying that the feature is necessary for medical and/or safety reasons. Existing Lifeline customers that have optional features prior to the adoption of the Telephone Company's alternative regulation plan will be grandfathered into the Lifeline program so long as the customer makes no changes whatsoever to their existing local exchange service.
  - 8. Lifeline customers with past-due bills for regulated local service charges will be offered special payment arrangements for these past-due balances. These arrangements will consist of an initial payment not to exceed \$25.00, before service is installed, with the balance for the regulated local charges to be paid over six equal monthly installments. Lifeline customers with past-due bills from toll service will be required to have toll restricted service until such past-due toll charges have been paid in full or until the customer establishes service with a subsequent toll provider pursuant to the Minimum Telephone Service Standards.

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