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Ms. Renee Jenkins, Secretary
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Re: Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc.
Case No. 08-1038-TP-ATA
Application to Amend Tariff PUCO No. 3

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

On behalf of Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc. ("Buckeye"), I am filing an application to amend its carrier-to-carrier tariff PUCO No. 3. Buckeye seeks to change certain local switching and office per-minute rates. This adjustment is brought by changes in the Local Switching rate charged by AT&T Ohio. The new charges apply to all carriers with whom Buckeye exchanges traffic. Buckeye is also adding certain language relative to local number portability.

In addition to the signed Telecommunications Application Form, I am submitting Exhibit A (current tariff pages affected), Exhibit B (proposed tariff pages), Exhibit C (description of and rationale for the proposed tariff change) and Exhibit D (a copy of a letter which will be sent out to Buckeye TeleSystem access service customers on September 29, 2008, describing the proposed new rates.

If the Commission does not act within 30 days, we will presume that the proposed tariffs are automatically approved effective on September 29, 2008.

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Stephen M. Howard

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Enclosure

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPLICATION FORM for ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS
(Effective: 01/18/2008)

In the Matter of the Application of Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.)
to Amend its Tariff PUCO #3)
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TRF Docket No. 90-9037

Case No. 08 - 1038 - **TP** - ATA

NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case # or are filing a Contract, leave the "Case No" fields BLANK.

Name of Registrant(s) Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.

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Motion for protective order included with filing? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Motion for waiver(s) filed affecting this case? ☐ Yes ☒ No [Note: Waivers may toll any automatic timeframe.]

Section I – Pursuant to Chapter 4901:11-6 OAC – Part I – Please indicate the Carrier Type and the reason for submitting this form by checking the boxes below. CMRS providers: Please see the bottom of Section II.

NOTES: (1) For requirements for various applications, see the identified section of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4901 and/or the supplemental application form noted.

(2) Information regarding the number of copies required by the Commission may be obtained from the Commission's web site at www.puco.ohio.gov under the docketing information system section, by calling the docketing division at 614-466-4095, or by visiting the docketing division at the offices of the Commission.

Carrier Type <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)	<input type="checkbox"/> ILEC	<input type="checkbox"/> CLEC	<input type="checkbox"/> CTS	<input type="checkbox"/> AOS/IOS
Tier 1 Regulatory Treatment				
Change Rates within approved Range	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-04(B)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-04(B)</u> (0 day Notice)		
New Service, expanded local calling area, correction of textual error	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-04(B)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-04(B)</u> (0 day Notice)		
Change Terms and Conditions, Introduce non-recurring service charges	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-04(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-04(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)		
Introduce or Increase Late Payment or Returned Check Charge	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-04(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-04(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)		
Business Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> CTR <u>1-6-17</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> CTR <u>1-6-17</u> (0 day Notice)		
Withdrawal	<input type="checkbox"/> ATW <u>1-6-12(A)</u> (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATW <u>1-6-12(A)</u> (Auto 30 days)		
Raise the Ceiling of a Rate	Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> SLF <u>1-6-04(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)		
Tier 2 Regulatory Treatment				
Residential - Introduce non-recurring service charges	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-05(E)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-05(E)</u> (0 day Notice)		
Residential - Introduce New Tariffed Tier 2 Service(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-05(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-05(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-05(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	
Residential - Change Rates, Terms and Conditions, Promotions, or Withdrawal	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-05(E)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-05(E)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-05(E)</u> (0 day Notice)	
Residential - Tier 2 Service Contracts	<input type="checkbox"/> CTR <u>1-6-17</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> CTR <u>1-6-17</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> CTR <u>1-6-17</u> (0 day Notice)	
Commercial (Business) Contracts	Not Filed	Not Filed	Not Filed	
Business Services (see "Other" below)	Detariffed	Detariffed	Detariffed	
Residential & Business Toll Services (see "Other" below)	Detariffed	Detariffed	Detariffed	

Section I – Part II – Certificate Status and Procedural

Certificate Status	ILEC	CLEC	CTS	AOS/IOS
Certification (See Supplemental ACE form)		<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-10</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-10</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-10</u> (Auto 30 days)
Add Exchanges to Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-09(C)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> AAC <u>1-6-10(F)</u> (0 day Notice)	CLECs must attach a current CLEC Exchange Listing Form	
Abandon all Services - With Customers	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-11(A)</u> (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-11(A)</u> (Auto 90 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-11(B)</u> (Auto 14 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-11(B)</u> (Auto 14 day)
Abandon all Services - Without Customers		<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-11(A)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-11(B)</u> (Auto 14 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-11(B)</u> (Auto 14 day)
Change of Official Name (See below)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership (See below)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)
Merger (See below)	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)
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Procedural				
Designation of Process Agent(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF (0 day Notice)

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Carrier to Carrier	ILEC	CLEC		
Interconnection agreement, or amendment to an approved agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG <u>1-7-07</u> (Auto 90 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG <u>1-7-07</u> (Auto 90 day)		
Request for Arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)		
Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs,	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 day)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 day)		
Introduce or change access service pursuant to 07-464-TP-COI	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA (Auto 30 day)			
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-04</u> or <u>1-7-05</u> (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-04</u> or <u>1-7-05</u> (Non-Auto)		
Pole attachment changes in terms and conditions and price changes.	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-23(B)</u> (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-05</u> (Non-Auto)		
CMRS Providers See <u>4901:1-6-15</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> RCC [Registration & Change in Operations] (0 day)		<input type="checkbox"/> NAG [Interconnection Agreement or Amendment] (Auto 90 days)	
Other* (explain) _____				

*NOTE: During the interim period between the effective date of the rules and an Applicant's Detariffing Filing, changes to existing business Tier 2 and all toll services, including the addition of new business Tier 2 and all new toll services, will be processed as 0-day TRF filings, and briefly described in the "Other" section above.

All Section I and II applications that result in a change to one or more tariff pages require, at a minimum, the following exhibits. Other exhibits may be required under the applicable rule(s). ACN, ACO, AMT, ATC, ATR and CIO applications see the 4901:1-6-14 Filing Requirements on the Commission's Web Page for a complete list of exhibits.

Exhibit	Description:
A	The tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s) as they exist before the change(s)
B	The Tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s), reflecting the change, with the change(s) marked in the right margin.
C	A short description of the nature of the change(s), the intent of the change(s), and the customers affected.
D	A copy of the notice provided to customers, along with an affidavit that the notice was provided according to the applicable rule(s).

Section III. – Attestation

Registrant hereby attests to its compliance with pertinent entries and orders issued by the Commission.

AFFIDAVIT

Compliance with Commission Rules and Service Standards

I am an officer/agent of the applicant corporation, Buckeye Telesystem, Inc., and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.
(Name)

I attest that these tariffs comply with all applicable rules, including the Minimum Telephone Service Standards (MTSS) Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-5 OAC for the state of Ohio. I understand that tariff notification filings do not imply Commission approval and that the Commission's rules, including the Minimum Telephone Service Standards, as modified and clarified from time to time, supersede any contradictory provisions in our tariff. We will fully comply with the rules of the state of Ohio and understand that noncompliance can result in various penalties, including the suspension of our certificate to operate within the state of Ohio.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on (Date) September 27, 2008 at (Location) 5555 Airport Hwy, Ste. 110, Toledo, OH 43615

*(Signature and Title)  Vice President (Date) 09-27-08

- This affidavit is required for every tariff-affecting filing. It may be signed by counsel or an officer of the applicant, or an authorized agent of the applicant.

VERIFICATION

I, Thomas K. Dawson

verify that I have utilized the Telecommunications Application Form for Routine Proceedings provided by the Commission and that all of the information submitted here, and all additional information submitted in connection with this case, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

*(Signature and Title)  Vice President (Date) 09-27-08

*Verification is required for every filing. It may be signed by counsel or an officer of the applicant, or an authorized agent of the applicant.

Send your completed Application Form, including all required attachments as well as the required number of copies, to:

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Attention: Docketing Division
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FRAS	Frame Relay Access Service
FRIC	Frame Relay Inter-network Connection
IAM	Initial Address Message
IC	Interexchange Carrier
ICP	Inter-network Customer Port
LATA	Local Access & Transport Area
LA	Lifeline Assistance
MPB	Meet Point Billing
MTS	Message Toll Service
NEC	New Exchange Carrier
NRC	Nonrecurring Charge
POT	Point of Termination
PUCO	Public Utility Commission of Ohio
PVC	Permanent Virtual Connection
RHCC	Rural Health Care Corp.
SLC	Schools & Libraries Corp.
SPVC	Standard Permanent Virtual Connection
USF	Universal Service Fund
USAC	Universal Service Administrative Co.
VG	Voice Grade
WATS	Wide Area Telephone Service
WSO	WATS Service Office

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Frame Relay End User Port (EUP): A physical location in the Company switching office where the end-user customer connects to the frame relay switch/frame relay network. It specifies how a frame relay switch sends and receives data.

Frame Relay Inter-network Connection (FRIC): The physical facility, including the associated port, between the access customer's frame relay network and the Buckeye TeleSystem frame relay switch.

Frame Relay Inter-network Customer Port (IUP): The physical location in the Buckeye TeleSystem switching office where the access customer's facility connects to the frame relay access service network. It specifies how a frame relay switch sends and receives data from a frame relay access customer's network.

High Capacity: An Access Service channel for the transmission of isochronous serial data at rates of 1.544, 3.152, 6.312, 44.736 or 274.176 Megabits per second (Mbps).

Hub: A physical arrangement/location where bridging and/or multiplexing functions are provided.

Individual Case Basis (ICB): Pricing arrangement based on unique customer request.

Initial Address Message (IAM): A Common Channel Signaling feature where an SS7 message is sent/received to initiate trunk setup with the busying of an outgoing/incoming trunk that carries information relating to the routing and handling of the call on that trunk to the next switch.

Interexchange Carrier: A carrier engaged in the provision of intrastate, interstate or international telecommunications services.

Kbps: Kilobits, denotes one thousand bits per second.

Local Access and Transport Area: Geographic areas established for defining the territory within which a Bell Operating Company may offer its exchange telecommunications and exchange access services. Other communications entities may be associated with a BOC LATA or Independent Exchange Carriers' Market Service Area.

Mbps: Megabits, denotes millions of bits per second.

Market Service Area: The geographic area established by an Independent Exchange Carrier not associated with a Bell Operating Company LATA within which they may offer exchange or exchange access telecommunications service.

Meet Point: A point designated by two Exchange Carriers for billing purposes.

Mixed Use: The use of Switched Access and Special Access services over the same wideband and high capacity facilities through a common interface.

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<u>Multiplexing:</u> The process of combining multiple parallel circuits into a single communications channel.	M
<u>Network:</u> The Company's fiber optics based facilities and/or purchased facilities as part of an interconnection agreement.	M
<u>Nonrecurring Charge:</u> A one-time charge, generally applied to activities associated with the establishment of service, construction, rearrangements, and/or optional features and functions.	M
<u>Optical Carrier Channel:</u> The high speed optical communications path for transporting information utilizing a Synchronous Optical Channel platform.	M
<u>Optional Features and Functions:</u> These are features and functions a customer may order to improve the quality or utility of Access Services.	M
<u>Packet Data Network:</u> A high-speed digital data transport mechanism that moves variable-length packets or frames through the network to the same or different addresses.	M
<u>Premises:</u> Space occupied by a Customer or authorized user in a building or buildings or contiguous property (except railroad rights-of-way) not separated by a highway.	M
<u>Presubscription:</u> A process that allows an End User served by an equal access office to select in advance an interexchange carrier automatically for toll communication.	M
<u>Point of Termination:</u> A physical point within a LATA or Market Service Area at which the Company's responsibility for access service ends.	M
<u>Recurring Charges:</u> Monthly charges to the Customer for services, facilities and equipment which continue for the agreed-upon duration of the service.	M
<u>RMS Jitter:</u> Short-term variations of the significant instants of a digital signal, peak to peak, from their ideal positions in time.	M
<u>Service Order:</u> A written request for Access Services initiated by the Customer to the Company in the format devised by the Company. It is sometimes referred to as an Access Service request (ASR). The signing of a Service Order by the Customer and acceptance by the Company initiates the respective obligations of the parties set forth herein pursuant to this tariff, but the duration of service is calculated from the Service Commencement Date.	M

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Service Commencement Date: The first day following the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the requested service or facility is available for use, unless extended by the customer's refusal to accept service which does not conform to standards set forth in the Service Order or this tariff.

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In the latter case, the Service Commencement Date is the date of the Customer's acceptance. The parties may mutually agree on a substitute Service Commencement Date.

Special Access Service: Generally dedicated (private line) facilities between two or more Customer Designated Premises.

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Standard Permanent Virtual Connection (SPVC): The connection of ports within the same frame relay network or switch. A software connection sometimes referred to as Permanent Virtual Connection (PVC).

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Switched Access Service: Access to the Company's local switch network by an interexchange carrier for the purposes of originating and/or terminating jurisdictional communications.

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Transport Interconnection Charge: A per access minute charge applicable to transport per FCC CC Docket No. 91-213, Report and Order, March 5, 1998.

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Wire Center: A building in which the Company's switching center is located for the purpose of providing service.

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6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE -- Feature Group D Switched Service (Cont'd)

6.3 Feature Group D--Common Channel Signaling (SS-7) (Cont'd) N

6.3.2 Rate Categories

- Per IAM access charges apply to CCSS service as follows: N
- Signal Formulation (SF) -- if applicable N
- Signal Transport (ST) -- if applicable N
- Signal Switching (SS) -- if applicable N
- Signal Tandem Switching (STS) -- if applicable N

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6.5 (Reserved For Future Use)

6.6 Switched Access Service Specifications --Company Requirements

The provision of Switched Access Service has certain obligations of the Company in addition to those listed in Section 2. preceding. They are as follows:

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10.4 Switched Access Rates

Carrier Common Line

<u>Per Access Minute</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Originating	.00
Terminating	.00
End User Access (per line/trunk)	
Subscriber Line Charge	3.50
Multiline/End User	3.00

<u>Entrance Facility (per connect)</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Non Recurring Charge</u>
Voice Grade	26.00	160.00
4-Wire	40.50	160.00
High Capacity DS-1	149.85	180.00
High Capacity DS-3	2,004.75	499.00

Local Switching

End Office (per Minute)	.002981
Common Trunk (per Minute)	.000392
Operator Transfer Service (per call)	.24

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<u>Local Transport</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Non Recurring Charge</u>
Local Transport Termination (per min. of use)	.000163	
Local Transport Facility (per minute, per mile)	.000019	220.33

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<u>Common Channel Signaling Service</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Signal Formulation (per IAM)	.0006
Signal Transport (per IAM)	.000098
Signal Switching (per IAM)	.000228
Signal Tandem Switching (per IAM)	.000358

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10. RATES FOR SERVICE (Cont'd)

10.4 Switched Access Rates

<u>Direct Trunk Transport Facility (per mile)</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Voice Grade	3.00
High Capacity DS-1	18.70
High Capacity DS-3	102.10

<u>Direct Trunk Termination per term.</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Voice Grade	25.00
High Capacity DS-1	56.00
High Capacity DS-3	343.40
Direct Trunk Port DS-1	102.69

<u>Tandem Switched Transport</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Facility (per mi, per access mou)	.000019
Termination (per term per access mou)	.000163
Tandem Switching (per access mou per tandem)	.001051

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<u>Multiplexing (per arrangement)</u>	<u>Rate</u>
DS-3 to DS-1	681.00
DS1 to Voice	144.00
<u>800 Data Base Query</u>	
Basic (per query)	.002626
Vertical Feature (per query)	.003657

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FRAS	Frame Relay Access Service
FRIC	Frame Relay Inter-network Connection
IAM	Initial Address Message
IC	Interexchange Carrier
ICP	Inter-network Customer Port
LATA	Local Access & Transport Area
LA	Lifeline Assistance
LNP	Local Number Portability
LRN	Local Routing Number
LSP	Local Service Provider
MPB	Meet Point Billing
MTS	Message Toll Service
NEC	New Exchange Carrier
NRC	Nonrecurring Charge
POT	Point of Termination
PUCO	Public Utility Commission of Ohio
PVC	Permanent Virtual Connection
RHCC	Rural Health Care Corp.
SLC	Schools & Libraries Corp.
SPVC	Standard Permanent Virtual Connection
STP	Signal Transfer Point
USF	Universal Service Fund

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USAC	Universal Service Administrative Co.	M
VG	Voice Grade	
WATS	Wide Area Telephone Service	
WSO	WATS Service Office	M

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Frame Relay End User Port (EUP): A physical location in the Company switching office where the end-user customer connects to the frame relay switch/frame relay network. It specifies how a frame relay switch sends and receives data.

Frame Relay Inter-network Connection (FRIC): The physical facility, including the associated port, between the access customer's frame relay network and the Buckeye TeleSystem frame relay switch.

Frame Relay Inter-network Customer Port (IUP): The physical location in the Buckeye TeleSystem switching office where the access customer's facility connects to the frame relay access service network. It specifies how a frame relay switch sends and receives data from a frame relay access customer's network.

High Capacity: An Access Service channel for the transmission of isochronous serial data at rates of 1.544, 3.152, 6.312, 44.736 or 274.176 Megabits per second (Mbps).

Hub: A physical arrangement/location where bridging and/or multiplexing functions are provided.

Individual Case Basis (ICB): Pricing arrangement based on unique customer request.

Initial Address Message (IAM): A Common Channel Signaling feature where an SS7 message is sent/received to initiate trunk setup with the busying of an outgoing/incoming trunk that carries information relating to the routing and handling of the call on that trunk to the next switch.

Interexchange Carrier: A carrier engaged in the provision of intrastate, interstate or international telecommunications services.

Kbps: Kilobits, denotes one thousand bits per second.

Local Access and Transport Area: Geographic areas established for defining the territory within which a Bell Operating Company may offer its exchange telecommunications and exchange access services. Other communications entities may be associated with a BOC LATA or Independent Exchange Carriers' Market Service Area.

Local Number Portability: Allows an End User to maintain the same telephone number when changing from one Local Service Provider (LSP) to another.

Local Routing Number: The number used to direct the call to the correct Local Service Provider (LSP) network switch for completion when the End User has ported its telephone number to an LSP other than the LSP assigned the NPA-NXX of the End User telephone number.

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Mbps: Megabits, denotes millions of bits per second.

Market Service Area: The geographic area established by an Independent Exchange Carrier not associated with a Bell Operating Company LATA within which they may offer exchange or exchange access telecommunications service.

Meet Point: A point designated by two Exchange Carriers for billing purposes.

Mixed Use: The use of Switched Access and Special Access services over the same wideband and high capacity facilities through a common interface.

Multiplexing: The process of combining multiple parallel circuits into a single communications channel.

Network: The Company's fiber optics based facilities and/or purchased facilities as part of an interconnection agreement.

Nonrecurring Charge: A one-time charge, generally applied to activities associated with the establishment of service, construction, rearrangements, and/or optional features and functions.

Optical Carrier Channel: The high speed optical communications path for transporting information utilizing a Synchronous Optical Channel platform.

Optional Features and Functions: These are features and functions a customer may order to improve the quality or utility of Access Services.

Packet Data Network: A high-speed digital data transport mechanism that moves variable-length packets or frames through the network to the same or different addresses.

Premises: Space occupied by a Customer or authorized user in a building or buildings or contiguous property (except railroad rights-of-way) not separated by a highway.

Presubscription: A process that allows an End User served by an equal access office to select in advance an interexchange carrier automatically for toll communication.

Point of Termination: A physical point within a LATA or Market Service Area at which the Company's responsibility for access service ends.

Recurring Charges: Monthly charges to the Customer for services, facilities and equipment which continue for the agreed-upon duration of the service.

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RMS Jitter: Short-term variations of the significant instants of a digital signal, peak to peak, from their ideal positions in time.

Service Order: A written request for Access Services initiated by the Customer to the Company in the format devised by the Company. It is sometimes referred to as an Access Service request (ASR). The signing of a Service Order by the Customer and acceptance by the Company initiates the respective obligations of the parties set forth herein pursuant to this tariff, but the duration of service is calculated from the Service Commencement Date.

Service Commencement Date: The first day following the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the requested service or facility is available for use, unless extended by the customer's refusal to accept service which does not conform to standards set forth in the Service Order or this tariff.

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6. SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE – Feature Group D Switched Service (Cont'd)

6.3 Feature Group D–Common Channel Signaling (SS-7) (Cont'd)

6.3.2 Rate Categories

- Per IAM access charges apply to CCSS service as follows:
- Signal Formulation (SF) – if applicable
- Signal Transport (ST) – if applicable
- Signal Switching (SS) – if applicable
- Signal Tandem Switching (STS) – if applicable

6.4 Local Number Portability (LNP) Query Service

6.4.1 General

LNP Query Service is a capability that utilizes SS7 Signaling to query a database to secure network routing instructions before completion of a call. The database contains information about end users which have ported their service from the donor switch. At a minimum, the database contains the Location Routing Number (LRN) which identifies the Local Service Provider's (LSP) switch serving each ported end user's number. The LRN is used to direct the call to the correct switch for completion to the end user. Where more than one network is involved in completing the call, the network just before the terminating network (i.e., the N-1 Network) is responsible for querying an LNP database to secure the LRN.

N-1 wireline and wireless telecommunications carriers ("Carriers") will be assessed either a Default LNP query charge as set forth in 6.4.2 following where they deliver calls for termination by the Company for which a query has not been performed or an LNP Database Access Query charge, as set forth in 6.4.2 following, where the Carrier directly accesses the Telephone Company's LNP Database to perform the query.

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6.4.2 LNP Query Service Application

There are two applications of the LNP network capability available through the Company's network.

6.4.2.1 Default LNP Query

Terminating calls from N-1 Carriers upon which a query has not been performed to numbers in the Company's network with NXX codes from which a number has been ported to another Company or LSP switch will require a query to the LNP database. Carriers who terminate calls into the Company's network without having performed the appropriate database query will be assessed a Default LNP Query. This query is initiated on behalf of the N-1 Carrier in the performance of its N-1 responsibility. In this scenario, the Company's end office or access tandem switch will suspend call processing and launch a query to the LNP database. When the routing information is returned to the switch, call processing is resumed and the call is routed to the correct switch for completion to the called party.

LNP Database Access Query provides Carriers direct access to the Company's LNP Database to meet their N-1 responsibility to determine the Location Routing Number (LRN). The query is initiated by the N-1 Carrier in the performance of its N-1 responsibility. When the routing information is returned to the Carrier, call processing is resumed and the call is routed to the correct switch for completion to the called party.

6.4.2.2 LNP Database Access Query

Access to the Company's LNP Database requires that the Carrier establish SS7 connectivity directly to the Company's STPs, or connectivity indirectly through a signaling gateway that has connectivity to the Company's STPs.

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6.4.3 LNP Service Provisioning

LNP Query Service will be deployed in all Company switches. LNP Query Service procedures will be applied uniformly to all users of the Company's LNP Query Service except as stated in 6.4.3.3 following. The Company's LNP database will receive and respond to all queries, including Company's queries, as defined in the following Technical References: AM-TR-NIS-00145 and AM-TR-00146.

6.4.3.1 Manner of Provisioning

LNP Query Service will be provisioned using the LRN. The LRN associated an NPA-NXX-XXXX number with each central office switch that serves the ported lines. The number will be known as the LRN for that switch. The LRN will be used as a network routing number for calls to ported numbers served by that switch. All switching equipment types will utilize LRN functionality using the SS7 signaling capability.

6.4.3.2 Limitations

LNP Query Service is to be used only on a call-by-call basis for routing calls to number portable NXX codes and cannot be used for purposes other than those functions described herein.

Information residing in the Company's LNP database is protected from unauthorized access and may not be stored in a carrier's database or elsewhere for any reason.

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6.4.3.3 Network Management

The Company will administer its network with the objective of the provision of acceptable service levels to all users of LNP query service.

The Company maintains the right to block LNP Query traffic, in a nondiscriminatory manner, where the processing of the LNP queries threatens to disrupt operation of its network and impair network reliability. The provision of LNP Query Service is subject to the provisions of Section 2.

6.4.4 Rate Regulations

The rates and charges associated with LNP Query Service are "query" based and will be billed on a monthly basis, based on recorded usage. Query charges will be applied by the Company based upon network recordings of carrier queries to the database for LNP Database Access Query service, and based upon network recordings of Company initiated queries on behalf of the N-1 Carrier for Default LNP Query service.

Specific rates and charges as set forth in 10.4 are applicable to both interstate and intrastate calls.

6.5 (Reserved For Future Use)

6.6 Switched Access Service Specifications –Company Requirements

The provision of Switched Access Service has certain obligations of the Company in addition to those listed in Section 2. preceding. They are as follows:

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10.4 Switched Access Rates**Carrier Common Line**

<u>Per Access Minute</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Originating	.00
Terminating	.00
End User Access (per line/trunk)	

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<u>Entrance Facility (per connect)</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Non Recurring Charge</u>
Voice Grade	26.00	160.00
4-Wire	40.50	160.00
High Capacity DS-1	149.85	180.00
High Capacity DS-3	2,004.75	499.00
<u>Local Switching</u>		
End Office (per Minute)	.002997	
Common Trunk (per Minute)	.000584	
Operator Transfer Service (per call)	.239190	

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<u>Local Transport</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Non Recurring Charge</u>
Local Transport Termination (per min. of use)	.000136	
Local Transport Facility (per minute, per mile)	.000015	220.33

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<u>Common Channel Signaling Service</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Signal Formulation (per IAM)	.000451
Signal Transport (per IAM)	.000098
Signal Switching (per IAM)	.000228
Signal Tandem Switching (per IAM)	.000316

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10. RATES FOR SERVICE (Cont'd)

10.4 Switched Access Rates

<u>Direct Trunk Transport Facility</u> <u>(per mile)</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Voice Grade	3.00
High Capacity DS-1	18.70
High Capacity DS-3	102.10

<u>Direct Trunk Termination</u> <u>per term.</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Voice Grade	25.00
High Capacity DS-1	56.00
High Capacity DS-3	343.40
Direct Trunk Port DS-1	102.69

<u>Tandem Switched Transport</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Facility (per mi, per access mou)	.000015	R
Termination (per term per access mou)	.000136	R
Tandem Switching (per access mou per tandem)	.001347	I

<u>Multiplexing (per arrangement)</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
DS-3 to DS-1	681.00	
DS1 to Voice	144.00	
<u>800 Data Base Query</u>		
Basic (per query)	.002451	R
Vertical Feature (per query)	.003757	I
<u>LNP</u>		
LNP Database Query	.001049	N
LNP Default	.00186	N

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Exhibit C

Description of and Rationale for the Proposed Tariff Change:

In this application, Buckeye TeleSystem is amending its Tariff, PUCO #3, to change certain local switching end officer per minute rates, an adjustment brought about by changes in the Local Switching rate charged by AT&T Ohio. The new charges apply to all carriers with whom the Company exchanges traffic. The Company also is adding certain language relative to Local Number Portability.

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Exhibit D



Choices for Business

September 29, 2008

Re: Tariff Rate Changes

Dear Buckeye Telesystem, Inc. Customer:

Buckeye Telesystem, Inc. has filed with the Federal Communications Commission, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and the Michigan Public Service Commission, changes to its current Tariff rates.

Buckeye Telesystem, Inc. is proposing the following new rates to FCC Tariff No. 1, PUCO Tariff No. 3, and MPSC Tariff 2-R:

<u>Ohio</u> (FCC No. 1 & PUCO No. 3)		<u>Michigan</u> (FCC No. 1 & MPSC 2-R)	
Local Switching	.0029970	Local Switching	.001412
Tandem Switching	.0013470	Tandem Switching	.001151
Common transport termination	.000136	Common transport termination	.000136
Common transport facility	.000015	Common transport facility	.000015
Common trunk port	.0005840	Common trunk port	.000529
Flex ANI	.0001500	Flex ANI	.0001500
Tandem transport termination	.0001360	Tandem transport termination	.000136
Tandem transport facility	.0000150	Tandem transport facility	.000015
800 database simple query	.0024510	800 database simple query	.002451
800 database complex query	.0037570	800 database complex query	.003757
Operator transfer	.2391900	Operator transfer	.2400000
LNP database query	.001049	LNP database query	.001049
LNP default	.001860	LNP default	.001860
SS7 signal formulation (per IAM)	.000451	SS7 signal formulation (per IAM)	.000451
SS7 signal transport (per IAM)	.0000980	SS7 signal transport (per IAM)	.0000980
SS7 signal switching (per IAM)	.0002280	SS7 signal switching (per IAM)	.0002280
SS7 signal tandem switching (per IAM TDM SW)	.0003160	SS7 signal tandem switching (per IAM TDM SW)	.0003160

The complete tariffs, including the changes, are available for inspection at the Federal Communication Commission offices, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554, the PUCO Offices, 180 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, the MPSC offices, 6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7, Lansing, MI 48911, or at Buckeye TeleSystem Headquarters, 5566 Southwyck Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43614 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays.

Sincerely,

Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.

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