# The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM 

## (Effective: 01/20/2011)

This form is intended to be used with most types of required filings. It provides check boxes with rule references for the most common types of filings. It does not replace or supersede Commission rules in any way.

| In the Matter of the Application of Benton Ridge | ) | TRF Docket No. 90-5007-TP-TRF |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Telephone Company to Obtain BLES Pricing Flexibility | ) | Case No. 13-0998 -TP - BLS |
|  | ) | NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case \#, leave the "Case No" fields |

Name of Registrant(s) __ Benton Ridge Telephone Company
DBA(s) of Registrant(s)
Address of Registrant(s) _ 140 Main St, PO Box 180, Benton Ridge, OH 45816
Company Web Address _www.brtelco.com
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Ken Williams, President and CEO
Phone 419-859-2144 Fax 419-859-2150
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address_ kenw@watchtv.net
Contact Person for Annual Report _Megan Schulte, Assistant Secretary
Phone 419-859-2144
Address (if different from above)
Consumer Contact Information Ken Williams, President and CEO
Phone 419-859-2144
Address (if different from above)
Motion for protective order included with filing? $\square$ Yes $\boxtimes$ No
Motion for waiver(s) filed affecting this case? $\square$ Yes $\boxtimes$ No [Note: Waivers may toll any automatic timeframe.]

## Notes:

Section I and II are Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6 OAC.
Section III - Carrier to Carrier is Pursuant to 4901:1-7 OAC, and Wireless is Pursuant to 4901:1-6-24 OAC.
Section IV - Attestation.
(1) Indicate the Carrier Type and the reason for submitting this form by checking the boxes below.
(2) For requirements for various applications, see the identified section of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4901 and/or the supplemental application form noted.
(3) 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.
(4) An Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) offering basic local exchange service (BLES) outside its traditional service area should choose CLEC designation when proposing to offer BLES outside its traditional service area or when proposing to make changes to that service.

All Filings that result in a change to one or more tariff pages require, at a minimum, the following 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 <br> 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 <br> the applicable rule(s). |

## Section I - Part I - Common Filings

| Carrier Type $\square$ Other (explain below) | 区 For Profit ILEC | $\square$ Not For Profit ILEC | $\square$ CLEC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change terms \& conditions of existing BLES | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ATA } \underline{l-6-14(H)} \\ & \text { (Auto } 30 \text { days) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ATA } \underline{l-6-14(H)} \\ & \text { (Auto } 30 \text { days) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ATA } \underline{l-6-14(H)} \\ & \text { (Auto } 30 \text { days) } \end{aligned}$ |
| Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge, or fee to BLES |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ATA } \underline{1-6-14(H)} \\ & \text { (Auto } 30 \text { days) } \end{aligned}$ |
| Introduce or Increase Late Payment | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ATA } \underline{1-6-14(I)} \\ & \text { (Auto } 30 \text { days) } \end{aligned}$ | $\square$ ATA $\underline{1-6-14(I)}$ <br> (Auto 30 days) | $\square$ ATA $\underline{1-6-14(I)}$ <br> (Auto 30 days) |
| Revisions to BLES Cap. | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ZTA } 1-6-14(F) \\ & (0 \text { day Notice) } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area) | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ZTA } \underline{l-6-14(H)} \\ & (0 \text { day Notice }) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ZTA } \underline{1-6-14(H)} \\ & (0 \text { day Notice }) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ZTA } \underline{1-6-14(H)} \\ & (0 \text { day Notice }) \end{aligned}$ |
| Notice of no obligation to construct facilities and provide BLES | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ZTA } \underline{1-6-27(C)} \\ & (0 \text { day Notice) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ZTA } \underline{l-6-27(C)} \\ & (0 \text { day Notice) } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Change BLES Rates | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { TRF } 1-6-14(F) \\ & (0 \text { day Notice }) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { TRF } 1-6-14(F)(4) \\ & (0 \text { day Notice }) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { TRF } \underline{1-6-14(G)} \\ & (0 \text { day Notice) } \end{aligned}$ |
| To obtain BLES pricing flexibility | 区 BLS 1-6-14 (C)(1)(c) (Auto 30 days) |  |  |
| Change in boundary | $\square$ ACB $\frac{1-6-32}{\text { (Auto } 14 \text { days) }}$ | $\square$ ACB 1-6-32 (Auto 14 days) |  |
| Expand service operation area |  |  | $\square$ TRF $\underline{1-6-08(G)(0 ~ d a y) ~}$ |
| BLES withdrawal |  |  | $\square$ ZTA 1 -6-25(B) (0 day Notice) |
| Other* (explain) |  |  |  |

Section I - Part II - Customer Notification Offerings Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-7 OAC

| Type of Notice | Direct Mail | Bill Insert | Bill Notation | Electronic Mail |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\square$ 15-day Notice | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| $\boxtimes$ 30-day Notice | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Date Notice Sent: May 1,2013 |  |  |  |  |

Section I - Part III -IOS Offerings Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-22 OAC

| IOS | Introduce New | Tariff Change | Price Change | Withdraw |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\square$ IOS | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

Section II - Part I - Carrier Certification - Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-08, 09 \& 10 OAC

| Certification | ILEC (Out of Territory) | CLEC | Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local | CESTC | CETC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { * See Supplemental } \\ & \text { form } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ACE } 1-6-08 \\ & * \text { (Auto 30- day) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ACE } 1-6-08 \\ & * \text { (Auto 30 day) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ACE } 1-6-08 \\ & \text { *(Auto 30 day) } \end{aligned}$ | $\square$ ACE 1-6-10 (Auto 30 day) | $\square$ UNC 1 -6-09 (Non-Auto) |

*Supplemental Certification forms can be found on the Commission Web Page.
Section II - Part II - Certificate Status \& Procedural

| Certificate Status | ILEC | CLEC | Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Abandon all Services |  | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ABN } \underline{1-6-26} \\ & \text { (Auto } 30 \text { days) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ABN } \underline{1-6-26} \\ & \text { (Auto } 30 \text { days) } \end{aligned}$ |
| Change of Official Name * | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ACN } 1-6-29(B) \\ & \text { (Auto 30 days) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ACN } 1-6-29(B) \\ & \text { (Auto 30 days) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { CIO } \frac{1-6-29(C)}{(0 \text { day Notice) }} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Change in Ownership * | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ACO } \frac{1-6-29(E)}{\text { (Auto } 30 \text { days) }} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ACO } \frac{1-6-29(E)}{\text { (Auto } 30 \text { days) }} \end{aligned}$ | $\square$ (0 day Notice) |
| Merger * | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { AMT } 1-6-29(E) \\ & \text { (Auto } 30 \text { days) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { AMT } \frac{1-6-29(E)}{} \\ & \text { (Auto 30 days) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { CIO } 1-6-29(C) \\ & (0 \text { day Notice }) \end{aligned}$ |
| Transfer a Certificate * | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ATC } \frac{1-6-29(B)}{\text { (Auto } 30 \text { days) }} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \square \text { ATC } \frac{1-6-29(B)}{\text { (Auto } 30 \text { days) }} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { CIO } \frac{1-6-29(C)}{(0 \text { day Notice })} \end{aligned}$ |
| Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business * | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ATR } 1-6-29(B) \\ & \text { (Auto } 30 \text { days) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ATR } 1-6-29(B) \\ & \text { (Auto } 30 \text { days) } \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |

* Other exhibits may be required under the applicable rule(s). ACN, ACO, AMT, ATC, ATR and CIO applications see the 4901:1-6-29 Filing Requirements on the Commission's Web Page for a complete list of exhibits.

Section III - Carrier to Carrier (Pursuant to 4901:1-7), and Wireless (Pursuant to 4901:1-6-24)

| Carrier to Carrier | ILEC | CLEC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Interconnection agreement, or amendment to an approved agreement | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { NAG } \underline{1-7-07} \\ & \text { (Auto } 90 \text { day) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { NAG } \underline{1-7-07} \\ & \text { (Auto } 90 \text { day) } \end{aligned}$ |
| Request for Arbitration | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ARB } 1-7-09 \\ & \text { (Non-Auto) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { ARB } 1 \text { I-7-09 } \\ & \text { (Non-Auto) } \end{aligned}$ |
| Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs, | $\square \text { ATA } \frac{1-7-14}{}$ | $\square \text { ATA } 1-7-14$ <br> (Auto 30 day) |
| Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { UNCl-7-04 or } 05 \\ & \text { (Non-Auto) } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Changes in rates, terms \& conditions to Pole Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights-of-Way. | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { UNC 1-7-23(B) } \\ & \text { (Non-Auto) } \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  |  |  |
| Wireless Providers See 4901:1-6-24 | $\square$ RCC <br> [Registration \& Change in Operations] | NAG [Interconnection Agreement or |

## Section IV. - Attestation

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

## AFFIDAVIT <br> Compliance with Commission Rules

I am an officer/agent of the applicant corporation, Benton Ridge Telephone Company, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

Martin Ellerbrock
(Name)
Please Check ALL that apply:
$\boxtimes$ I attest that these tariffs comply with all applicable rules for the state of Ohio. I understand that tariff notification filings do not imply Commission approval and that the Commission's rules 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 attest that customer notices accompanying this filing form were sent to affected customers, as specified in Section II, in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-7, Ohio Administrative Code.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
Executed on (Date) April 22, 2013 At (Location) Benton Ridge, Ohio
*(Signature and Title) /s/Martin Ellerbrock (Date) April 22, 2013

- 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, Norman J. Kennard verify that I have utilized the Telecommunications Filing Form for most 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.

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*(Signature and Title) /s/ Norman J. Kennard
(Date) April 22, 2013
*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.
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Send your completed Application Form, including all required attachments as well as the required number of copies, to:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Attention: Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215-3793
Or
Make such filing electronically as directed in Case No 06-900-AU-WVR

## EXHIBIT A

Current Tariff Sheets

## EXCHANGE RATES

## BENTON RIDGE EXCHANGE

The rates hereunder entitle subscribers in the Benton Ridge Exchange to make calls, without additional charge, to the Gilboa, Mt. Cory and Pandora exchanges of The Orwell Telephone Company and the Findlay Exchange of SBC Ohio.
A. Within the Base Rate Area, comprising the territory within the corporate limits of the Village of Benton Ridge as said corporate limits existed as of the date of this tariff sheet:

|  | Monthly Rates |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Business | $\frac{\text { Max. }}{\text { Rate }}$ | Residence | $\frac{\text { Max. }}{\text { Rate }}$ |
| Individual access line, each | \$29.20 | \$29.20 | \$15.05 | \$15.05 |

B. Outside the Benton Ridge Exchange Base Rate Area, the following rates apply:

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\begin{array}{lllll}
\text { Individual access line, each } & \$ 29.20 & \$ 29.20 & \$ 15.05 & \$ 15.05
\end{array}
$$

Individual line business service will be furnished at the rates specified above plus a monthly mileage charge of 75 cents for each quarter mile or fraction thereof, air line measurement, between Base Rate Area boundary and the subscriber's location.

## NORTH CREEK EXCHANGE

The rates hereunder entitle subscribers in the North Creek Exchange to make calls, without additional charge, to the Continental and Miller City exchanges of the Continental Telephone Company; the New Bavaria Exchange of The Benton Ridge Telephone Company and the Leipsic exchange of The Orwell Telephone Company.
A. Within the Base Rate Area, comprising the town plat of the unincorporated Village of North Creek as said town plat existed as of the date of this tariff sheet:

|  |  | Monthl | Rates |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Business | Max. | Residence |  |
| Individual access line, each | \$29.20 | $\frac{\text { Rate }}{\$ 29.20}$ | \$15.05 | $\frac{\text { Rate }}{\$ 15.05}$ |

## EXCHANGE RATES (Continued)

## NORTH CREEK EXCHANGE (Continued)

B. Outside the North Creek Exchange Base Rate Area, the following rates apply:

|  | Monthly Rates |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Business | $\frac{\text { Max. }}{\text { Rate }}$ | Residence | $\frac{\text { Max. }}{\text { Rate }}$ |
| Individual access line, each | \$29.20 | \$29.20 | \$15.05 | \$15.05 |

Individual line business service will be furnished at the rates specified above plus a monthly mileage charge of 75 cents for each quarter mile or fraction thereof, air line measurement, between Base Rate Area boundary and subscriber's location.

## NEW BAVARIA EXCHANGE

The rates hereunder entitle subscribers in the New Bavaria Exchange to make calls, without additional charge, to the Ayersville Exchange of the Ayersville Telephone Company; the Miller City Exchange of the Continental Telephone Company; the North Creek Exchange of The Benton Ridge Telephone Company; and the Hamler and Holgate exchanges of United Telephone Company dba Sprint.
A. Within the Base Rate Area, comprising the territory within the corporate limits of the date of this tariff sheet:

|  | Monthly Rates |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Business | $\frac{\text { Max. }}{\text { Rate }}$ | Residence | $\frac{\text { Max. }}{\text { Rate }}$ |
| Individual access line, each | \$29.20 | \$29.20 | \$15.05 | \$15.05 |

B. Outside the New Bavaria Base Rate Area, the following rates apply:

Monthly Rates

|  | Business |  | Max. <br>  <br> Individual access line, each | Residence |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $\$ 29.20$ | $\$ 29.20$ | $\$ 15.05$ | $\$ 15.05$ |  |

Individual line business service will be furnished at the rates specified above plus a monthly mileage charge of 75 cents for each quarter mile or fraction thereof, air line measurement, between Base Rate Area Boundary and the subscriber's location.

## EXHIBIT B

## Proposed Tariff Sheets

## EXCHANGE RATES

## BENTON RIDGE EXCHANGE

The rates hereunder entitle subscribers in the Benton Ridge Exchange to make calls, without additional charge, to the Gilboa, Mt. Cory and Pandora exchanges of The Orwell Telephone Company and the Findlay Exchange of SBC Ohio.
A. Within the Base Rate Area, comprising the territory within the corporate limits of the Village of Benton Ridge as said corporate limits existed as of the date of this tariff sheet:

|  | $\underline{\text { Monthly Rates }}$ |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $\underline{\text { Business }}$ |  | $\underline{\text { Max. }}$ | $\underline{\text { Residence }}$ | $\underline{\text { Max. }}$ |
| Individual access line, each | $\underline{\text { Rate }}$ |  | $\underline{\text { Rate }}$ |  |  |
|  | $\$ 29.20$ | $\$ 29.20$ | $\$ 16.30$ | $\$ 16.30$ | (C) |

B. Outside the Benton Ridge Exchange Base Rate Area, the following rates apply:
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Individual access line, each } & \$ 29.20 & \$ 29.20 & \$ 16.30 & \$ 16.30 & \text { (C) }\end{array}$

Individual line business service will be furnished at the rates specified above plus a monthly mileage charge of 75 cents for each quarter mile or fraction thereof, air line measurement, between Base Rate Area boundary and the subscriber's location.

## NORTH CREEK EXCHANGE

The rates hereunder entitle subscribers in the North Creek Exchange to make calls, without additional charge, to the Continental and Miller City exchanges of the Continental Telephone Company; the New Bavaria Exchange of The Benton Ridge Telephone Company and the Leipsic exchange of The Orwell Telephone Company.
A. Within the Base Rate Area, comprising the town plat of the unincorporated Village of North Creek as said town plat existed as of the date of this tariff sheet:

|  | Monthly Rates <br>  <br> Business |  |  |  | $\underline{\text { Max. }}$ | $\underline{\text { Residence }}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## EXCHANGE RATES (Continued)

## NORTH CREEK EXCHANGE (Continued)

B. Outside the North Creek Exchange Base Rate Area, the following rates apply:

|  | Monthly Rates <br>  <br> Individual access line, each |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $\underline{\text { Business }}$ |  | Max. | $\underline{\text { Residence }}$ |

Individual line business service will be furnished at the rates specified above plus a monthly mileage charge of 75 cents for each quarter mile or fraction thereof, air line measurement, between Base Rate Area boundary and subscriber's location.

## NEW BAVARIA EXCHANGE

The rates hereunder entitle subscribers in the New Bavaria Exchange to make calls, without additional charge, to the Ayersville Exchange of the Ayersville Telephone Company; the Miller City Exchange of the Continental Telephone Company; the North Creek Exchange of The Benton Ridge Telephone Company; and the Hamler and Holgate exchanges of United Telephone Company dba Sprint.
A. Within the Base Rate Area, comprising the territory within the corporate limits of the date of this tariff sheet:

|  | Monthly Rates |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underline{\text { Business }}$ | $\underline{\text { Max. }}$ | Residence | $\underline{\text { Max. }}$ |
| Individual access line, each | $\$ 29.20$ | $\underline{\text { Rate }}$ |  | $\underline{\text { Rate }}$ |
|  | $\$ 29.20$ | $\$ 16.30$ | $\$ 16.30$ |  |

B. Outside the New Bavaria Base Rate Area, the following rates apply:

Monthly Rates

|  | Business | Max. | Residence | Max. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Rate |  | Rate |
| Individual access line, each | \$29.20 | \$29.20 | \$16.30 | \$16.30 |

Individual line business service will be furnished at the rates specified above plus a monthly mileage charge of 75 cents for each quarter mile or fraction thereof, air line measurement, between Base Rate Area Boundary and the subscriber's location.

## EXHIBIT C

## Description of the Changes

In this Application, Benton Ridge Telephone Company requests BLES pricing flexibility to increase its residential local rate by $\$ 1.25$ per month in its Benton Ridge, New Bavaria, and North Creek exchanges. This flexibility is needed to meet the Universal Service Fund "urban rate floor" set forth in the FCC's USF/ICC Transformation Order (FCC 11-161).

Effective July 1, 2012, incumbent local exchange carriers receiving Federal high-cost support had that support reduced if their residential basic local rates were less than $\$ 10.00$ per month. Effective July 1, 2013, the threshold will be increased to $\$ 14.00$. On July 1, 2014, the threshold will be set according to a new nationwide survey. The last survey was done in 2007, and the average rate then was $\$ 15.62$. The surveyed rates have gradually increased over the years, and Benton Ridge believes that the rate used for the July 1, 2014, rate floor will probably be higher than $\$ 15.62$.

Benton Ridge's current residential rate is $\$ 15.05$ per month. BLES pricing flexibility will make it less likely that Benton Ridge will experience a reduction in Federal high-cost support in 2014 and future years.

Benton Ridge currently serves 778 residential customers. Benton Ridge does not plan to increase any other rates at this time.

## EXHIBIT D

## Customer Notice and Affidavit

The following customer notice will appear on bills that are mailed to customers on May 1 , 2013. This notice will also be sent to the Office of Ohio Consumers' Counsel and to the Commission's electronic mailbox (Telecomm-Rule07@puc.state.oh.us) no less than thirty days prior to the rate increase:

Effective June 1, 2013, our local telephone rate for residential customers will increase by $\$ 1.25$ per month, from $\$ 15.05$ to $\$ 16.30$. Many rural telephone companies, including Benton Ridge Telephone Company, receive support from the Federal Universal Service Fund. New rules reduce such support if a telephone company's local rates are below the national average. The $\$ 1.25$ increase is necessary to bring our residential local rates more in line with the national average and to avoid a reduction in our Federal Universal Service Fund support.

Our last increase in residential local rates was more than 27 years ago.
If you have any questions, please call our office at 611 or (419) 859-2144.

The following affidavit will be prepared and filed with the Commission after the customer notice is provided to customers on May 1, 2013:

I, $\qquad$ , am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, Benton Ridge Telephone Company, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf. I attest that the customer notice accompanying this affidavit was sent to affected customers as a bill message on May 1, 2013, in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-07, Ohio Administrative Code. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: $\qquad$
At: _Benton Ridge, Ohio
Signature: $\qquad$

## EXHIBIT E

## Demonstration of Alternative Providers

Pursuant to R.C. 4927.12(C)(3)(a) and Ohio Administrative Code 4901:1-6-14, Benton Ridge Telephone Company may not increase its BLES rates for an exchange area unless it first applies to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and the Commission determines that the application demonstrates that two or more alternative providers offer, in the exchange area, competing service to the BLES service offered by the company, regardless of the technology and facilities used by the alternative provider, the alternative provider's location, and the extent of the alternative provider's service area within the exchange area. An alternative provider, under R.C. 4927.12(C)(3)(a), includes a telephone company, including a wireless service provider, a telecommunications carrier, and a provider of internet protocol-enabled services, including voice over internet protocol.

The Commission has not previously determined that Benton Ridge Telephone Company's exchanges qualified for alternative regulation of BLES.

In accordance with R.C. 4927.12(C)(3)(a), the attached information demonstrates that two or more alternative providers offer competing service to the BLES service offered by Benton Ridge Telephone Company in its three exchanges, namely Verizon Wireless, AT\&T Mobility, Sprint, Alltel Wireless, and Vonage service using WildBlue's satellite network.


Broadband Internet Services | Important Plan Info
*Total Due Now does not include taxes, which will be added after you enter a shipping address. In California, sales tax is calculated on the full retail price of the device, not the dis counted price you pay. In Massachusetts and Nevada, sales tax is calculated on the VZW cost of the device. Aso during the credit check process, a deposit may be added to the total amount due. Pre-orders will be charged to your credit card when items are shipped.

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These Coverage Locator depictions apply to the following calling plans:
Share Everything, Nationwide Calling Plans, Mobile Broadband and Prepaid.
Voice roaming charges will apply in the Canada and Mexico coverage areas unless you subscribe to the Share Everything or Nationw ide Plus Canada/Mexico Plan.
These Coverage Locator maps depict predicted and approximate wireless coverage. The coverage areas show $n$ do not guarantee service availability,


## These Coverage Locator depictions apply to the following calling plans:

## Share Everything, Nationwide Calling Plans, Mobile Broadband and Prepaid.

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[^1]|  | Select a Plan | [ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nation 450 w/Rollover® | Add a plan | 0 |
| Minutes |  | (0) |
|  | Add a device | - |
| \$39.99/mo | Add services | - |
| FREE SHIPPING <br> WITH ONLINE PURCHASE | Add accessories |  |
| Adt to Cart Requires: | Already an AT\&T customer? <br> Add a line / Upgrade |  |
| * Contract and new activation. | 16 |  |



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