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December 31, 2013

13-2449-TP-BLS

VIA ELECTRONIC AND OVERNIGHT MAIL

Ms. Barcy McNeal, Secretary
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street - 11th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Application for BLES Pricing Flexibility

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Pursuant to the Ohio Public Utilities Commission's Chapter 4901:1-6-14, Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications ("FairPoint") is filing its application for Basic Local Exchange Service ("BLES") pricing flexibility. FairPoint respectfully requests the enclosed application and supportive documents be filed with an issue date of December 31, 2013.

If there is any question concerning this application, please contact Sandra Wennerstrand at 802-863-0679 and allow for an opportunity to resolve the matter.

Yours truly,

M. Beth Fastiggi

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cc: Sandra Wennerstrand, FairPoint Communications

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 Germantown Independent) TRF Docket No. <u>90-5021-TP-TRF</u>	
Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications to) Case No. 13 2449 -TP -BLS	
Obtain BLES Pricing Flexibility NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave the	"Case No" fields
) BLANK.	
Name of Registrant(s) Germantown Independent Telephone Company	
DBA(s) of Registrant(s) FairPoint Communications	
Address of Registrant(s) 800 Hinesburg Road, South Burlington, VT 05403	
Company Web Address www.fairpoint.com	
Regulatory Contact Person(s) M. Beth Fastiggi, State President-Vermont Phone 802-863-0797 Fax 802-86	<u>3-9928</u>
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address beth.fastiggi@fairpoint.com	
Contact Person for Annual Report Angela Unruh, Director Accounting Phone 620-	<u>227-4443</u>
Address (if different from above)	
Consumer Contact Information George Dale, Director National Telcom Customer Sales and Service Phone 509-	<u>962-0252</u>
Address (if different from above)	
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.]	
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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:
Α	The tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s) as they exist before the change(s)
В	The Tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s), reflecting the change, with the change(s) marked in the right margin.
С	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 I - Part I - Common Filings

Carrier Type Other (explain below	·)	☐ For Pro	fit ILEC	Not For I	Profit ILEC	C	LEC
Change terms & condition existing BLES	4	of ATA <u>1-6-1</u> (Auto 30 days)		ATA <u>1-6</u> (Auto 30 day			ΓΑ <u>1-6-14(H)</u> 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring ch surcharge, or fee to BLES	iarge,						ΓΑ <u>1-6-14(Η)</u> 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late	Payment	ATA <u>1</u> (Auto 30 da	ys)	ATA <u>1-6</u> (Auto 30 days			ΓΑ <u>1-6-14(I)</u> 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap.		O day Notic					
Introduce BLES or expand service area (calling area)	l local	ZTA <u>1-0</u> (0 day Notic		ZTA <u>1-6-</u> (0 day Notice			A <u>1-6-14(H)</u> Notice)
Notice of no obligation to facilities and provide BLE		ZTA <u>1-e</u> (0 day Notic		(0 day Notice			
Change BLES Rates		☐ TRF <u>1-0</u> (0 day Notic		TRF <u>1-6-</u> (0 day Notice		TRF <u>1-6-14(G)</u> (0 day Notice)	
To obtain BLES pricing flo	exibility	BLS <u>1-6</u> (C)(1)(c) (Auto 30 da	ays)				
Change in boundary		ACB <u>/-</u> (Auto 14 da		ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)			
Expand service operation a	area						RF <u>1-6-08(G)(</u> 0 day)
BLES withdrawal							A <u>1-6-25(B)</u> Notice)
Other* (explain)			···-				
Section I – Part II – Cu	stomer Not	ification Of	ferings Pur	suant to Chapt	er <u>4901:1-6-7</u>	<u>OAC</u>	
Type of Notice	Direc	t Mail	Bill	Insert	Bill Nota	tion	Electronic Mail
☐ 15-day Notice	[
⊠ 30-day Notice							
Date Notice Sent:							
Section I – Part III –IOS Offerings Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-22 OAC							
IOS	Introdu	ice New	Tariff	Change	Price Cha	ınge	Withdraw
□ IOS							

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

	ILEC	CLEC	Telecommunications	CESTC	CETC
Certification	(Out of Territory)		Service Provider		ļ
			Not Offering Local		
* See Supplemental	☐ ACE <u>1-6-08</u>	☐ ACE <u>1-6-08</u>	ACE <u>1-6-</u> 08	ACE <u>1-6-</u> 10	UNC <u>1-6-</u> 09
form	* (Auto 30- day)	*(Auto 30 day)	*(Auto 30 day)	(Auto 30 day)	*(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		ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)	ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)
Change of Official Name *	ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership *	ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	☐ CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Merger *	AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transfer a Certificate *	ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)

^{*} 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	□ NAG <u>1-7-07</u>	□ NAG <u>1-7-07</u>
an approved agreement	(Auto 90 day)	(Auto 90 day)
Request for Arbitration	☐ ARB <u>1-7-09</u>	☐ ARB <u>1-7-09</u>
	(Non-Auto)	(Non-Auto)
Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs,	☐ ATA <u>1-7-14</u>	☐ ATA <u>1-7-14</u>
introduce of change c-t-c service tariffs,	(Auto 30 day)	(Auto 30 day)
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier	UNC <u>1-7-04</u> or 05	
suspension or modification	(Non-Auto)	!
Changes in rates, terms & conditions to Pole	UNC 1-7-23(B)	
Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights-	(Non-Auto)	
of-Way.		
	RCC	NAG
Wireless Providers See 4901:1-6-24	[Registration &	[Interconnection
	Change in Operations]	Agreement or

authorized agent of the applicant.

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

AFFIDAVIT

Compliance with Commission Rules

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I am an officer/agent of the applicant corporation, Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications,	and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.
M. Beth Fastiggi (Name)	
Please Check ALL that apply:	
☑ I attest that these tariffs comply with all applicable rules for the state of Ohi imply Commission approval and that the Commission's rules as modified contradictory provisions in our tariff. We will fully comply with the rules of the can result in various penalties, including the suspension of our certificate to ope	I and clarified from time to time, supersede any he state of Ohio and understand that noncompliance
☑ I attest that customer notices accompanying this filing form were sent to affe accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-7, Ohio Administrative Code.	ected customers, as specified in Section II, in
I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.	
Executed on (Date) 12-23-13 at (Location) 800 Hinesburg Road South	
*(Signature and Title	M. B. Dorm (Date) 12-23-13 State President - Vermont
	State President - Vermont

VERIFICATION

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

I, M. Beth Fastiggi, 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.

*(Signature and Title) M-BI State President - Vermont (Date) 12-23.13

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:

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

EXHIBIT A

Current Tariff Pages

P.U.C.O. NO. 8

SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL MONTHLY RATES

Monthly rates:

	<u>Access line</u> <u>Individual</u>	Max. Rate
Residential	\$18.95	\$18.95
Business	\$36.42	\$36.42
Public Pay phones	\$36.42	
COCOT	\$19.50	
Coin Supervision Additive	\$ 7.20	

Two-way extended area service is furnished the subscribers of this exchange between The Germantown Independent Telephone Company and the Franklin, Middletown, Dayton and Miamisburg-West Carollton exchanges of AT&T Ohio and the Gratis and Farmersville exchanges of Frontier North Inc.

EXPANDED SERVICE AREAS

The services, rates, terms, and conditions for the Franklin Exchange will be identical to those of the Germantown Exchange. Service will be available where facilities permit.

The services, rates, terms, and conditions for the Miamisburg – W. Carrollton Exchange and the Gratis Exchange will be identical to those of the Germantown and Franklin exchanges. Service will be available where facilities permit.

The services, rates, terms, and conditions for the Farmersville and Middletown exchanges will be identical to those of the Germantown, Franklin, Miamisburg-W. Carrollton, and Gratis exchanges. Service will be available where facilities permit.

Issued: May 18, 2011

Effective: May 18, 2011

EXHIBIT B

Proposed Tariff Sheets

P.U.C.O. NO. 8

SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL MONTHLY RATES

Monthly rates:

	<u>Access line</u> <u>Individual</u>	Max. Rate	
Residential	\$20.20	\$20.20	(1)
Business	\$37.67	\$37.67	(1)
Public Pay phones	\$36.42		
COCOT	\$19.50		
Coin Supervision Additive	\$ 7.20		

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Issued: December 31, 2013 Effective: January 31, 2014

EXHIBIT C

Description of Changes

In this application, Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications ("FairPoint") requests Basic Local Exchange Service ("BLES") pricing flexibility in order that it may increase its BLES rates for both residence and business customers at a date to be determined in the future. Obtaining pricing flexibility is critical allowing FairPoint to continue providing its customers with excellent telephone service in the competitive environment in which it operates.

EXHIBIT D

Customer Notice and Affidavit

Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications ("FairPoint") has notified its customers in bills 30 days in advance of any increase it plans to implement. Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 4901:1-6-7, a copy of this customer notice will be provided to the Public Utilities Commission's staff no later than the date FairPoint provides the notice to customers, by emailing the text of the customer notice to an electronic mailbox at Telecomm-Rule07@puc.state.oh.us.

Bill message:

Effective with your February statement, FairPoint will be increasing the Access Line rates for residence and business customers by \$1.25 per month. The new Access Line rate will increase from \$18.95 to \$20.20 per month for residence customers and will increase from \$36.42 to \$37.67 per month for business customers. If you have any questions about these revised rates please call a service representative at 1.800.400.5568.

CUSTOMER NOTICE AFFIDAVIT

Affidavit

I, M. Beth Fastiggi, am the State President of Vermont and am duly authorized to attest that the customer notices accompanying this affidavit were sent to affected customers as a bill message on January 2, 2014, in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-07, Ohio Administrative Code. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

M. Beth Fastiggi

State President - Vermont

STATE OF VERMONT

) ss.:

COUNTY OF CHITTENDEN)

Sworn before me this 23 day of December 2013 by M. Beth Fastiggi, as President of Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications, who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.

Printed Name of Notary: Douglas S. Thorbuen
My Commission Expires:

02-10-15

EXHIBIT E

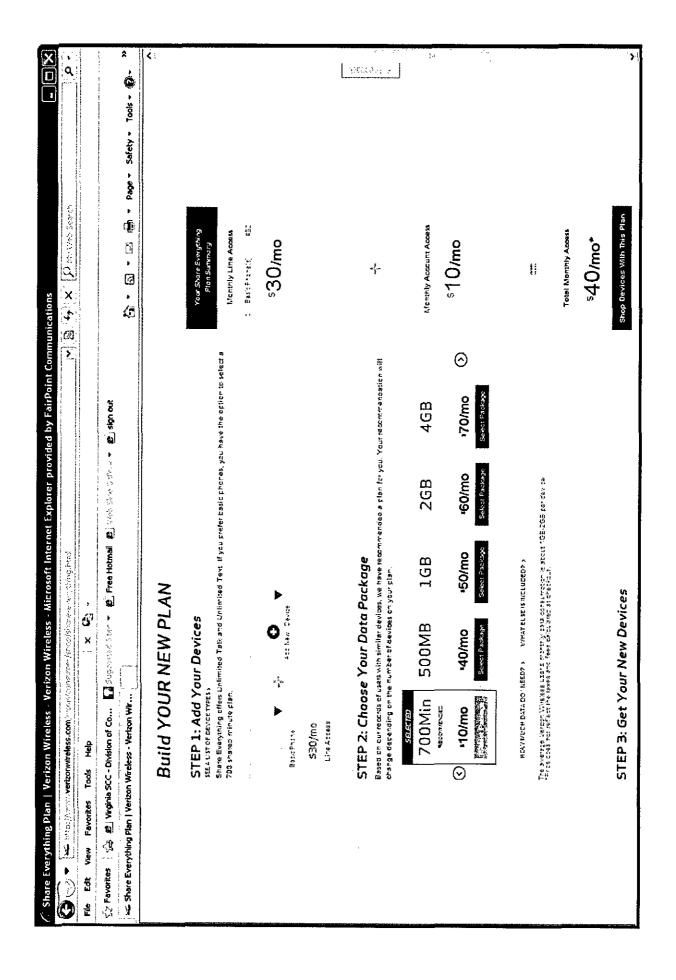
Demonstration of Alternative Providers

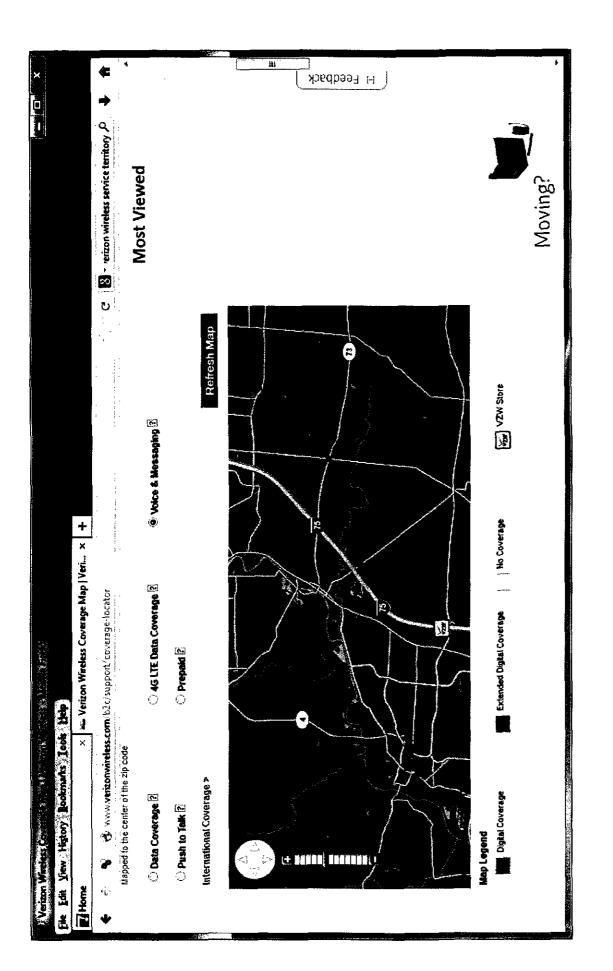
Pursuant to R.C. 4917.12 (C)(3)(a) and Ohio Administrative Code 4901:1-6-14, Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications ("FairPoint") may not increase its Exchange BLES rates upward unless the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier ("ILEC") first applies to the Ohio Utilities Commission ("Commission") and the Commission determines that the application demonstrates that two or more alternative providers offer in the exchange area, competing service to the BLES offered by the ILEC in the exchange area, 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.

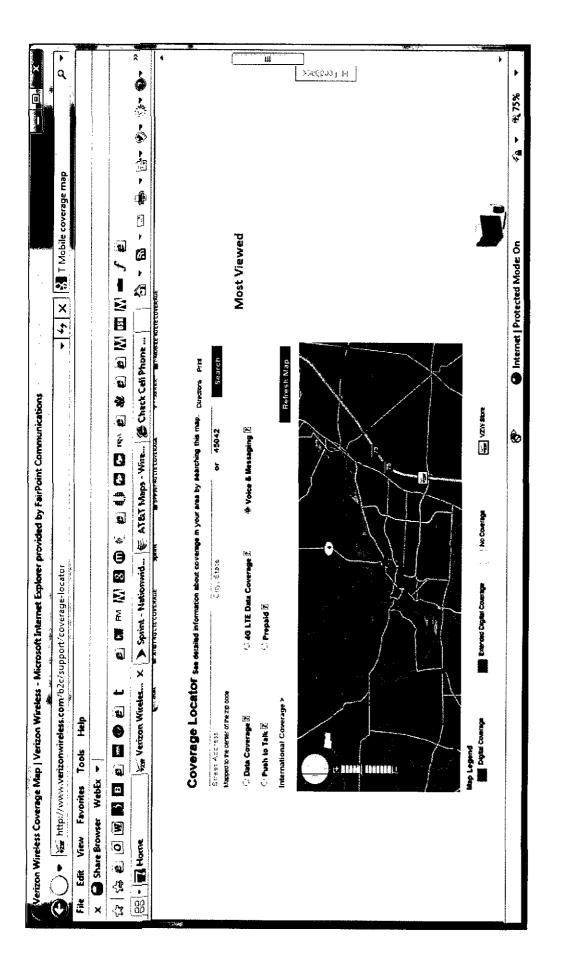
The Commission has not previously determined if FairPoint Exchanges qualified for alternative regulation of BLES. Pursuant to R.C. 4927.12(C)(3)(a), the attached information demonstrates that two or more alternative provides offer competitive service to BLES service offered by FairPoint. The alternate providers are Verizon Wireless, Sprint and AT&T Wireless.

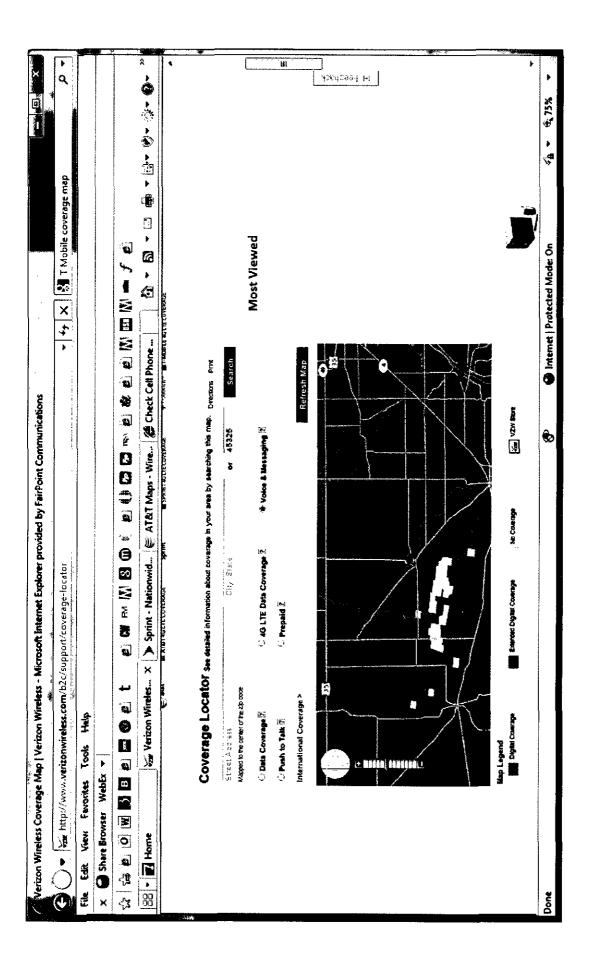
Zip Codes in the Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications Market

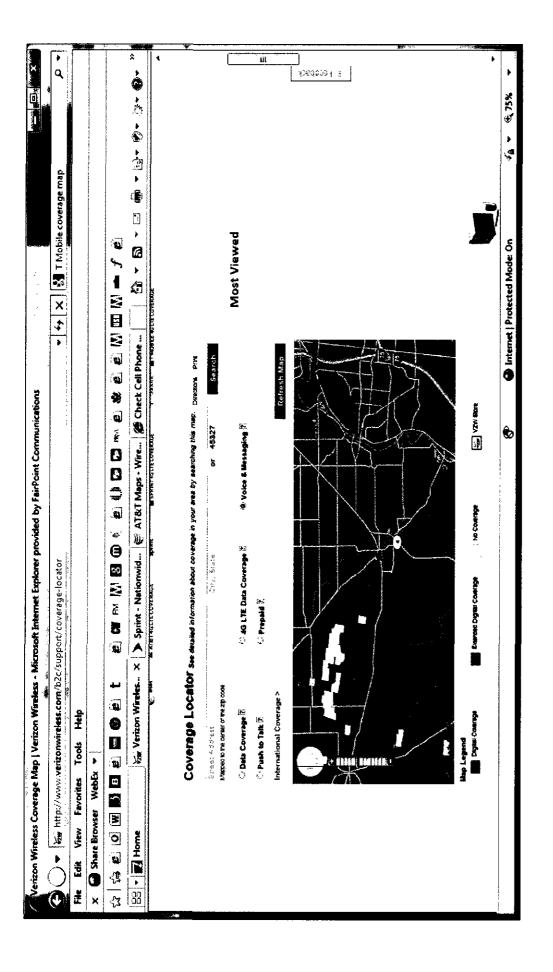
<u>Zip Code</u>	Voice Competitor 1	Voice Competitor 2
45005	Verizon Wireless	Sprint
45042	Verizon Wireless	Sprint
45325	Verizon Wireless	Sprint
45327	Verizon Wireless	AT&T











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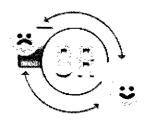
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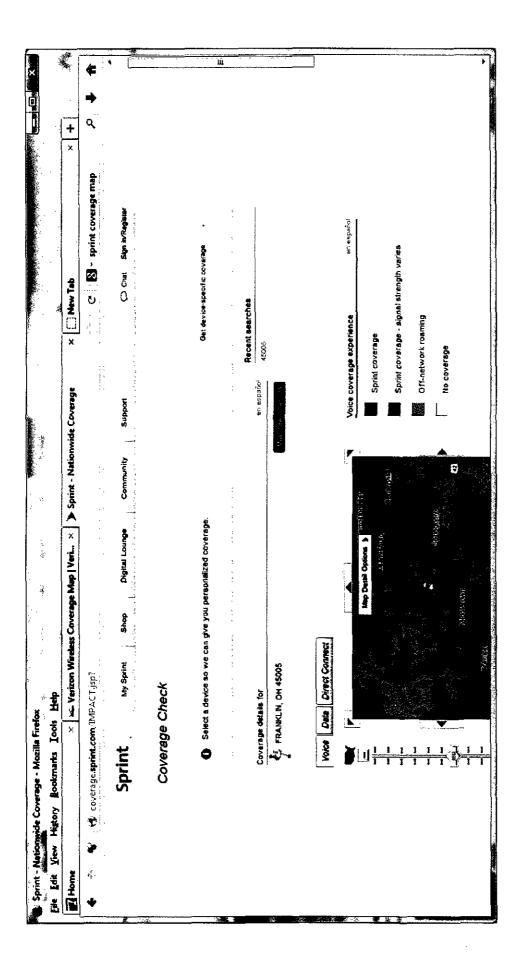
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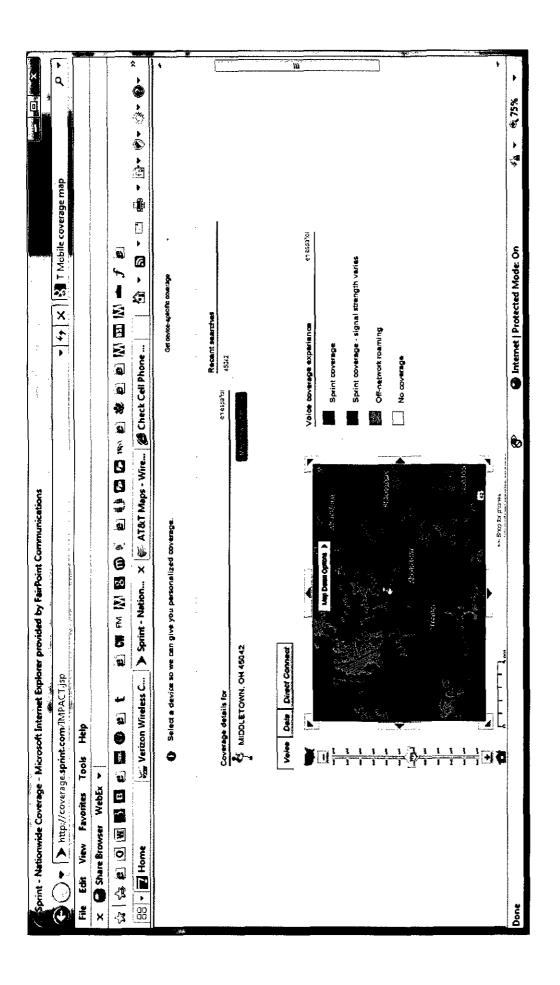
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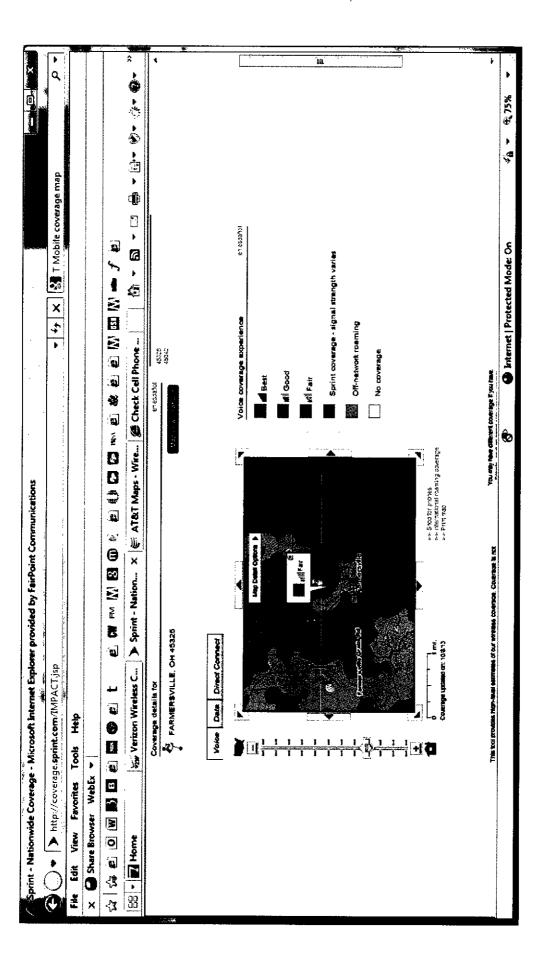
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Overview

Key Features

Equipment & Installation

Learning Center

Advanced Features

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- . Locate Me Provides simultaneous ringing on up to four wireless/landline numbers when someone calls your home

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Calls to Canada	✓			
International Calls, including International Mo are not included and are billed separately Intto://www.att.com/media/att/2013/support/pdf/uy	•	•	•	
First published listing included at no addition options below)	•	•	~	
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Access to U-verse Online to customize your service	~	~	~	
Traditional calling features including: Call Blo Waiting, Caller ID, Call Waiting ID, Exclusive Cal Calling	•	•	•	
Advanced Calling Features including: Anonyr Call Forwarding, Call History, Call Screening, Call Directory Assistance Blocking, Do Not Distr Blocking, Locate Me, Make a Call, No Answer C Forwarding, Sub Accounts, AT&T U-verse(SM) if	~	•	•	
Optional Features (see additional	charges below)			
Second Line	\$15.00	available	available	available (minutes are shared)
Call Trace	\$8.00	available	available	available
Listings				
Additional Published Listing	\$1.50	available	available	available
Non-Listed	\$2.25			
Non-Published	\$4.95			
Directory Assistance	\$2.00	ayailable	available	available
Call Completion	Included			
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Message Waiting indicator on TV Exclusive with U-verseTV ¹	•						
Locate Me / Follow Me	*		Call Forwarding			~	
Click to Call with U-verseTV1	•			Voice Zone on TV App			
Volcemall Viewer ² (includes Voicemail-to-Text)	•		Included Smart VM	Cox Mobile Connect App Readable VM	Voicemail		
Call Waiting	~	•	•	•	•	~	
Call Forwarding	•	•	•	•	•	•	
3-Way Calling	•	Additional charge	•	•	•	•	
Caller ID	•	•	~	•	•	*	
Call Waiting ID	•	•	~	•	~	•	
Priority Ringing		Custom Ring		•	•	VIP Ringing	
Call Return		Additional charge	•	•		•	-
Repeat Dialing	~	Additional charge	•	•		Busy Redial	
Call Screening	•	•	Cali Screen	•	Call Acceptance		
Safe Call Forwarding	•	•	•	•	•		
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Anonymous Call Blocking	•	•	~	v	~	•	

