

December 31, 2013

13-2451-TP-BLS

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

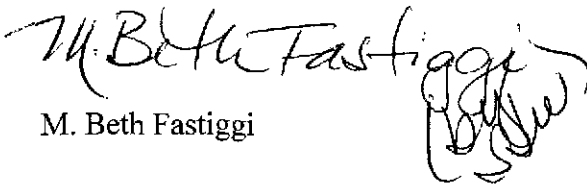
Re: Application for BLES Pricing Flexibility

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Pursuant to the Ohio Public Utilities Commission's Chapter 4901:1-6-14, Columbus Grove 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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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM

(Effective: 01/20/2011)

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In the Matter of the Application of Columbus Grove
Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications to
Obtain BLES Pricing Flexibility

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TRF Docket No. 90-5014-TP-TRF

Case No. 13-2421 -TP -BLS

NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave the "Case No" fields
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Name of Registrant(s) Columbus Grove 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

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Fax 802-863-9928

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Contact Person for Annual Report Angela Unruh, Director Accounting

Phone 620-227-4443

Address (if different from above)

Consumer Contact Information George Dale, Director National Telcom Customer Sales and Service

Phone 509-962-0252

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.]

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 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 I – Part I - Common Filings

Carrier Type <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)	<input type="checkbox"/> For Profit ILEC	<input type="checkbox"/> Not For Profit ILEC	<input type="checkbox"/> CLEC
Change terms & conditions of existing BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge, or fee to BLES			<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late Payment	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap.	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(F)</u> (0 day Notice)		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)
Notice of no obligation to construct facilities and provide BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	
Change BLES Rates	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-14(F)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-14(F)(4)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-14(G)</u> (0 day Notice)
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLS <u>1-6-14(C)(1)(c)</u> (Auto 30 days)		
Change in boundary	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	
Expand service operation area			<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-08(G)(0 day)</u>
BLES withdrawal			<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-25(B)</u> (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
<input type="checkbox"/> 15-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date Notice Sent: _____				

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

IOS	Introduce New	Tariff Change	Price Change	Withdraw
<input type="checkbox"/> IOS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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
* See Supplemental form	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> * (Auto 30- day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> *(Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> *(Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-10</u> (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-6-09</u> *(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		<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)
Change of Official Name *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Merger *	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transfer a Certificate *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 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 type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 day)
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-04</u> or 05 (Non-Auto)	
Changes in rates, terms & conditions to Pole Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights- of-Way.	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-23(B)</u> (Non-Auto)	
Wireless Providers See <u>4901:1-6-24</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> RCC [Registration & Change in Operations]	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG [Interconnection Agreement or

Section IV. – Attestation

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

AFFIDAVIT *Compliance with Commission Rules*

I am an officer/agent of the applicant corporation, Columbus Grove 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 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) 12.23.13 at (Location) 800 Hinesburg Road South Burlington, Vermont 05403

*(Signature and Title) M. Beth Fastiggi (Date) 12.23.13
State President - Vermont

- 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, 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. Beth Fastiggi M. Beth Fastiggi
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
Or

Make such filing electronically as directed in Case No 06-900-AU-WVR

EXHIBIT A

Current Tariff Pages

P.U.C.O. NO. 8

EXCHANGE RATES

- A. The rates below are monthly rates and entitle the subscriber to local messages within the territory of the Columbus Grove Telephone Company with Extended Area Service (EAS) privileges to the following listed exchanges:

Glandorf Exchange, The Glandorf Telephone Company, Inc.
Kalida Exchange, Kalida Telephone Company, Inc.
Vaughnsville Exchange, Vaughnsville Telephone Company
Cairo Exchange, CenturyLink
Ottawa Exchange, CenturyLink
Pandora Exchange, Orwell Telephone Company

B. Basic Service Rates

	<u>Access Line</u>	<u>Max. Rate</u>
WITHIN THE BASE RATE AREA*		
Business, Primary Line	\$19.60	\$19.60
Residence, Single Line	\$11.80	\$11.80
OUTSIDE BASE RATE AREA **		
Business, Primary Line	\$22.20	\$22.20
Residence, Single Line	\$14.40	\$14.40

C. Basic Coin Transmission Rate

WITHIN THE BASE RATE AREA	
Smart payphone line	\$19.60
Dumb payphone line	\$19.60
Coin Supervision Additive	\$ 7.20
OUTSIDE THE BASE RATE AREA	
Smart payphone line	\$22.20
Dumb payphone line	\$22.20
Coin Supervision Additive	\$ 7.20

* As defined on the map shown in Section 1, Sheet No. 3.

** As defined on the map shown in Section 1, Sheet No. 5.

Issued: May 18, 2011

Effective: May 18, 2011

In Accordance with Case No. 10-1010-TP-ORD and 11-2971-TP-ATA

Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Patrick L. Morse, Senior Vice President

Columbus Grove, Ohio

EXHIBIT B

Proposed Tariff Sheets

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Kalida Exchange, Kalida Telephone Company, Inc.
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B. Basic Service Rates

	<u>Access Line</u>	<u>Max. Rate</u>	
WITHIN THE BASE RATE AREA*			
Business, Primary Line	\$20.85	\$20.85	(l)
Residence, Single Line	\$13.05	\$13.05	(l)
OUTSIDE BASE RATE AREA **			
Business, Primary Line	\$23.45	\$23.45	(l)
Residence, Single Line	\$15.65	\$15.65	(l)

C. Basic Coin Transmission Rate

WITHIN THE BASE RATE AREA	
Smart payphone line	\$19.60
Dumb payphone line	\$19.60
Coin Supervision Additive	\$ 7.20
OUTSIDE THE BASE RATE AREA	
Smart payphone line	\$22.20
Dumb payphone line	\$22.20
Coin Supervision Additive	\$ 7.20

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EXHIBIT C

Description of Changes

In this application, Columbus Grove 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

Columbus Grove 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.

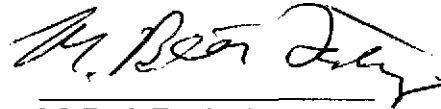
Bill message:

Effective with your February statement, FairPoint will be increasing the Access Line rates for residence and business customers by \$1.25 per month. If you are located within the Base Rate Area, the new Access Line rate will increase from \$11.80 to \$13.05 per month for residence customers and from \$19.60 to \$20.85 per month for business customers. If you are located outside the Base Rate Area, the new Access Line rate will increase from \$14.40 to \$15.65 per month for residence customers and from \$22.20 to \$23.45 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

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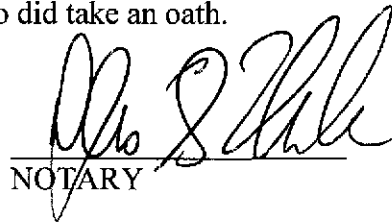
I, M. Beth Fastiggi, am the State President of Vermont and am duly authorized to attest that the customer notices accompanying this affidavit were sent to affected customers as a bill message on January 2, 2014, in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-07, Ohio Administrative Code. I declare under penalty of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


NOTARY

Printed Name of Notary: Douglas S. Thorburn
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, Columbus Grove 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 providers offer competitive service to BLES service offered by FairPoint. The alternate providers are Verizon Wireless and Sprint.

Zip Codes in the Columbus Grove Telephone Company
d/b/a FairPoint Communications Market

<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>Voice Competitor 1</u>	<u>Voice Competitor 2</u>
45830	Verizon Wireless	Sprint

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