



June 19, 2015  
Via Web Filing

Ms. Betty McCauley, Commission Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

**RE: Talk America Services, LLC Case Number 14-1439-TP-ACE / 90-9419  
Initial Tariff Filing**

Dear Ms. McCauley:

Pursuant to the Order issued in Case Number 14-1439-TP-ACE and 90-9419-TP-TRF, enclosed please find the initial tariff submitted on behalf of Talk America Services, LLC. This filing is dated with an effective date of June 19, 2015.

Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3031 or via email to sthomas@tminc.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/Sharon Thomas

Sharon Thomas  
Consultant to Talk America Services, LLC

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**RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF  
LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE SERVICES  
IN THE STATE OF OHIO  
BY  
TALK AMERICA SERVICES, LLC  
90-9419-TP-TRF**

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**EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS, REFERENCES MARKS, AND ABBREVIATIONS OF TECHNICAL TERMS USED IN  
THIS TARIFF**

The following symbols shall be used in this tariff for the purpose indicated below:

- C To signify changed regulation.
- D To signify discontinued rate or regulation.
- I To signify increased rate.
- M To signify a move in the location of text.
- N To signify new rate or regulation.
- R To signify reduced rate.
- S To signify reissued matter.
- T To signify a change in text but no change in rate or regulation.

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**APPLICATION OF TARIFF**

This tariff, filed by Talk America Services, LLC, hereinafter referred to as “the Company”, describes the regulated service terms, conditions, and rates required in conformance with the Retail Telecommunication Service Rules, 4901:1-6, O.A.C and the Local Exchange Carrier Rules, 4901:1-7, O.A.C.. The Company provides certain detariffed services which are not in the Company’s tariff on file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Rule 4901:1-06-11(A)(2)).

The Company is certified to provide service pursuant to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio’s decision in Docket Number 14-1439-TP-ACE.

Customers may view the detariffed/nonregulated services not included in this tariff on the Company’s website at <http://tariffs.net/talkamerica/>.

Customer rights, responsibilities and safeguards can be found in 4901:1-6 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

The applicable requirements of the Ohio Administrative Code and the Ohio Revised Code apply to the operations of the Company. The Company will comply with the Commission’s policies and requirements for persons with communications disabilities and privacy and number disclosure requirements covered in subject cases. Any changes in terms or conditions of this tariff and/or operations of the Company will generate an obligation of the Company to provide notice of such changes in accordance with the Commission’s Rules.

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**MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES****Special Construction****Basis for Charges**

Where the Company furnishes a facility or service for which a rate or charge is not specified in the Company's tariffs, charges will be based on the costs incurred by the Company and may include: (1) nonrecurring type charges; (2) recurring type charges; (3) termination liabilities; or (4) combinations thereof.

**Basis for Cost Computation**

The costs referred to above may include one or more of the following items to the extent they are applicable:

- A. Cost installed of the facilities to be provided including estimated costs for the rearrangements of existing facilities. Cost installed includes:
  - 1. Equipment and materials provided or used,
  - 2. Engineering, labor and supervision,
  - 3. Transportation, and
  - 4. Rights of way;
- B. Cost of maintenance;
- C. Depreciation on the estimated cost installed of any facilities provided, based on the anticipated useful service life of the facilities with an appropriate allowance for the estimated net salvage;
- D. Administration, taxes and uncollectible revenue on the basis of reasonable average costs for these items;
- E. License preparation, processing and related fees;
- F. Tariff preparation, processing and related fees;
- G. Any other identifiable costs related to the facilities provided; or
- H. An amount for return and contingencies.

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**MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)****Emergency Services (Enhanced 911)**

This service allows Customers to reach the appropriate emergency services including police, fire and medical services. Enhanced 911 has the ability to selectively route an emergency call to the primary E911 provider so that it reaches the correct emergency service located closest to the caller. In addition, the Customer's address and telephone information will be provided to the primary E911 provider for display at the Public Service Answering Point (PSAP). These services will be provided free of charge to all Customers.

The Company will collect 911 surcharges on a per line basis and remit all surcharge revenue to the appropriate government entity.

**Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS)**

Telecommunications relay service enables deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-impaired persons who use a Text Telephone (TT) or similar devices, to communicate freely with the hearing population not using TT and visa versa. A Customer will be able to access the state provider to complete such calls.

Customers may be assessed a charge per line per month to fund Telecommunications Relay Services for the State of Ohio in accordance with Section 4905.84 of the Revised Code. This charge shall in no event exceed the per end-user line (or equivalent) assessment levied by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio upon the Company.

**Presubscription**

Presubscription is a procedure whereby a Customer designates to the Company the carrier which the Customer wishes to be the carrier of choice for intraLATA and or interLATA toll calls. Such calls are automatically directed to the designated carrier, without the need to use carrier access codes or additional dialing to direct the call to the designated carrier. Presubscription does not prevent a Customer who has presubscribed to a toll carrier from using carrier access codes or additional dialing to direct calls to an alternative toll carrier on a per call basis.

**A. Application of Charges**

After a Customer's initial selection for a presubscribed intraLATA toll carrier, for any change thereafter, an IntraLATA Presubscription Change Charge will apply. Customers who request a change in intraLATA and interLATA carriers with the same order will be assessed a single charge per line.

The Presubscription Change Charge shall be applied as follows:

1. The charge shall be no greater than those set forth in below, unless modified by a company-specific Commission-approved tariff.

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**MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)**Presubscription, (Cont'd.)

2. If a Customer changes both the InterLATA and IntraLATA Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier at the same time, 50% of the otherwise applicable IntraLATA Presubscription Change Charge will apply.

**PRESUBSCRIPTION:**

Presubscription Change Charge, Per line, trunk, or port:

Manual PIC Change, per line	\$5.50
Electronic PIC Change, per line	\$1.25

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