



Via E-FILE

April 1, 2016

Ms. Betty McCauley, Docketing Division
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street, 13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-0573

Re: CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink
Case No. 90-5010-TP-TRF and Case No. 16-0676-TP-ZTA

Dear Ms. McCauley:

Enclosed for filing is CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink's tariff to increase Business and Residential/Church Initial Line rates. This filing also reflects the new maximum rates for these services.

Section 2, Fifth Revised Sheet 1

These tariff sheets are filed with an April 1, 2016 issue date and an effective date of April 1, 2016. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please call me or Mr. Joshua Motzer at (614) 221-5354.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zarneisha Dixon".

Zarneisha Dixon

Enclosures

cc: Joshua Motzer, CenturyLink

OH 16-01 (CT)

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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM

(Effective: 9-2-2015)

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 CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc.) TRF Docket No. 90-5010-TP-TRF
d/b/a CenturyLink to increase BLES rates for Business and) Case No. 16- 0676-TP-ZTA
Residential/Church Initial Lines and to increase the BLES)
cap.)

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

Name of Registrant(s) CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc.
DBA(s) of Registrant(s) CenturyLink
Address of Registrant(s) 100 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe, LA 71203
Company Web Address www.centurylink.com/tariffs
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Josh Motzer Phone 614-221-5354 Fax 614-224-3902
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address Josh.Motzer@CenturyLink.com
Contact Person for Annual Report Ken Buchan Phone 318-362-1538
Address (if different from above) _____
Consumer Contact Information Donna Powell Phone 800-788-3500
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 checked="" 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 1-6-14(H) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-14(H) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-14(H) (Auto 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge, or fee to BLES			<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-14(H) (Auto 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late Payment	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-14(I) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-14(I) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-14(I) (Auto 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-14(F) (0 day Notice)		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-14(H) (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-14(H) (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-14(H) (0 day Notice)
Notice of no obligation to construct facilities and provide BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-27(C) (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-27(C) (0 day Notice)	
Change BLES Rates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRF 1-6-14(F) (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF 1-6-14(F)(4) (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF 1-6-14(G) (0 day Notice)
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	<input type="checkbox"/> BLS 1-6-14 (C)(1)(c) (Auto 30 days)		
Change in boundary	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB 1-6-32 (Auto 14 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB 1-6-32 (Auto 14 days)	
Expand service operation area			<input type="checkbox"/> TRF 1-6-08(G) (0 day)
BLES withdrawal			<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-25(B) (0 day Notice)
Other*			

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 type="checkbox"/> 30-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 1-6-08 * (Auto 30- day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE 1-6-08 * (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE 1-6-08 * (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE 1-6-10 (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> 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		<input type="checkbox"/> ABN 1-6-26 (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN 1-6-26 (Auto 30 days)
Change of Official Name *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO 1-6-29(E) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO 1-6-29(E) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0 day Notice)
Merger *	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT 1-6-29(E) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT 1-6-29(E) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0 day Notice)
Transfer a Certificate *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (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 1-7-07 (Auto 90 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG 1-7-07 (Auto 90 day)
Request for Arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB 1-7-09 (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB 1-7-09 (Non-Auto)
Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs,	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-7-14 (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-7-14 (Auto 30 days)
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC 1-7-04 or 05 (Non-Auto)	
Changes in rates, terms & conditions to Pole Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights-of-Way.	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-3-04 (Auto 30 days)	
Wireless Providers See 4901:1-6-24	<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, CenturyLink, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

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 March 29, 2016 at Monroe, Louisiana

*/s/  , Regulatory Operations Analyst

March 29, 2016

- *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, Zarneisha Dixon 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.

*/s/  , Regulatory Operations Analyst

March 29, 2016

**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

CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc.
d/b/a CenturyLink

P.U.C.O. NO. 12
GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

Section 2
Fourth Revised Sheet 1
Cancels Third Revised Sheet 1

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

2. Local Exchange Service

2.1 General

- a. The Company furnishes local exchange service in the following exchange areas: Avon Lake, Avon, Lorain, Amherst, Vermilion and Birmingham.
- b. Maps of those areas are on file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
- c. Each exchange service customer is entitled and enabled to make and receive calls on a local message basis (i.e., without the application of toll charges) as follows:
 - (1) to make calls to all stations in all exchange areas of the Company; and
 - (2) to receive calls from all customer stations in exchange areas of the Company.

2.2 Monthly Local Exchange Service Rates

2.2.1 Application of Rates

The following rates apply to all grades of main station local exchange service furnished in all exchanges by the Company.

2.2.2 Rates

Local Exchange Service ⁽¹⁾	Current <u>Monthly Rate</u>	Maximum <u>Monthly Rate</u>
a. Residential/Church ⁽³⁾		
Initial Line	\$15.05 (I)	\$16.30 (I)
b. Business ⁽³⁾		
Initial Line	32.00	33.25
c. Payphone ⁽²⁾		
Initial Line	14.32	14.32

⁽¹⁾ All rates are for access lines only.

⁽²⁾ The rates for payphones are governed by 96-1310-TP-COI.

⁽³⁾ The rates for basic local exchange service (BLES) as defined in OAC 4901:1-6-14 are capped at an annual increase of no more than \$1.25 per line.

EXHIBIT B

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

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a. Residential/Church ⁽³⁾		
Initial Line	\$16.30 (I)	\$17.55 (I)
b. Business ⁽³⁾		
Initial Line	33.25 (I)	34.50 (I)
c. Payphone ⁽²⁾		
Initial Line	14.32	14.32

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EXHIBIT C

This filing establishes the maximum rates that are currently allowed under OAC 4901:1-6-14 while also increasing the current line rates for Residential and Business BLES.

EXHIBIT D

CENTURYTEL OF OHIO, INC. d/b/a CENTURYLINK CUSTOMER NOTICE

In compliance with OAC 4901:1-6-07 Customer Notice Requirements, CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink will send the following bill messages on customer bills beginning March 1, 2016.

RESIDENCE: Effective April 1, 2016, the monthly rate for all one-party residence lines and church lines will increase to \$16.30. Simple Choice, Simple Choice One, Simple Choice Two, Economy Pack Bundle and Second Line Bundle will increase by \$2.00 per line per month. If you have any questions about these changes or would like to review your account, please contact a Customer Care Representative at 800-943-8809. Thank you for choosing CenturyLink for your communication needs--we value you as our customer.

BUSINESS: Effective April 1, 2016, the monthly rate for all one-party business lines will increase by \$1.25. The \$2.00 monthly charge for hunting service will be eliminated and hunting service will be provided at no additional charge. The monthly rate for church lines will be \$16.30. If you have any questions about these changes or would like to review your account, please contact a Customer Care Representative at the telephone number printed on your bill. Thank you for choosing CenturyLink for your communication needs--we value you as our customer.

CUSTOMER NOTICE AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF: LOUISIANA

SS:

COUNTY OF: OUACHITA

AFFIDAVIT

I, Zarneisha W. Dixon, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf. I attest that customer notices accompanying this affidavit were sent to affected customers through bill message beginning March 1, 2016 in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-07 (C), Ohio Administrative Code. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 29, 2016, Monroe, LA 71203

ZW Dixon

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

March 29, 2016
(Date)

Michelle Lyn Rivers

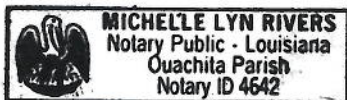
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Michelle Rivers

My Appt. Exp. Lifetime



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Case No(s). 16-0676-TP-ZTA

Summary: Tariff Increase of BLES rates for Business and Residential/Church Initial Lines and BLES cap. electronically filed by Mrs. Zarneisha Dixon on behalf of CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc d/b/a CenturyLinik and Mrs. Zarneisha Dixon