

August 15, 2016

#### **Via Electronic Filing**

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

Re: United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink

Case No. 90-5041-TP-TRF and Case No. 16-1702-TP- ATA

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Attached for filing, please find the following tariff revisions for United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink's Tariff:

Section 7, Second Revised Sheet 1

Pursuant to FCC 15-71, adopted June 18, 2015, Lifeline rule changes became effective on February 17, 2016. Under the revised rules, as of August 15, 2016, Carriers will no longer receive Lifeline reimbursement for any wholesale services to resellers, and incumbent LEC's are no longer required to offer their Lifeline services to resellers. This filing proposes changes to tariff provisions, compliant with these rule changes.

This tariff sheet is filed with an August 15, 2016 issue date and an effective date of August 15, 2016.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please call me or Mr. Joshua Motzer at (614) 221-5354.

Sincerely,

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cc: Joshua Motzer, Centurylink

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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 United Telephone  | )                  | TRF Docket No. 90-5041-TP-TRF                  |                             |  |
|---|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| Company of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink to revise tariff to comply with FCC Lifeline order.                   | )                  | Case No. 16-1702- <b>TP-</b> AT                | <u>A</u>                    |  |
|   | )                  | NOTE: Unless you have reserved a fields BLANK. | Case #, leave the "Case No" |  |
| Name of Registrant(s) United Telephone Company 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@C  | enturyLin          | k.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 Motion for waiver(s) filed affecting this case?  Yes N |                    | Waivers may toll any automatic                 | e 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)   |
| 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 Prof                             | fit ILEC                       | Not For F                           | Profit ILEC                       | ☐ CI                                   | EC                             |
|---|---|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Change terms & conditions existing BLES                                 |   | of ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days) |                                | ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days) |                                   | ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)    |                                |
| Introduce non-recurring ch surcharge, or fee to BLES                    | arge,   |  |                                |                                     |                                   |  | A <u>1-6-14(H)</u><br>30 days) |
| Introduce or Increase Late  | Payment   | ATA <u>1-6-14(1)</u> (Auto 30 days)    |                                | ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days) |                                   | ATA <u>1-6-14(1)</u><br>(Auto 30 days) |                                |
| Revisions to BLES Cap.  |   | ☐ ZTA <u>1-6</u><br>(0 day Notic       | e)                             |                                     |                                   |  |                                |
| Introduce BLES or expand service area (calling area)                    | local   | ZTA <u>1-6</u><br>(0 day Notic         |                                | ZTA <u>1-6-</u><br>(0 day Notice    |                                   |  | 'A <u>1-6-14(H)</u><br>Notice) |
| Notice of no obligation to of facilities and provide BLES               |   | ZTA <u>1-6</u><br>(0 day Notic         |                                | ZTA <u>1-6-</u><br>(0 day Notice    |                                   |  |                                |
| Change BLES Rates   | Change BLES Rates TRF <u>1-6-14(F)</u> (0 day Notice) |  |                                |                                     |                                   |  | F <u>1-6-14(G)</u><br>Notice)  |
| To obtain BLES pricing fle  | exibility   | BLS <u>1-6-</u><br>(Auto 30 da         | - <i>14 (C)</i> (1)(c)<br>ays) |                                     |                                   |  |                                |
| Change in boundary  | Change in boundary  ACB 1-4 (Auto 14 day)             |  |                                | ACB <u>1-6-32</u><br>(Auto 14 days) |                                   |  |                                |
| Expand service operation a  | Expand service operation area                         |  |                                |                                     |                                   | ☐ TR                                   | F <u>1-6-08(G)</u> (0 day)     |
| BLES withdrawal   |   |  |                                |                                     |                                   | TTA <u>1-6-25(B)</u> (0 day Notice)    |                                |
| Other*  | X   |  |                                |                                     |                                   |  |                                |
| Section I – Part II – Cus  Type of Notice                               |   | ification Off                          |                                | uant to Chapt<br>Insert             | er <u>4901:1-6-7</u><br>Bill Nota |  | Electronic Mail                |
| ☐ 15-day Notice   | [   |  | [                              |                                     |                                   |  |                                |
| 30-day Notice   |   |  | [                              |                                     |                                   |  |                                |
| <b>Date Notice Sent:</b>  |   |  |                                |                                     |                                   |  |                                |
| Section I – Part III –IOS Offerings Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-22 OAC |   |  |                                |                                     |                                   |  |                                |
| IOS   | Introdu   | ice New                                | Tariff                         | Change                              | Price Change                      |  | 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   |                   |                   |
|                    |                    |                   | Not Offering Local |                   |                   |
| * See Supplemental | ACE <u>1-6-08</u>  | ACE <u>1-6-08</u> | ACE <u>1-6-08</u>  | ACE <u>1-6-10</u> | UNC <u>1-6-09</u> |
| form               | * (Auto 30- day)   | *(Auto 30 day)    | *(Auto 30 day)     | (Auto 30 day)     | *(Non-Auto)       |

<sup>\*</sup>Supplemental Certification forms can be found on the Commission Web Page.

### Section II - Part II - Certificate Status & Procedural

| Certificate Status   | ILEC                                   | CLEC                                | Telecommunications<br>Service Provider Not<br>Offering Local |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Abandon all Services   |  | ABN <u>1-6-26</u><br>(Auto 30 days) | ABN <u>1-6-26</u><br>(Auto 30 days)                          |
| Change of Official Name *  | ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u><br>(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)                          |
|  |  |                                     |  |

<sup>\*</sup> 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> (Non-Auto)     | ARB <u>1-7-09</u><br>(Non-Auto)  |
| Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs,     | ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 days) | ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 days) |
| 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   | ☐ ATA <u>1-3-04</u>              |                                  |
| Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights-      | (Auto 30 days)                   |                                  |
| of-Way.  |                                  |                                  |
|  |                                  |                                  |
|  | RCC                              | □NAG                             |
| Wireless Providers See 4901:1-6-24             | [Registration &                  | [Interconnection                 |
|  | Change in Operations]            | Agreement or                     |

## 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.

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| 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 August 15, 2016, 2016 at Monroe, Louisiana   |
| */s/ Tw Diam , Regulatory Operations Analyst August 15, 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.   |
| <u>VERIFICATION</u>  |
| 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/ Zw Diam , Regulatory Operations Analyst August 15, 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   |

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## **EXHIBIT A**

United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink

P.U.C.O. NO. 5 GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF First Revised Sheet 1 Cancels Original Sheet 1

Section 7

LIFELINE

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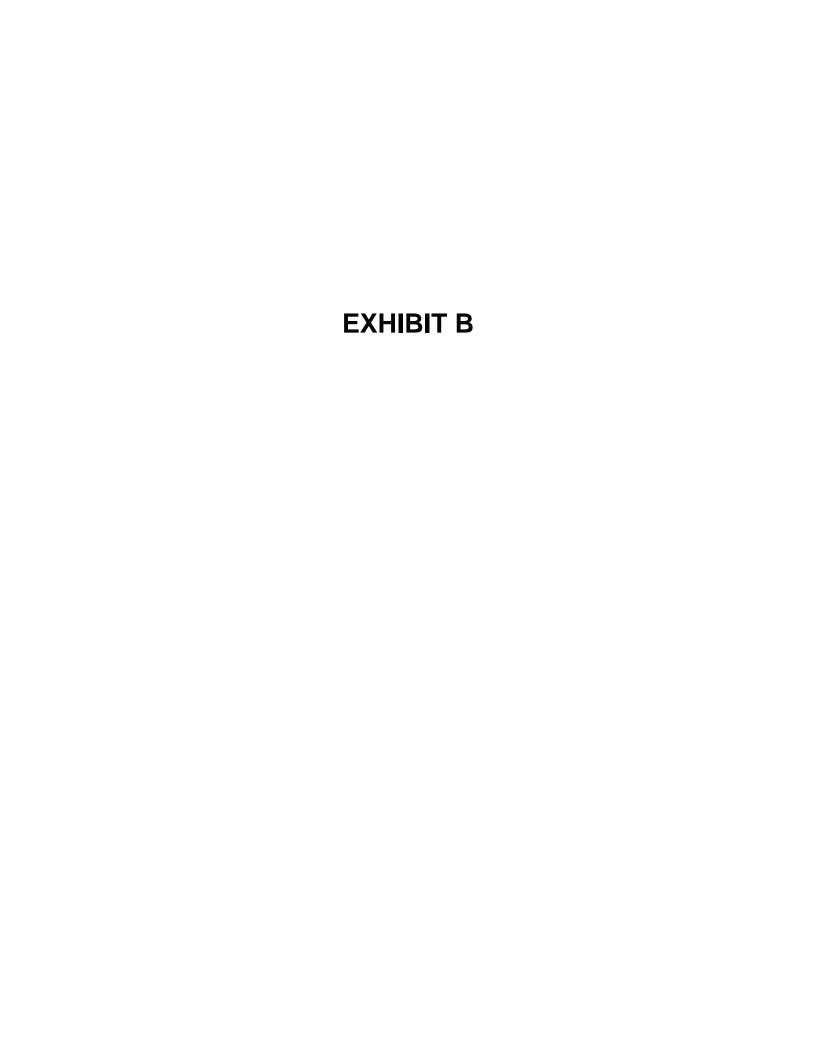
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Issued: June 11, 2012 Effective: June 11, 2012

United Telephone Company Of Ohio By Todd Schafer, Region President Wake Forest, North Carolina In accordance with Case No.: 90-5041-TP-TRF Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio



#### P.U.C.O. NO. 5 GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

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Pursuant to FCC order 15-71, adopted June 18, 2015, the Company does not provide Lifeline discounted service to resellers effective August 15, 2016.

Issued: August 15, 2016 Effective: August 15, 2016

United Telephone Company Of Ohio

By Bill Hanchey, Vice President Wake Forest, North Carolina

In accordance with Case No.: 90-5041-TP-TRF and Case No. 16-1702-TP-ATA Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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# **EXHIBIT C**

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