

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 Benton Ridge Telephone Company) TRF Docket No. 90 - 5007-TP-TRF
to Revise its Delayed Payment Charge) Case No. 17 - 1089 - **TP - ATA**
) **NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave the**
) **"Case No" fields BLANK.**

Name of Registrant(s) Benton Ridge Telephone Company
DBA(s) of Registrant(s) _____
Address of Registrant(s) 1805 N Dixie Hwy, Lima, OH 45801-3255
Company Web Address www.brtelco.com
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Mark Miller, Treasurer & CFO Phone 419-859-2144 Fax 419-859-2150
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address mmiller@watchtv.net
Contact Person for Annual Report Megan Schulte, Controller Phone 419-859-2144
Address (if different from above) _____
Consumer Contact Information Ken Williams, President & CEO Phone 419-859-2144
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) | For Profit ILEC | Not For Profit ILEC | CLEC |
|--|--|--|---|
| Change terms & conditions of existing BLES | <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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: The bill notation was part of the invoices sent to customers on April 26, 2017. | | | | |

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 days) | <input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 days) |
| Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification | <input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-04</u> or <u>05</u> (Non-Auto) | |
| Changes in rates, terms & conditions to Pole Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights- of-Way. | <input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-3-04</u> (Auto 30 days) | |
| | | |
| Wireless Providers See <u>4901:1-6-24</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> RCC [Registration & Change in Operations] (0 day) | <input type="checkbox"/> NAG [Interconnection Agreement or Amendment] (Auto 90 days) |

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, , and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

Mark A. Miller

(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)

April 27, 2017

at (Location) Lima, Ohio

*Signature and
Title

Mark A. Miller, CFO

Date April 27, 2017

**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, , 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

Mark A. Miller, CFO

Date April 27, 2017

**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.*

File document electronically as directed in case number 06-900-AU-WVR

or

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

EXHIBIT A

Current Tariff Sheets

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, RATES AND CHARGES (Continued)

- B. The following charges shall apply for customer initiated services on a non-recurring basis:

| <u>Service Connection Charges</u> | <u>Business</u> | <u>Residence</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Service Order | \$10.00 | \$7.00 |
| Central Office | 12.00 | 10.00 |
| Visitation | 10.00 * | 8.00 * |
| Restoral of Service | 14.00 ** | 12.00 ** |
| Move (off premise) | 27.00 ** | 25.00 ** |

Customer-Owned Equipment Test Charge: Applicable when, at the subscriber's request, a visit is made to the subscriber's premises and subscriber-provided terminal equipment is identified by the Company as having caused the trouble and is in need of repair. The Company does not provide repair services for subscriber-provided terminal equipment:\$30.00 (Business and Residence)

* Plus a loaded labor wage rate to be billed at \$6.00 for each quarter hour, plus Service Order and Central Office charges, plus material.

** Rate listed is in addition to Service Order and Central Office charges.

C. TOUCH TONE

Touch Tone service is included in the monthly local exchange rates for subscribers with touch tone service as of the Effective Date below. (C)

Customers with rotary dial service as of the Effective Date below will be grandfathered and their monthly access line rate will not change. However, any subsequent change to service, or disconnection followed by reconnection, will result in the loss of the grandfathering exception and will require that customer to upgrade to touch tone service. Customers may upgrade from rotary dial service to touch tone service at no additional service charge.

D. TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES (TRS)

Customers may be assessed a monthly charge per line to fund the 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 of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio levied upon the Company.

E. DELAYED PAYMENT

Applicable if payment for all charges for service is not made on or before 20 days after the billing date 5%

Issued: October 1, 2012

Effective: November 1, 2012

In Accordance with Case No. 12-2497-TP-ATA
Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Ken Williams, President
Benton Ridge, Ohio

EXHIBIT B

Proposed Tariff Sheets

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, RATES AND CHARGES (Continued)

- B. The following charges shall apply for customer-initiated services on a nonrecurring basis:

| <u>Service Connection Charges</u> | <u>Business</u> | <u>Residence</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Service Order | \$10.00 | \$7.00 |
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* Plus a loaded labor wage rate to be billed at \$6.00 for each quarter hour, plus Service Order and Central Office charges, plus material.

** Rate listed is in addition to Service Order and Central Office charges.

C. TOUCH TONE

Touch tone service is included in the monthly local exchange rates for subscribers with touch tone service on or after November 1, 2012. Customers with rotary dial service as of November 1, 2012, will be grandfathered and their monthly access line rate will not change. However, any subsequent change to service, or disconnection followed by reconnection, will result in the loss of the grandfathering exception and will require that customer to upgrade to touch tone service. Customers may upgrade from rotary dial service to touch tone service at no additional service charge. (T)

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E. DELAYED PAYMENT

Applicable if payment for all charges for service is not made on or before 18 days after the billing date2% with a \$5.00 minimum charge

(C)
(R), (N)

EXHIBIT C

Description of the Changes

In this filing, Benton Ridge Telephone Company requests Delayed Payment Charges of \$5.00 or an amount that equals 2.0% of the unpaid charges, whichever is greater, be assessed if all charges are not paid at least eighteen days after the postmark on the customer's bill.

EXHIBIT D

Customer Notice and Affidavit

The following customer notice appeared on bills that were mailed to customers on April 26, 2017. This notice was also sent to the Office of Ohio Consumers' Counsel (occtelco@occ.state.oh.us) and to the Commission (Telecomm-Rule07@puc.state.oh.us) no less than thirty days prior to the effective date:

Starting June 1, 2017, late fees will be charged at a rate of 2.0% of the unpaid balance, with a \$5.00 minimum. Currently, late fees are charged at a rate of 5.0% with no minimum.

I, Mark A. Miller, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, Benton Ridge Telephone Company, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf. I attest that the customer notice accompanying this affidavit was sent to affected customers as a bill message on April 26, 2017, in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-07, Ohio Administrative Code. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: April 27, 2017

At: Lima, Ohio

Signature: Mark A. Miller, CFO

This foregoing document was electronically filed with the Public Utilities

Commission of Ohio Docketing Information System on

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Case No(s). 90-5007-TP-TRF, 17-1089-TP-ATA

Summary: Application to Revise its Delayed Payment Charge electronically filed by Mr. Martin L Ellerbrock on behalf of Benton Ridge Telephone Company