

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 Vaughnsville Telephone Company) TRF Docket No. 90 - 5043-TP-TRF
) Case No. - - **TP** -
to Increase Residential and Business Individual Access Line Rates) **NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave the**
) **"Case No" fields BLANK.**

Name of Registrant(s) Vaughnsville Telephone Company
DBA(s) of Registrant(s) Vaughnsville Communications
Address of Registrant(s) 187 North Water Street, P.O. Box 127, Vaughnsville, OH 45893
Company Web Address www.vaughnsvillecomm.com
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Paul Fletcher Phone 419-646-3431 Fax 419-646-3616
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address gmvtelco@bright.net
Contact Person for Annual Report Marty Kaplan Phone 419-646-3431
Address (if different from above) _____
Consumer Contact Information Marty Kaplan Phone 419-646-3431
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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> TRF 1-6-14(F) (0 day Notice)	<input checked="" 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* (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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date Notice Sent: April 27, 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 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] (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.

Martha J. Kaplan, Secretary-Treasurer

(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)

May 25, 2017

at (Location) Vaughnsville, OH

*Signature and
Title

Martha J
Kaplan

Digitally signed by Martha J
Kaplan
Date: 2017.05.25 15:09:04
-04'00'

Date May 25, 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

Martha J
Kaplan

Digitally signed by Martha J
Kaplan
Date: 2017.05.25 15:10:02
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Date May 25, 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

Existing Affected Tariff Pages

EXCHANGE RATES

Within the exchange area, subscribers may call, without additional charge, subscribers in the Columbus Grove, Gomer, Rimer, Cairo, Kalida, Lima and Fort Jennings exchanges;

RATES AND THEIR REGULATIONS

<u>BUSINESS</u>	<u>MONTHLY RATE</u>
Individual Access Line	\$19.44
<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>MONTHLY RATE</u>
Individual Access Line	\$18.00
<u>PAYPHONES</u>	<u>MONTHLY RATE</u>
Individual Access Line	\$19.44
Coin Supervision Additive	\$ 7.20

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LATE PAYMENT FEE

A late payment fee of \$3.00 will be assessed if all charges are not paid at least nineteen days after the postmark on the customer's bill. The late payment charge will not apply to any portion of the bill that is in bona fide dispute, any previous late payment fees included in the amount due, or to service establishment charges for lifeline services. Late payment fees are to be applied without discrimination. This Late Payment Fee will not be charged unless the unpaid balance on the customer's account exceeds \$20.00.

Exhibit B

Proposed Revised Tariff Pages

EXCHANGE RATES

Within the exchange area, subscribers may call, without additional charge, subscribers in the Columbus Grove, Gomer, Rimer, Cairo, Kalida, Lima and Fort Jennings exchanges;

RATES AND THEIR REGULATIONS

<u>BUSINESS</u>	<u>MONTHLY RATE</u>
Individual Access Line	\$21.44
<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>MONTHLY RATE</u>
Individual Access Line	\$20.00
<u>PAYPHONES</u>	<u>MONTHLY RATE</u>
Individual Access Line	\$21.44
Coin Supervision Additive	\$ 7.20

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Exhibit C

Narrative Summarizing Change(s)

Vaughnsville Telephone Company, a not-for-profit ILEC, hereby seeks to increase the monthly rates for individual access lines.

In the recent FCC USF/ICC Reform Order, the FCC states that they want to avoid situations where some customers are subsidizing the cost of service for those that pay local service rates that are significantly lower than the national urban average. The FCC will therefore limit high cost loop support where local end-user rates do not meet an urban rate floor. In order to continue to receive full high cost loop support, Vaughnsville Telephone Company is required to have local rates that are comparable to the national urban average.

Exhibit D

Customer Notice and Affidavit



April 3, 2017

Customer Notice

As you all know The Vaughnsville Telephone Company is a cooperative. Our goal is to provide you, a cooperative member, with the very best service possible at the very lowest price possible. Since our service area is rural and we have very few customers per mile, our cost per mile is considerably higher than metropolitan areas where the population is denser. To help keep rates affordable The Vaughnsville Telephone Company, like many other rural companies, receives high cost loop support to offset these costs. New FCC rules however are reducing the support if a telephone company's local residential rates are below the national urban average, which ours are. Consequently a rate increase for residential and business access lines is necessary to bring our local service rates more in line with the national average and to avoid a reduction in our support monies.

Therefore, effective June 1, 2017, the monthly residential Individual Access Line charge will increase by \$2.00 to \$20.00 and the monthly business Individual Access Line charge will increase \$2.00 to \$21.44. Since Vaughnsville Telephone Company bills one month in advance, subscribers will see the increase on their June statement.

While we regret having to take this action, it is absolutely necessary for us to continue to provide you with the service you expect. For more information please feel free to contact Vaughnsville Telephone Company at 419-646-3431.

Thank you,

Paul Fletcher
General Manager

Affidavit

I, Martha J. Kaplan, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, Vaughnsville Telephone Company, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf. I attest that the customer notice accompanying this affidavit was sent to the affected customers as a bill insert on April 27, 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: May 26, 2017

At: Vaughnsville, Ohio

Signature: 
Secretary ~ Treasurer

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Case No(s). 90-5043-TP-TRF

Summary: Application to Increase Residential and Business Individual Access Line Rates
electronically filed by Richard W. Jordan on behalf of Vaughnsville Telephone Company