

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the matter of the Application of Cincinnati)	Case No. 11-1339-TP-ATA
Bell Telephone Company LLC to Revise its)	
Lifeline Recovery Surcharge and Report)	
Associated Annual Expense and Revenue)	
Data)	

**REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

On May 2, 2016, Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company (CBT) filed its annual true up calculations in support of their Lifeline Recovery Surcharge. 4901:1-6-19, O.A.C. allows an ILEC to recover through a customer billing surcharge on retail customers of the ILEC's telecommunications service other than lifeline service customers, any lifeline service discounts and any other lifeline service expenses that are not recovered through federal or state funding. ILECs that establish Lifeline Recovery Surcharges are required to annually file with the commission a report that identifies actual amounts recovered and the actual lifeline service discounts and any other lifeline service expenses incurred for the prior period. The company shall provide such data as necessary to enable the commission to validate such amounts to ensure that the company did not over recover its approved expenses from customers.

With this filing CBT seeks to maintain its current Lifeline Recovery Surcharge of \$.04 per month. In the prior year, CBT's Lifeline Recovery Surcharge was reduced from \$.08 to \$.04 after Lifeline expenses were greatly reduced due to efforts to remove Lifeline benefits from households and individual with duplicate Lifeline services as well as an over-recovery of Lifeline expenses of \$53,114 in the prior year. Over the past year, the \$.04 has under recovered Lifeline expenses and the over recovery now stands at \$19,921. CBT maintains that any further reduction in the rate would create a shortfall in excess of the current surplus.

The Staff has reviewed all documents filed with the application and has determined that the application has satisfied the requirements set forth in the rule. As such, Staff recommends that the application be approved and the current Lifeline Recovery Surcharge of \$.04 remain in effect.

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