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June 24, 2017

Via Electronic Filing

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215 – 3793

Re: Windstream Ohio Tariff Revisions

Dear Sir or Madam:

Filed via electronic submission are revisions to the Windstream Ohio's General Exchange Tariff, with an issue date of June 26, 2017 and a requested effective date of July 1, 2017; this filing seeks to increase 1-Party Residential Access Line rates, and the 1-Party Business Access Line rates, by \$1.25.

The anniversary date of the pricing flexibility afforded each of the company's exchanges have also been updated.

Customers will be notified via bill message a minimum of thirty days in advance of the new rates; a copy of the notice is also being filed.

Thank you for your assistance in processing this filing. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (585) 340-2709 or by email at Katherine.Hoagland@Windstream.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Katherine Hoagland

Katherine Hoagland  
Regulatory Analyst

Attachments

**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 Windstream Ohio  
to increase residential and business single line rates

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TRF Docket No. 90- 5002-TP-TRF

Case No. - - **TP** -

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

Name of Registrant(s) Windstream Ohio

DBA(s) of Registrant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Consumer Contact Information Yvette Gadson

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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](http://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

<b>Carrier Type</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> (explain below)	<b>For Profit ILEC</b>	<b>Not For Profit ILEC</b>	<b>CLEC</b>
Change terms & conditions of existing BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge, or fee to BLES			<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late Payment	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-6-14(I)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-6-14(I)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-6-14(I)</a> (Auto 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-14(F)</a> (0 day Notice)		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (0 day Notice)
Notice of no obligation to construct facilities and provide BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-27(C)</a> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-27(C)</a> (0 day Notice)	
Change BLES Rates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRF <a href="#">1-6-14(F)</a> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <a href="#">1-6-14(F)(4)</a> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <a href="#">1-6-14(G)</a> (0 day Notice)
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	<input type="checkbox"/> BLS <a href="#">1-6-14(C)(1)(c)</a> (Auto 30 days)		
Change in boundary	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB <a href="#">1-6-32</a> (Auto 14 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB <a href="#">1-6-32</a> (Auto 14 days)	
Expand service operation area			<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <a href="#">1-6-08(G)</a> (0 day)
BLES withdrawal			<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-25(B)</a> (0 day Notice)
<b>Other*</b> (explain)			

## Section I – Part II – Customer Notification Offerings Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-7 OAC

<b>Type of Notice</b>	<b>Direct Mail</b>	<b>Bill Insert</b>	<b>Bill Notation</b>	<b>Electronic Mail</b>
<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Date Notice Sent:</b>	Began cycling w/ June invoices; customers will have 30 days notice before change.			

## Section I – Part III –IOS Offerings Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-22 OAC

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

Katherine Hoagland

(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)

June 24, 2017

at (Location)

479 Silver Ridge Rd., Hyde Park, VT 05655

\*Signature and  
Title

/s/ Katherine Hoagland, Regulatory and Tariff Analyst

Date June 24, 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

Katherine Hoagland

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

/s/ Katherine Hoagland, Regulatory and Tariff Analyst

Date June 24, 2017

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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

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GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF  
P.U.C.O. NO. 2

## S7. BASIC LOCAL ACCESS LINE SERVICE

## S7.4 MONTHLY RATES FOR BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

Price Flexibility

All of the Company's exchanges have been deemed competitive and have been accorded the pricing flexibility defined in 4901:6-14 (C) O.A.C. which caps BLES monthly rates at annual increases of no more than \$1.25 per line. The annual period is defined to begin on the anniversary date of this approval, which became effective June 21, 2015. For detailed exchange specific information, please see Section 7, Sheet No. 5.1.

Class of Service					
<u>Exchange</u>	<u>Residential Current</u>	<u>Residential Max</u>	<u>Business* Current</u>	<u>Business Max</u>	<u>School</u>
Chesterfield	\$ 9.70 (I)	\$ 9.70 (I)	\$15.25	\$15.25	\$10.75
Columbus Station	17.60	17.60	36.65	36.65	21.40
2 Party**	16.20	16.20	-	-	-
Covington	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.50
Delta	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15
Elyria	17.05 (I)	17.05 (I)	30.95	30.95	20.00
2 Party**	14.75 (I)	14.75 (I)	-	-	-
Granville	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15
2 Party**	11.90 (I)	11.90 (I)	-	-	-
Gratiot	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15
2 Party **	11.90 (I)	11.90 (I)	-	-	-
Kenton	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15
Marne	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15
Neapolis	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15
Newark	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15
2 Party **	11.90 (I)	11.90 (I)	-	-	-
Paulding	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15
2 Party**	11.90 (I)	11.90 (I)	-	-	-
Pleasant Hill	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15
St. Louisville	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15
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## S7.4 MONTHLY RATES FOR BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Continued)

## S7.4.1 COMPETITIVE EXCHANGES

The exchanges shown below have been deemed competitive. The pricing flexibility accorded to them has been defined in 4901:1-6-14.

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EXHIBIT

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This filing seeks to increase both residential and business single line access rates, and rate caps, by \$1.25, for all exchanges. Also updated are the dates associated with each exchange, with respect to their competitive status anniversary.

EXHIBIT

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## **B1 Rate Increase Bill Messages**

### **Bill Message for OH**

At Windstream, our goal is to continue to provide you with the best possible services while keeping the rates of all our customers as low as possible. However, in order to continue to provide the highest quality communications services, Windstream must make adjustments to its rates as costs of doing business increase have increased.

With this in mind, effective July 1, 2017, your business access line rate will increase by \$1.25 per month.

Please feel free to contact Windstream Customer Service with any questions. Windstream is committed to providing you with quality communications services at competitive rates. Thank you for being a valued Windstream customer. We appreciate your business.

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**This foregoing document was electronically filed with the Public Utilities**

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**Case No(s). 90-5002-TP-TRF**

Summary: Tariff Filing to increase single line access rates for both business and residential service. electronically filed by Ms. Katherine A Hoagland on behalf of Windstream Ohio, Inc.