

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM

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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 _____

to _____

) TRF Docket No. 90 -
) Case No. - **TP** -
) **NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave the**
) **“Case No” fields BLANK.**

Name of Registrant(s) _____

DBA(s) of Registrant(s) _____

Address of Registrant(s) _____

Company Web Address _____

Regulatory Contact Person(s) _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address _____

Contact Person for Annual Report _____ Phone _____

Address (if different from above) _____

Consumer Contact Information _____ Phone _____

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 Other (explain below)	For Profit ILEC	Not For Profit ILEC	CLEC
Change terms & conditions of existing BLES	ATA 1-6-14(H) (Auto 30 days)	ATA 1-6-14(H) (Auto 30 days)	ATA 1-6-14(H) (Auto 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge, or fee to BLES			ATA 1-6-14(H) (Auto 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late Payment	ATA 1-6-14(I) (Auto 30 days)	ATA 1-6-14(I) (Auto 30 days)	ATA 1-6-14(I) (Auto 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap.	ZTA 1-6-14(F) (0 day Notice)		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	ZTA 1-6-14(H) (0 day Notice)	ZTA 1-6-14(H) (0 day Notice)	ZTA 1-6-14(H) (0 day Notice)
Notice of no obligation to construct facilities and provide BLES	ZTA 1-6-27(C) (0 day Notice)	ZTA 1-6-27(C) (0 day Notice)	
Change BLES Rates	TRF 1-6-14(F) (0 day Notice)	TRF 1-6-14(F)(4) (0 day Notice)	TRF 1-6-14(G) (0 day Notice)
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	BLS 1-6-14(C)(1)(c) (Auto 30 days)		
Change in boundary	ACB 1-6-32 (Auto 14 days)	ACB 1-6-32 (Auto 14 days)	
Expand service operation area			TRF 1-6-08(G) (0 day)
BLES withdrawal			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
15-day Notice				
30-day Notice				
Date Notice Sent:				

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

IOS	Introduce New	Tariff Change	Price Change	Withdraw
IOS				

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

(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) _____

at (Location) _____

*Signature and
Title _____

Date _____

**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, Theodore W. Heckmann, 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 _____

Theodore W. Heckmann

Date 05/08/2018

Sr. Director of Regulatory Affairs and Assistant Corporate Secretary

**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

Description of Filing

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Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC (CBT) is making this filing as its annual Lifeline Recovery Surcharge report in compliance with 4901:1-6-19(R), O.A.C. and, pursuant to 4901:1-6-19(P)(1), O.A.C.

In July 2017, Cincinnati Bell reduced its Lifeline Surcharge from \$0.04 to \$0.03 based on a historic surplus in Lifeline Recovery Surcharge revenue compared to Lifeline service expenses. This reduction was due to a decrease in current Lifeline expenses that were a result of fewer Lifeline customers. The goal of the surcharge rate reduction was to reduce the historic revenue surplus to a level commensurate with the spirit and goals of the Commission and the Lifeline Program itself.

Despite the rate reduction, the Lifeline historic surplus saw an increase from the March 2017 amount of \$27,705 to the current historic surplus of \$40,556. In order to more closely align revenues recovered by the surcharge to current Lifeline expenses and to reduce the historic surplus, Cincinnati Bell Telephone will be reducing the recovery surcharge amount from \$0.03 to \$0.01 on July 1, 2018. By doing so the new rate is expected to generate revenue less than Lifeline expenses and to significantly reduce the surplus.

Exhibit B

Lifeline Surcharge True-Up Calculation

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC
Lifeline Recovery Surcharge Historic Revenue versus Expenses and True-Up Calculation
April 2018

Historic Revenue and Expenses - Total

A	Historic Revenue Surplus - CBT Annual Report Filing for 2018 Surcharge Revenue minus CBT Funded Discounts, May 2011 - Mar 2018 (See May 1, 2014 Filing in Case No. 11-1339-TP-ATA)	\$27,705
B	Surcharge Revenue April 2017 - March 2018	REDACTED
C	CBT Funded Lifeline Discounts/Expenses April 2017 - March 2018	REDACTED
D = B - C + A	Historic Surplus (Revenue minus Expenses) May 2011 - Mar 2018	\$40,556

True-Up Calculation - Current Surcharge Revenue versus Current Lifeline Expenses

E	Current CBT Funded Lifeline Discount/Expense per Month (Mar 2018)	REDACTED
F	Current Lifeline Recovery Surcharge Revenue per Month (March 2018) Note: CBT uses booked revenue (net of adjustments) versus billed revenue for the Lifeline Recovery Surcharge Revenue.	REDACTED
G	Projected CBT Lifeline Discount/Expense April 2018 - April 2019 Note: The annual Lifeline recertification has historically resulted in a surplus because approximately 20% of CBT's Lifeline customers do not recertify. With the new rolling recertification model that number has increased to approximately 37%. To adjust for the Lifeline enrollment decrease with the Lifeline certification, this calculation assumes that expenses will be 63% of the expenses prior to the recertification. The resulting calculation is (Mar exp *8 months) + (.63*Mar exp*5 months)	REDACTED
H = G - D	Projected Expense April 2018 - April 2019 less Surplus	REDACTED
I = 13 * F	Projected Revenue April 2018 - April 2019 assuming no change to surcharge using Mar 2018 data	REDACTED
J = H / I	Ratio of projected expense to projected revenue	REDACTED
K	Current Surcharge	\$0.03
L = I-H	Projected surplus/shortfall April 2018 - April 2019	\$72,402.10

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC
Lifeline Recovery Surcharge
Revenue and Expenses April 2017-March 2018

Exchange	Total CBT Funded Lifeline Discounts												
		Apr 17	May 17	June 17	July 17	August 17	Sept 17	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18
Bethany	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Bethel	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Cincinnati	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Clermont	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Hamilton	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Harrison	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Little Miami	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Newtownsville	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Reily	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Seven Mile	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Shandon	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Williamsburg	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Total Expenses	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Surcharge Revenue	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Over/Under Recovery	\$12,851	\$1,973	\$1,941	\$2,641	-\$1,059	-\$14	\$420	\$730	\$859	\$1,150	\$1,072	\$1,396	\$1,743

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC
Lifeline Recovery Surcharge Enrollment History
Revenue and Expenses April 2017- March 2018

Exchange	BLES Alt Reg Add'l LL Discount (Note 1)	CBT Lifeline Enrollment- BLES											
		Apr 17	May 17	June 17	July 17	August 17	Sept 17	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18
	(A)												
Bethany	\$3.75	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Bethel	\$1.25	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Cincinnati	\$6.25	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Clermont	\$2.50	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Hamilton	\$6.25	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Harrison	\$3.75	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Little Miami	\$3.75	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Newtonsville	\$2.50	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Reily	\$1.25	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Seven Mile	\$1.25	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Shandon	\$1.25	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Williamsburg	\$3.75	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Total		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note 1: Lifeline customers with BLES receive an additional discount equal to the total price increase for BLES under previous alternative regulation rules, 4901:1-4-11 O.A.C., effective August 7, 2006, which capped Lifeline prices for BLES at the prices in effect when the previous alternative regulation plan became effective. This discount varies by exchange depending on the number of years BLES price flexibility was in effect in the exchange and the number of annual BLES price increases implemented in the exchange. See CBT Local Service Tariff, PUCO No. 1, Section 4, 4th Revised Page 9.

Exhibit C

Lifeline Surcharge True-Up Calculation with Proposed Surcharge

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J = H / I	Ratio of projected expense to projected revenue	REDACTED
K	Current Surcharge	\$0.03
L = J * K	New Surcharge amount	\$0.01
	Note: This calculation assumes that the change in the number of Lifeline subscribers changes at the same rate as the number of total subscribers such that the shortfall remains approximately constant from month to month.	
M = (L/K)*I	Projected surcharge revenue at new amount	REDACTED
N = M-H	Projected surplus/shortfall April 2018 - April 2019	\$14,257.43

Exhibit D

Existing Lifeline Recovery Surcharge Tariff Page

LOCAL SERVICE TARIFF
PUCO NO. 1

CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY LLC

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LIFELINE

B. LIFELINE RECOVERY SURCHARGE

1. General

Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs), in accordance with Section 4927.13 (D) of the Revised Code, may recover from end users any Lifeline service discounts that are not recovered through state or federal funding or whose recovery is prohibited by law. In accordance with 4901:1-6-19 (P) O.A.C., ILECs may recover these discounts through a customer billing surcharge on retail customers, excluding those with Lifeline service.

The Company's Lifeline Recovery Surcharge is calculated to recover the difference between the Company's Lifeline prices and the Company's standard retail service prices, minus any portion of the price differences that are recovered through federal or state funding. The Company will update this calculation at least once per year in accordance with 4901:1-6-19 (R) O.A.C.

The Lifeline Recovery Surcharge is imposed on each residence, nonresidence, and payphone access line, other than Lifeline service. For purposes of application of this surcharge, access lines are defined as facilities, which provide access to and from the telecommunications network for toll service and for local calling. Not included in this definition are remote call forwarding and Cincinnati Bell official accounts.

2. Rates and Charges

Monthly Charge

Lifeline Recovery Surcharge, per Line:	\$ 0.03	(R)
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Issued: July 1, 2017

Effective: July 1, 2017

By: Ted Heckmann, Assistant Secretary
and Managing Director, Regulatory Affairs

In accordance with
Case No. 11-1339-TP-ATA

Exhibit E

Revised Lifeline Recovery Surcharge Tariff Page

LOCAL SERVICE TARIFF
PUCO NO. 1

CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY LLC

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2. Rates and Charges

Monthly Charge

Lifeline Recovery Surcharge, per Line:	\$ 0.01	(R)
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Effective: July 1, 2018

By: Ted Heckmann, Assistant Secretary
and Managing Director, Regulatory Affairs

In accordance with
Case No. 11-1339-TP-ATA

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Case No(s). 11-1339-TP-ATA

Summary: Annual Report electronically filed by Mr. Douglas E. Hart on behalf of Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC