

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Continental)
Telephone Company to revise its Local Service)
Tariff)

Case No.20-0523-TP-ATA

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

On March 16, 2020, Continental Telephone Company (Continental or Applicant) filed an application to revise its Local Service Tariff, PUCO Tariff No. 1. Continental proposes to amend its Local Service Tariff PUCO Tariff No. 1 by revising the tariff language to state that it does not require deposits or advanced payments unless stated elsewhere in the tariff.

The application is being filed pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-14(I)(2). Absent full or partial suspension, applications for a material change in the terms and conditions of an existing BLES by a LEC, (ATA) are approved in accordance with the thirty-day automatic approval process set forth in Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-05. However, on March 16, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, an attorney examiner entry was issued in Case No. 20-0591-AU-UNC that tolled any pending application or other filing during the state of emergency and during the 14 days thereafter. During that time, Commission staff are to continue investigating pending applications and the Commission will act on such applications on a case-by-case basis. As such, the approval of this application remains pending until the Commission acts upon it.

Pursuant to 4901:1-6-07 O.A.C., a customer notice is not necessary for this application because the proposed tariff language would only affect future applicants for service and does not affect existing customers.

Staff reviewed all documents and exhibits filed with this application and has determined that the proposed application appears to satisfy the Commission's requirements set forth Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-14(I)(2) and 4901:1-6-07. Staff recommends that this application be approved in accordance with the attorney examiner entry issued on March 16, 2020 in Case No. 20-0591-AU-UNC.

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