

July 30, 2020 Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Tanowa M Troupe, Docketing Division Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street, 13th Floor Columbus, OH 43215-0573

Re: CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Case No. 90-5010-TP-TRF and Case No. 20-1334 -TP-ZTA

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Enclosed for filing is CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink's tariff to increase Residential/Church Initial Line rates. This filing also reflects the new maximum rates for these services as well as Business Initial Line Rates.

The following revisions are included in this filing:

Section 2, Ninth Revised Sheet 1 Section 2, Third Revised Sheet 3

These tariff sheets are filed with a July 30, 2020 issue date and an effective date of August 1, 2020.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Robin Crichton

Robyn Crichton

cc: Joshua Motzer, CenturyLink

OH2020-02

ROBYN CRICHTON Government Operations Manager robyn.m.crichton@centurylink.com phone: (913) 884-1131

# The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM

(Effective: 10-11-2017)

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 CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. ) d/b/a CenturyLink to increase Residential/ Church Initial ) Line rates and reflects the new maximum rates for these ) services as well as Business Line Rates. )

 TRF Docket No.
 <u>90-5010-TP-TRF</u>

 Case No.
 <u>20-1334-TP-ZTA</u>

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

Name of Registrant(s) CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc.

| DBA(s) of Registrant(s) <u>CenturyLink</u>                                |                          |                           |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Address of Registrant(s) 100 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe, LA 71203          |                          |                           |
| Company Web Address www.centurylink.com/tariffs                           |                          |                           |
| Regulatory Contact Person(s) Josh Motzer                                  | Phone 614-441-0393       | Fax <u>614-224-3902</u>   |
| Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address Josh.Motzer@CenturyLink.com     |                          |                           |
| Contact Person for Annual Report Ken Buchan                               |                          | Phone <u>318-362-1538</u> |
| Address (if different from above)   |                          |                           |
| Consumer Contact Information Lori Ann Johnson                             |                          | Phone 800-877-3345        |
| 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 | s may toll any automatic | timeframe.]               |

### Notes:

Section I and II are Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4901:1-6.

Section III – Carrier to Carrier is Pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code  $\frac{4901:1-7}{4901:1-7}$ , and Wireless is Pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code  $\frac{4901:1-6-24}{4901:1-6-24}$ .

(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 Admin. Code Section 4901 and/or the supplemental application form noted.

(3) Information regarding the number of copies required by the PUCO may be obtained from the PUCO's website at <u>www.puco.ohio.gov</u> 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 PUCO.

(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:  |
|---------|---|
| А       | The tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s) as they exist before the change(s)                         |
| В       | The tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s), reflecting the change, with the change(s) marked in the   |
|         | right margin.   |
| С       | 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   | For Profit ILEC  | Not For Profit ILEC                             |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| Other (explain below)     Change terms & conditions of     existing BLES | ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u><br>(Auto 30 days)                         | ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u><br>(Auto 30 days)          | ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u><br>(Auto 30 days)   |
| Introduce non-recurring charge,<br>surcharge, or fee to BLES             |  |   | ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u><br>(Auto 30 days)   |
| Introduce or Increase Late Payment                                       | ATA <u>1-6-14(1)</u><br>(Auto 30 days)                         | ATA <u>1-6-14(1)</u><br>(Auto 30 days)          | ATA <u>1-6-14(1)</u><br>(Auto 30 days)   |
| Revisions to BLES Cap.   | $\bigotimes \text{ ZTA } \underline{1-6-14(F)}$ (0 day Notice) |   |  |
| Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)               | ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)                            | ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u><br>(0 day Notice)          | C ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u><br>(0 day Notice) |
| Notice of no obligation to construct facilities and provide BLES         | ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day Notice)                            | ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u><br>(0 day Notice)          |  |
| Change BLES Rates  | $\square \text{ TRF } \underline{1-6-14(F)}$ (0 day Notice)    | $\Box \text{ TRF } 1-6-14(F)(4) (0 day Notice)$ | TRF <u>1-6-14(G)</u><br>(0 day Notice)   |
| To obtain BLES pricing flexibility                                       | BLS <u>1-6-14(C)(1)(c)</u><br>(Auto 30 days)                   |   |  |
| Change in boundary   | ACB <u>1-6-32</u><br>(Auto 14 days)                            | ACB <u>1-6-32</u><br>(Auto 14 days)             |  |
| Expand service operation area  |  |   | TRF <u>1-6-08(G)</u> (0 day)             |
| BLES withdrawal  |  |   | ZTA <u>1-6-25(B)</u><br>(0 day Notice)   |
| Other*   |  |   |  |

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

| Type of Notice                           | Direct Mail | Bill Insert | <b>Bill Notation</b> | <b>Electronic Mail</b> |  |  |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| 15-day Notice                            |             |             |                      |                        |  |  |
| 30-day Notice                            |             |             | $\boxtimes$          |                        |  |  |
| Date Notice Sent: Beginning July 1, 2020 |             |             |                      |                        |  |  |

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

| IOS | Introduce New | Tariff Change | Price Change | Withdraw |
|-----|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------|
|     |               |               |              |          |

### Section II – Part I – Carrier Certification - Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-08, 09 & 10 OAC

| Certification      | ILEC<br>(Out of Territory) | CLEC              | Telecommunications<br>Service Provider Not | CESTC             | CETC              |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|
|                    |                            |                   | Offering Local                             |                   |                   |
| * See Supplemental | ACE <u>1-6-08</u>          | ACE <u>1-6-08</u> | ACE <u>1-6-08</u>                          | ACE <u>1-6-10</u> | UNC <u>1-6-09</u> |
| form               | * (Auto 30 day)            | *(Auto 30 day)    | *(Auto 30 day)                             | (Auto 30 day)     | *(Non-Auto)       |

\*Supplemental Certification forms can be found on the PUCO webpage.

### Section II – Part II – Certificate Status & Procedural

| Certificate Status   | ILEC                                   | CLEC   | Telecommunications<br>Service Provider Not<br>Offering Local |
|--|--|--|--|
| Abandon all Services   |  | ABN <u>1-6-26</u><br>(Auto 30 days)                | ABN <u>1-6-26</u><br>(Auto 30 days)                          |
| Change of Official Name *  | ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u><br>(Auto 30 days) | ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u><br>(Auto 30 days)             | $\Box CIO 1-6-29(C)$ (0 day Notice)                          |
| Change in Ownership *  | ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u><br>(Auto 30 days) | $\square ACO \underline{1-6-29(E)}$ (Auto 30 days) | CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u><br>(0 day Notice)                       |
| Merger *   | AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u><br>(Auto 30 days) | AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u><br>(Auto 30 days)             | CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u><br>(0 day Notice)                       |
| Transfer a Certificate *   | ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u><br>(Auto 30 days) | ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u><br>(Auto 30 days)             | CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u><br>(0 day Notice)                       |
| Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business * | ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u><br>(Auto 30 days) | ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u><br>(Auto 30 days)             | CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u><br>(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 PUCO's webpage 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     | □ NAG <u>1-7-07</u>     | □ NAG <u>1-7-07</u> |
| an approved agreement                          | (Auto 90 day)           | (Auto 90 day)       |
| Request for Arbitration                        | ARB <u>1-7-09</u>       | ARB <u>1-7-09</u>   |
| Request for Arbitration                        | (Non-Auto)              | (Non-Auto)          |
| Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs      | ATA <u>1-7-14</u>       | ☐ ATA <u>1-7-14</u> |
|  | (Auto 30 days)          | (Auto 30 days)      |
| Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier | UNC <u>1-7-04</u> or 05 |                     |
| suspension or modification                     | (Non-Auto)              |                     |
| Changes in rates, terms & conditions to Pole   | □ ATA <u>1-3-04</u>     |                     |
| Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights-      | (Auto 60 days)          |                     |
| of-Way. (13-579-AU-ORD 11/30/16 Entry)         |                         |                     |
|  |                         |                     |
|  | RCC                     | □ NAG               |
|  | [Registration &         | [Interconnection    |
| Wireless Providers See <u>4901:1-6-24</u>      | Change in Operations]   | Agreement or        |
|  | (0 day)                 | Amendment] (Auto 90 |
|  |                         | days)               |
|  |                         |                     |

### Registrant hereby attests to its compliance with pertinent entries and orders issued by the Commission.

### <u>AFFIDAVIT</u> Compliance with Commission Rules

I am an officer/agent of the applicant corporation, CenturyLink, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

Robyn Crichton

Please Check ALL that apply:

 $\square$  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.

 $\square$  I attest that customer notices accompanying this filing form were sent to affected customers, as specified in Section II, in accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-6-7.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 30, 2020 at Olathe, Kansas

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\*/s/ Robyn Crichton, Government Operations Manager

\*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, Robyn Crichton, 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.

\*/s/ Robyn Crichton, Government Operations Manager

\*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

July 30, 2020

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# EXHIBIT A

### BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

### 2. Local Exchange Service

- 2.1 General
  - a. The Company furnishes local exchange service in the following exchange areas: Avon Lake, Avon, Lorain, Amherst, Vermilion and Birmingham.
  - b. Maps of those areas are on file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
  - c. Each exchange service customer is entitled and enabled to make and receive calls on a local message basis (i.e., without the application of toll charges) as follows:
    - (1) to make calls to all stations in all exchange areas of the Company; and
    - (2) to receive calls from all customer stations in exchange areas of the Company.

### 2.2 Monthly Local Exchange Service Rates

2.2.1 Application of Rates

The following rates apply to all grades of main station local exchange service furnished in all exchanges by the Company.

### 2.2.2 Rates

| Loc | cal Exchange Service <sup>(1)</sup> | Current<br>Monthly Rate | Maximum<br>Monthly Rate |     |
|-----|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----|
| a.  | Residential/Church <sup>(3)</sup>   |                         |                         |     |
|     | Initial Line                        | \$20.80                 | \$22.05                 | (I) |
| b.  | Business <sup>(3)</sup>             |                         |                         |     |
|     | Initial Line                        | 37.00                   | 38.25                   | (I) |
| c.  | Payphone <sup>(2)</sup>             |                         |                         |     |
|     | Initial Line                        | 14.32                   | 14.32                   |     |

- <sup>(1)</sup> All rates are for access lines only.
- <sup>(2)</sup> The rates for payphones are governed by 96-1310-TP-COI.
- <sup>(3)</sup> The rates for basic local exchange service (BLES) as defined in OAC 4901:1-6-14 are capped at an annual increase of no more than **\$2.00** per line.

(C)

Issued: May 14, 2019 CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink By Bill Hanchey, Vice President Wake Forest, North Carolina OH 19-04 Effective: May 17, 2019 In accordance with Case Nos.: 90-5010-TP-TRF and 19-1094-TP-ZTA Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

### BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

### 2. Local Exchange Service (Continued)

- 2.4 Competitive Exchanges
  - 2.4.1 Pricing Flexibility

All of the Company exchanges have been deemed competitive. The pricing flexibility accorded them has been defined in 4901:1-6-14.

| Competitive<br>Exchanges | Approval Date     | Anniversary Date  | Last Rate Increase |     |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----|
| Amherst                  | December 17, 2011 | December 17, 2019 | May 17, 2019       | (C) |
| Avon                     | December 17, 2011 | December 17, 2019 | May 17, 2019       |     |
| Avon Lake                | December 17, 2011 | December 17, 2019 | May 17, 2019       |     |
| Birmingham               | December 17, 2011 | December 17, 2019 | May 17, 2019       |     |
| Lorain                   | December 17, 2011 | December 17, 2019 | May 17, 2019       |     |
| Vermilion                | December 17, 2011 | December 17, 2019 | May 17, 2019       | (C) |

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# EXHIBIT B

### BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

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  - c. Each exchange service customer is entitled and enabled to make and receive calls on a local message basis (i.e., without the application of toll charges) as follows:
    - (1) to make calls to all stations in all exchange areas of the Company; and
    - (2) to receive calls from all customer stations in exchange areas of the Company.

### 2.2 Monthly Local Exchange Service Rates

2.2.1 Application of Rates

The following rates apply to all grades of main station local exchange service furnished in all exchanges by the Company.

### 2.2.2 Rates

| Local Exchange Service (1) |                                   | Current<br>Monthly Rate | Maximum<br>Monthly Rate |  |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| a.                         | Residential/Church <sup>(3)</sup> | <b>_</b>                |                         |  |
|                            | Initial Line                      | \$22.80 (I)             | \$24.80 (I)             |  |
| b.                         | Business <sup>(3)</sup>           |                         |                         |  |
|                            | Initial Line                      | 37.00                   | <b>39.00</b> (I)        |  |
| c.                         | Payphone (2)                      |                         |                         |  |
|                            | Initial Line                      | 14.32                   | 14.32                   |  |

- <sup>(1)</sup> All rates are for access lines only.
- <sup>(2)</sup> The rates for payphones are governed by 96-1310-TP-COI.
- <sup>(3)</sup> The rates for basic local exchange service (BLES) as defined in OAC 4901:1-6-14 are capped at an annual increase of no more than \$2.00 per line.

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### BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

### 2. Local Exchange Service (Continued)

- 2.4 Competitive Exchanges
  - 2.4.1 Pricing Flexibility

All of the Company exchanges have been deemed competitive. The pricing flexibility accorded them has been defined in 4901:1-6-14.

| Competitive<br>Exchanges | Approval Date     | Anniversary Date  | Last Rate Increase |     |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----|
| Amherst                  | December 17, 2011 | December 17, 2020 | August 1, 2020     | (C) |
| Avon                     | December 17, 2011 | December 17, 2020 | August 1, 2020     |     |
| Avon Lake                | December 17, 2011 | December 17, 2020 | August 1, 2020     |     |
| Birmingham               | December 17, 2011 | December 17, 2020 | August 1, 2020     |     |
| Lorain                   | December 17, 2011 | December 17, 2020 | August 1, 2020     |     |
| Vermilion                | December 17, 2011 | December 17, 2020 | August 1, 2020     | (C) |

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# EXHIBIT C

Effective August 1, 2020, this filing increases Residential/Church Initial Line BLES rates and establishes new maximum rates that are currently allowed under OAC 4901:1-6-14.

# EXHIBIT D

### CENTURYTEL OF OHIO, INC. d/b/a CENTURYLINK CUSTOMER NOTICE

In compliance with OAC 4901:1-6-07 Customer Notice Requirements, CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink will send the following notices via bill message beginning July 1, 2020.

### Residential Rate Change

Effective August 1, 2020, the monthly rate for residential access lines will increase by \$2.00. The following calling features will increase by up to \$2.00: Call Waiting, Call Forwarding - No Answer, Call Forward Busy, and Call Within (Intercom). The following Calling Packages will increase by \$1.00: Basic Pak 1-3, Deluxe Pak 1-3 and Premium Pak. Additional, Alternate and Foreign Directory Listings will increase by \$1.25. The following bundles will increase by up to \$2.00: Economy Pack, Economy Pack Plus, Economy Pack Plus Lite, Simple Choice One, Simple Choice Two, Simple Choice, Caller ID Extra, Caller ID Plus, Select Pak, and Second Line Bundle. Simple choice Unlimited and Simple Choice Unlimited Plus will increase by up to \$7.00. If you have any questions, please call a Customer Care Representative at 1-800-943-8809.

### Business Rate Change

Effective August 1,2020, the monthly rate for Church access lines will increase by \$2.00. Joint User Service will increase by \$0.50. The following calling features will increase by up to \$2.00: Call Waiting, Call Forwarding - No Answer, Call Forward Busy, Call Within (Intercom), and Enhanced Long Distance Alert. Additional, Alternate, Cross Reference and Foreign Directory Listings will increase by \$1.25. The following bundles will increase by up to \$2.30: Business Assist Select, Simple Choice One, Business Assist Advantage, and Business Unlimited. If you have any questions, please call a Customer Care Representative at 1-888-402-4566.

#### CUSTOMER NOTICE AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF: KANSAS

SS:

COUNTY OF: JOHNSON

### AFFIDAVIT

I, Robyn Crichton, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf. I attest that customer notices accompanying this affidavit were sent to affected customers through bill messages beginning July 1, 2020 in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-07 (C), Ohio Administrative Code. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on June 25, 2020, Olathe, Kansas 66061

M Crichton

Robyn M. Crichton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

| 625.20        |  |
|---------------|--|
| (Date)        |  |
| Inha R        |  |
| Notary Public |  |

My Commission Expires: 10/24/23

Notary Public State of Kansas

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|     | Notary Public-State of Kansas |
|     | My Appt. Expires 0/24/33      |

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Summary: Tariff Tariff filing to increase Residential/Church Initial Line rates and change maximum rates for Residence and Business. electronically filed by Mrs. Robyn Crichton on behalf of CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink