

July 31, 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: United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink Case No. 90-5041-TP-TRF and Case No. 20-1342-TP-ATA

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Enclosed for filing is United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink's General Exchange Tariff to increase the Late Payment Charge that applies when an unpaid balance is brought forward to the next month's billing. Customers were notified at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the increase.

The following revision is included in this filing:

Section 1, Sixth Revised Sheet 6

This tariff sheet is filed with a July 31, 2020 issue date and an effective date of September 1, 2020.

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

Sincerely,

Robyn Crichton

Robyn Crichton cc: Joshua Motzer, CenturyLink

OH2020-12

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 United Telephone	)
Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink to increase the Late	)
Payment Charge.	)
	)

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NOTE: Unless you h	ave reserved a Case #	, leave the "Case No"
Case No.	20-1342-TP-ATA	
TRF Docket No.	<u>90-5041-TP-TRF</u>	

Name of Registrant(s) United Telephone Company of Ohio

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 <u>318-330-6812</u>
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 Ohio Administrative Code Chapter <u>4901:1-6</u>.

Section III – Carrier to Carrier is Pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code <u>4901:1-7</u>, and Wireless is Pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code <u>4901:1-6-24</u>. 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 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 Other (explain below)	For Profit ILEC	<b>Not For Profit ILEC</b>	
Change terms & conditions of existing BLES	ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge, or fee to BLES			ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late Payment		ATA <u>1-6-14(1)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATA <u>1-6-14(1)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap.	$\Box ZTA 1-6-14(F)$ (0 day Notice)		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)	C ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)	C ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (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> (0 day Notice)	
Change BLES Rates	$\Box \text{ TRF } \underline{1-6-14(F)}$ (0 day Notice)	$\Box \text{ TRF } 1-6-14(F)(4) (0 day Notice)$	TRF <u>1-6-14(G)</u> (0 day Notice)
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	BLS <u>1-6-14(C)(1)(c)</u> (Auto 30 days)		
Change in boundary	ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (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> (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 (Out of Territory)	CLEC	Telecommunications 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 Service Provider Not Offering Local
Abandon all Services		ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)	ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)
Change of Official Name *	ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	$\Box CIO \underline{1-6-29(C)}$ (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership *	ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	$\square ACO \underline{1-6-29(E)}$ (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Merger *	AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transfer a Certificate *	ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (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.

#### **AFFIDAVIT 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:

X 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 Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-6-7.

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

Executed on July 31, 2020 at Olathe, Kansas

\*/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

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## EXHIBIT A

#### GENERAL REGULATIONS

#### VII. LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

A late payment charge of **five** percent **(5%)** or **\$8.00**, whichever is greater, will be applied to the **(I)** current month's residential customer bills which remain unpaid after the due date. Each residential customer account shall be permitted a one-time waiver of a monthly late payment charge in cases where the customer has already paid the monthly bill for which the late payment charge was applied, and upon the request of the customer.

A late payment charge of **five** percent **(5%)** or \$11.00, whichever is greater, will be applied to the (I) current month's business customer bills which remain unpaid after the due date.

- A. Payments will not be considered delinquent if the account is paid in full by the due date. The due date printed on the bill will not be sooner than nineteen days after the postmark on the bill.
- B. The late payment charge will not be applied to any amount billed as taxes by federal, state or local governments.
- C. The late payment charge will not be applied to any previous late payment charges.
- D. The late payment charge will not apply to any Interexchange Carrier billing to which a late payment fee has already been rendered by an Interexchange Carrier.
- E. The late payment charge will not apply to amounts that are in dispute.
- F. Late payment charges will not apply to service order charges associated with commencement of a Lifeline Assistance Program.

Issued: December 28, 2018

United Telephone Company Of Ohio By Bill Hanchey, Vice President Wake Forest, North Carolina OH 19-01 Effective: February 1, 2019

In accordance with Case No.: 90-5041-TP-TRF and Case No. 18-1900-TP-ATA Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

### EXHIBIT B

#### P.U.C.O. NO. 5 GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

#### GENERAL REGULATIONS

#### VII. LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

A late payment charge of five percent (5%) or **\$13.00**, whichever is greater, will be applied to the (I) current month's residential **and business** customer bills which remain unpaid after the due date. (C) Each residential customer account shall be permitted a one-time waiver of a monthly late payment charge in cases where the customer has already paid the monthly bill for which the late payment charge was applied, and upon the request of the customer.

(D)

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- A. Payments will not be considered delinquent if the account is paid in full by the due date. The due date printed on the bill will not be sooner than nineteen days after the postmark on the bill.
- B. The late payment charge will not be applied to any amount billed as taxes by federal, state or local governments.
- C. The late payment charge will not be applied to any previous late payment charges.
- D. The late payment charge will not apply to any Interexchange Carrier billing to which a late payment fee has already been rendered by an Interexchange Carrier.
- E. The late payment charge will not apply to amounts that are in dispute.
- F. Late payment charges will not apply to service order charges associated with commencement of a Lifeline Assistance Program.

Issued: July 31, 2020

United Telephone Company of Ohio By Bill Hanchey, Vice President Wake Forest, North Carolina 0H2020-12 Effective: September 1, 2020

In accordance with Case No.: 90-5041-TP-TRF and Case No. 20-1342-TP-ATA Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

### EXHIBIT C

This filing increases the Late Payment Charge that applies when an unpaid balance is brought forward to the next month's billing.

### EXHIBIT D

#### UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF OHIO d/b/a CENTURYLINK CUSTOMER NOTICE

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

Effective September 1, 2020, the late payment charge for local voice services will increase to the greater of \$13.00 or 5% of the unpaid balance. This charge is in addition to the applicable late payment charge assessed on unpaid balances for High-Speed Internet service. If you have any questions, please call a Customer Care Representative at the telephone number printed in the My Account section of your bill.

CUSTOMER NOTICE AFFIDAVIT

## STATE OF KANSAS

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## COUNTY OF JOHNSON

## AFFIDAVIT

I, Robyn Crichton, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, United Telephone Company of Ohio 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 30, 2020, Olathe, Kansas 66061

John Walcrichton

Robyn M. Crichton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

30th day of June 2020 (Date)

Ainda K. Joseph Notary Public Pursuant to Kansas

Notary Public Pursuant to Kansas E.O. NO. 20-20 My Commission Expires: October 19, 2022

Notary Public State of Kansas

# My Appl. Exp. October 19, 2022



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Summary: Tariff Filing to increase the Late Payment Charge electronically filed by Mrs. Robyn Crichton on behalf of United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink