

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the matter of the Application of Cincinnati)	
Bell Telephone Company LLC (Altafiber) to)	
Review its Lifeline Recovery Surcharge and)	Case No. 11-1339-TP-ATA
Report Associated Annual Expense and)	
Revenue Data)	

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

On April 28, 2022, Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company (CBT) filed its annual true up calculations in support of their Lifeline Recovery Surcharge. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-19 allows an ILEC to recover through a customer billing surcharge on retail customers of the ILEC's telecommunications service other than lifeline service customers any lifeline service discounts and any other lifeline service expenses that are not recovered through federal or state funding. ILECs that establish Lifeline Recovery Surcharges are required to annually file with the commission a report that identifies actual amounts recovered and the actual lifeline service discounts and any other lifeline service expenses incurred for the prior period. The company shall provide such data as necessary to enable the commission to validate such amounts to ensure that the company did not over-recover its approved expenses from customers. With this filing CBT seeks to maintain its current Lifeline Recovery Surcharge of \$.01 per month. Over the past year, the \$.01 surcharge has under-recovered Lifeline expenses and the historic surplus now stands at \$15,058 down from \$16,034 the previous year. CBT contends the historic surplus is not enough to cover CBT's projected funded Lifeline expenses over the next year and the current surcharge rate is the lowest recovery rate that can be charged.

The Staff has reviewed all documents filed with the application and has determined that the application has satisfied the requirements set forth in the rule. As such, Staff recommends that the current Lifeline Recovery Surcharge of \$.01 continue to be effective for another year beginning July 1, 2022.

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