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Ms. Renee J. Jenkins
Docketing Division Chief
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

RE: Case No. 05-461-TP-UNC Docket No. 90-5013-TP-TRF

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

Enclosed for filing are an original and fifteen copies of Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC's (CBT) Application to revise language in the General Exchange Tariff, PUCO No. 8, Section 17 – Basic Telephone Assistance. Pursuant to entry on July 19, 2005 regarding Case No. 05-461-TP-UNC, CBT is revising the eligibility for household income for Link Up Assistance to "at or below 150% of the federal poverty level".

Please date-stamp and return the enclosed duplicate of this transmittal to acknowledge its receipt. Please refer any questions to me on 513-397-1378.

Sincerely.

Evelyn W. King

Regulatory Specialist – Government Relations

Evelyn W. King

**Attachments** 

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# The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPLICATION FORM

FILE

(Effective: 10/01/2004) (Pursuant to Case Nos. 99-998-TP-COI and 99-563-TP-COI)

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	Registrant(s)
	Registrant(s) 201 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45201
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	Contact Person(s) Evelyn King Phone (513) 397-1378 Fax (513) 421-1367
	Contact Person's Email Address evelyn.king@cinbell.com
	son for Annual Report Tom McCloud Phone (513) 397-1312
Date July 2	Nontact Information
	protective order included with filing? □ Yes ☑ No
	waiver(s) filed affecting this case? □ Yes ☑ No [Note: waiver(s) tolls any automatic timeframe]
Company 7	Type (check all applicable): □ CTS (IXC) ☑ ILEC □ CLEC □ CMRS □ AOS
	□ Other (explain)
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	OT to combine different types of filings, but if you do so, you must file under the process with the <u>longest</u> applicable review period.
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	indicate the reason for submitting this form (check <u>one</u> )
□ 1 (AAC)	Application to Amend Certificate by a CLEC to modify Serving Area (0-day notice, 7 copies)
□ 2 (ABN)	Abandonment of all Services
0 (A OFF)	a. CLEC (90-day approval, 10 copies) b. CTS (14-day approval, 10 copies) c. ILEC (NOT automatic, 10 copies)
□ 3 (ACE)	New Operating Authority for providers other than CMRS (30-day approval, 7 copies); for CMRS, see item No.15 on this page.  □ a. Switched Local □ b. Non-switched local □ c. CTS □ d. Local and CTS □ e. Other (explain)
n 4 (4CO)	LEC Application to Change Ownership (30-day approval, 10 copies)
	LEC Application to Change Name (30-day approval, 10 copies)
□ 6 (AEC)	Carrier-to-Carrier Contract Amendment to an agreement approved in a NAG or ARB case (30-day approval, 7 copies)
	NOTE: see item 25 (CTR) on page two of this form for all other contract filings.
	LEC Merger (30-day approval, 10 copies)
B 8 (ARB)	Application for Arbitration (see 96-463-TP-COI for applicable process, 10 copies)  Application for Tariff Amendment for Tier 1 Services, Application to Reclassify Service Among Tiers, or Change to Non-Tier Service
□ 9 (ATA)	□ a. Tier 1 (and Carrier-to-Carrier tariff filings as set-forth in 95-845-TP-COI)
	i. Pre-filing submittal (30-day pre-filing submittal with Staff and OCC; <b>Do Not Docket</b> , 4 copies)
	ii. New End User Service which has been preceded by a 30-day pre-filing submittal with Staff for all submittals and also with
	OCC for Tier 1 residential services (0-day filing, 10 copies)
	iii. New End User Service (NOT preceded by a 30-day filing submittal, 30-day approval, 10 copies)
	<ul> <li>iv. New Carrier-to-Carrier Service which has been preceded by a 30-day pre-filing with Staff (0-day filing, 10 copies)</li> <li>v. Change in Terms and Conditions, textual revision, correction of error, etc. (30-day approval, 10 copies)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>□ v. Change in Terms and Conditions, textual revision, correction of error, etc. (30-day approval, 10 copies)</li> <li>□ vi. Grandfather service (30-day approval, 10 copies)</li> </ul>
	□ vii. Initial Carrier-to-Carrier Services Tariff subsequent to ACE approval (60-day approval, 10 copies)
	🛘 viii. Withdrawal of Tier 1 service must be filed as an "ATW", not an "ATA" - see item 12, below
	<ul> <li>b. Reclassification of Service Among Tiers (NOT automatic, 10 copies)</li> </ul>
	c. Textual revision with no effect on rates for non-specific or non-tier service (30-day approval, 10 copies)
□ 10(ATC)	Application to Transfer Certificate (30-day approval, 7 copies)
□ 11 (ATR) □ 12 (ATW)	LEC Application to Conduct a Transaction Between Utilities (30-day approval, 10 copies)  Application to Withdraw a Tier 1 Service
B 12(AI 11)	a. CLEC (60-day approval, 10 copies)   b. ILEC (NOT automatic, 10 copies)
n 13 (CIO)	Application for Change in Operations by Non-LEC Providers (0-day notice, 7 copies)
□ 14 (NAG)	Negotiated Interconnection Agreement Between Carriers (0-day effective, 90-day approval, 8 copies)
□ 15(RCC)	For CMRS providers only to Register or to Notify of a Change in Operations (0-day notice, 7 copies)
□ 16( <b>SLF</b> )	Self-complaint Application
	<ul> <li>a. CLEC only -Tier 1 (60-day automatic, 10 copies)</li> <li>b. Introduce or increase maximum price range for Non-Specific Service Charge (60-day approval, 10 copies)</li> </ul>
ra 17 (TINC)	Unclassified (explain) (NOT automatic, 15 copies)
□ 18 (ZTA)	Tariff Notification Involving only Tier 2 Services
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# II. Please indicate which of the following exhibits have been filed. The numbers (corresponding to the list on page (1) and above) indicate, at a minimum, the types of cases in which the exhibit is required:

	[all]	A copy of any motion for waiver of O.A.C. rule(s) associated with this filing. NOTE: the filing of a motion for waiver tolls
		any automatic timeframe associated with this filing.
0	[3]	Completed Service Requirements Form.
0	[3, 9(vii)]	A copy of registrant's proposed tariffs. (Carrier-to-Carrier resale tariff also required if facilities-based)
ם	[3]	Evidence that the registrant has notified the Ohio Department of Taxation of its intent to conduct operations as a telephone
		utility in the State of Ohio.
	[3]	Brief description of service(s) proposed.
	[3a-b,3d]	Explanation of whether applicant intends to provide $\square$ resold services, $\square$ facilities-based services, or $\square$ both resold and facilities-based services.
	[3a-b,3d]	Explanation as to whether CLEC currently offers CTS services under separate CTS authority, and whether it will be including
	[	those services within its CLEC filing, or maintaining such CTS services under a separate affiliate.
ם	[3a-b,3d]	Explanation of how the proposed services in the proposed market area are in the public interest.
0	[3a-b,3d]	Description of the proposed market area.
0	[3a-b,3d]	Description of the class of customers (e.g., residence, business) that the applicant intends to serve.
0	[3a-b,3d]	Documentation attesting to the applicant's financial viability, including the following:
	• •	1) An executive Summary describing the applicant's current financial condition, liquidity, and capital resources.
}		Describe internally generated sources of cash and external funds available to support the applicant's operations that
		are the subject of this certification application.
. 1		2) Copy of financial statements (actual and pro forma income statement and a balance sheet). Indicate if financial
ľ		statements are based on a certain geographical area(s) or information in other jurisdictions
		Documentation to support the applicant's cash an funding sources.
u [	[3a-d]	Documentation attesting to the applicant's technical and managerial expertise relative to the proposed service offering(s) and
		proposed service area.
	[3a-d]	Documentation indicating the applicant's corporate structure and ownership.
0	[3a-b,3d]	Information regarding any similar operations in other states. Also, if this company has been previously certified in the State of
		Ohio, include that certification number.
•	[3a-b,3d]	Verification that the applicant will maintain local telephony records separate and apart from any other accounting records in
		accordance with the GAAP.
a	[3a-b,3d]	Verification of compliance with any affiliate transaction requirements.
	[3a-b,3d]	Explanation as to whether rates are derived through (check all applicable):
		□ interconnection agreement, □ retail tariffs, or □ resale tariffs.
	[1,3a-b,3d]	Explanation as to which service areas company currently has an approved interconnection or resale agreement.
	[3a-b,3d, 9a(i-iii)]	Explanation of whether applicant intends to provide Local Services which require payment in advance of
		Customer receiving dial tone.
	[3a,3b,3d,	Tariff sheet(s) listing the services and associated charges that must be paid prior to customer receiving dial tone (if applicable).
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0	[3a-b,3d,8]	Letters requesting negotiation pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and a proposed
]		timeline for construction, interconnection, and offering of services to end users.
0	[3-5,7,10-11,13]	Certification from Ohio Secretary of State as to party's proper standing (domestic or foreign corporation, authorized use of
		fictitious name, etc.). In transfer of certificate cases, the transferee's good standing must be established.
	[3-4,7,10-11,13]	List of names, addresses, and phone numbers of officers and directors, or partners.
0	[3]	A sample copy of the customer bill and disconnection notice the applicant plans to utilize.
	[1,4,9,10-13,16-21]	Copy of superseded tariff sheet(s) & price list(s), if applicable, marked as Exhibit A.
	[1,4,9,10-13,16-21]	Copy of revised tariff sheets & price lists, marked as Exhibit B.
	[3]	Provide a copy of any customer application form required in order to establish residential service, if applicable.

	[1-2.4-7.9.12-	Description of and rationale for proposed tariff changes, including a complete description of the service(s) proposed or affected.
1		Specify for each service affected whether it is \(\mathbb{D}\) business; \(\mathbb{Z}\) residence; or \(\mathbb{D}\) both. Also indicate whether it is \(\mathbb{D}\) switched or \(\mathbb{D}\)
1		dedicated service. Include this information in either the cover letter or Exhibit C.

	9b, 10,12-13,16,	NOTE: SLF Filings - Do NOT send customer notice until it has been reviewed and approved by Commission Staff
	18(b-c),20-21]	
	[1,2,5,9a(v),11-13,	Affidavit attesting that customer notice has been provided.
	18, 21 (increase only)]	
	[2,12]	Copy of Notice which has been provided to ILEC(s).
	[2,12]	Listing of Assigned (NPA) NXX's where in the LECs (NPA) NXX's would be reassigned.
	[2,4,10,12-13,]	List of Ohio exchanges specifically involved or affected.
	[14]	The interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or mediation.
а	[15]	For commercial mobile radio service providers, a statement affirming that registrant has obtained all necessary federal authority
		to conduct operations being proposed, and that copies have been furnished by cellular, paging, and mobile companies to this
		Commission of any Form 401, 463, and / or 489 which the applicant has filed with the Federal Communications Commission.
0	[15]	Exhibits must include company name, address, contact person, service description, and evidence of registration with the Ohio
<u> </u>	[24]	Secretary of State.  Affidavit that total price of contract exceeds total cost of all regulated services.
0	[5,13]	New title sheet with proposed new company name.
<del></del>	[1,3,13]	For CLECs, List of Ohio Exchanges the applicant intends to serve (Use spreadsheet from:
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		http://www.puc.state.oh.us/puco/forms/form.cfm?doc_id=357).
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III. Registrant hereby attests to its compliance with the following requirements in the Service Requirements Form, as well as all pertinent entries and orders issued by the Commission with respect to these issues. Further, registrant hereby affirms that it will maintain with its TRF docket an up-to-date, properly marked, copy of the Service Requirements Form available for public inspection.

## MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE AND CTS PROVIDERS:

- [x] Sales tax
- [x] Minimum Telephone Service Standards (MTSS)
- [x] Surcharges

## MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE PROVIDERS:

[x] 1+ IntraLATA Presubscription

## SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVISION OF CERTAIN SERVICES (CHECK ALL APPLICABLE):

- Discounts for Persons with Communication Disabilities and the Telecommunication Relay Service [Required if toll service provided]
- Emergency Services Calling Plan [Required if toll service provided]
- □ Alternative Operator Service (AOS) requirements [Required for all providing AOS (including inmate services) service]
- Limitation of Liability Language [Required for all who have tariff language that may limit their liability]
- ▼ Termination Liability Language [Required for all who have early termination liability language in their tariffs]
- Service Connection Assistance (SCA) [Required for all LECs]
- Local Number Portability and Number Pooling [Required for facilities-based LECs]
- Package Language [Required for tariffs containing packages or service bundles containing both local and toll and/or non-regulated services]

- List names, titles, phone numbers, and addresses of those persons authorized to respond to inquiries from the Consumer Services Department on behalf of the applicant regarding end-user complaints:
  - Tom McCloud, Regulatory Specialist (513) 397-1312, 201 E. Fourth Street, Room 102-890, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
- List names, titles, phone numbers, and addresses of those persons authorized to make and/or affirm or verify filings at the Commission on behalf of the applicant:

Evelyn King, Regulatory Specialist (513) 397-1378, 201 E. Fourth Street, Room 102-890, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

NOTE: An annual report is required to be filed with the Commission by each company on an annual basis. The annual report form will be sent for completion to the address and individual(s) identified in this Section unless another address or individual is so indicated.

VI. List Name(s), DBA(s) and PUCO Certification Number(s) of any affiliates you have operating in Ohio under PUCO authority, whether Telecommunication or other. (If needed, use a separate sheet and check here: a)

## **AFFIDAVIT**

## Compliance with Commission Rules and Service Standards

I am an officer of the applicant corporation, Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf. I attest that these tariffs comply with all applicable rules, including the Minimum Telephone Service Standards (MTSS) for the state of Ohio. I understand that tariff notification filings do not imply Commission approval and that the Commission's rules, including the Minimum Telephone Service Standards, 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 declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 22, 2005 at 201 E. Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Assistant Secretary and Director of Regulatory Affairs, July 22, 2005

\* 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, D. Scott Ringo, Jr. verify that I have utilized, verbatim, the Commission's Telecommunications Application Form 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.

Assistant Secretary and Director of Regulatory Affairs, July 22, 2005

\*(Signature and Title)

(Date)

\*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.

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 (or to the Telecommunications Division Chief if a prefiling submittal) 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215-3793

## Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company

Exhibit A
Superseded Tariff Pages

#### GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF PUCO NO. 8

#### CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY LLC

Section 17 1st Revised Page 10 Cancels Original Page 10

#### BASIC TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

## D. LINK UP ASSISTANCE

## 1. General

Link Up Assistance is a federal assistance program that provides eligible residential service customers with the following benefits:

A reduction of the Telephone Company's applicable service connection charges equal to one-half of such service connection charges, or \$30.00, whichever is less.

A deferred payment plan for service connection charges, for which the customer does not pay interest, where such service connection charges do not exceed \$200.00 and the payment plan does not exceed 12 months duration. (The service connection charges do not include the Telephone Company's applicable security deposit requirements.)

### 2. Regulations

- a. Link Up Assistance is available to residential customers who are currently participating in one of the following assistance programs:
  - 1. Medical Assistance under Chapter 5111 of the Ohio Revised Code (Medicaid);
  - Food Stamps;
  - 3. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) under Title XVI of the Social Security Act;
  - 4. Federal Public Housing Assistance/Section 8;
  - 5. Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP);
  - 6. Ohio Works First (formerly AFDC) or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF);
  - 7. National School Lunch Program (NSL) free lunch program.
- b. The Link-Up Assistance Program is also available to customers who do not receive benefits from the programs shown in D.2.a above, but who have household income at or below 135% of the poverty level. (Non-categorical) Customers enrolling in Lifeline through income eligibility must submit appropriate documentation of eligibility, as described in D.2.e of this section prior to receiving Lifeline benefits.

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Issued: May 13, 2005

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## Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company

Exhibit B

**Proposed Tariff Pages** 

## GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF PUCO NO. 8

### CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY LLC

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#### BASIC TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

## D. LINK UP ASSISTANCE

#### 1. General

Link Up Assistance is a federal assistance program that provides eligible residential service customers with the following benefits:

A reduction of the Telephone Company's applicable service connection charges equal to one-half of such service connection charges, or \$30.00, whichever is less.

A deferred payment plan for service connection charges, for which the customer does not pay interest, where such service connection charges do not exceed \$200.00 and the payment plan does not exceed 12 months duration. (The service connection charges do not include the Telephone Company's applicable security deposit requirements.)

### 2. Regulations

- a. Link Up Assistance is available to residential customers who are currently participating in one of the following assistance programs:
  - 1. Medical Assistance under Chapter 5111 of the Ohio Revised Code (Medicaid);
  - 2. Food Stamps;
  - 3. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) under Title XVI of the Social Security Act;
  - 4. Federal Public Housing Assistance/Section 8;
  - 5. Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP);
  - 6. Ohio Works First (formerly AFDC) or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF);
  - 7. National School Lunch Program (NSL) free lunch program.
- b. The Link-Up Assistance Program is also available to customers who do not receive benefits from the programs shown in D.2.a above, but who have household income at or below 150% of the poverty level. (Non-categorical) Customers enrolling in Lifeline through income eligibility must submit appropriate documentation of eligibility, as described in D.2.e of this section prior to receiving Lifeline benefits.

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By: Christopher S. Colwell, Vice President - Government Relations Cincinnati, Ohio Effective: August 9, 2005 In accordance with Case No. 05-461-TP-UNC, Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, April 6, 2005 Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC (CBT) is filing an application to revise language in the General Exchange Tariff, PUCO No. 8, Section 17 – Basic Telephone Assistance. Pursuant to entry on July 19, 2005 regarding Case No. 05-461-TP-UNC, CBT is revising the eligibility for household income for Link Up Assistance to "at or below 150% of the federal poverty level".