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March 4, 2003

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Attention: Docketing Division  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Talk America Inc.'s PUCO Tariff No. 2 Reduction of Rates in Price List

Enclosed please find three (3) copies of Talk America Inc.'s revisions to Talk America Inc.'s PUCO Tariff No. 2. These revisions, which reduce the monthly rates for the Talk America Strictly Business Plan, are being filed on a 0-day notice. These are being filed on March 5, 2003 for an Effective date of March 5, 2003. This tariff filing is comprised of the following tariff page revisions:

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Section 11	
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Page 156.2	Original Page 156.2

These products are available to business customers only and are switched services.

Please date-stamp the enclosed duplicate of this transmittal letter and return in the enclosed postage-paid self-addressed stamped envelope. Please feel free to contact me at 202-955-9645 if you have any questions or concerns about this mailing.

Sincerely yours,

  
Kelly Faul  
Sr. Consultant

Enclosures

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO  
LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER  
REGISTRATION FORM  
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In the Matter of the Application )  
For New Price List Rate for Existing Service )  
of Talk America, Inc. )

) Docket No. 90-9030 - CT-TRF  
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Name of Registrant(s) Talk America, Inc.  
Address of Registrant(s) 6805 Route 202, New Hope, PA 18938

Contact Person(s): Sharon Thomas, Talk America, Inc. (Phone 407-313-1353); (Fax: 407-658-6312)  
Kelly Faul, The KDW Group (Phone- 202-955-9645); (Fax: 202-955-9792)

Date March 5, 2003 TRF Docket No. 90-9030CT-TRF

Motion for protective order included with filing? ☐ Yes, ☒ No

Request for waiver(s) included with filing? ☐ Yes, ☒ No

NOTE: This form must accompany all applications filed by NECs. ILECs should utilize the appropriate form based on each ILEC's currently applicable regulatory framework. However, an ILEC must use this form if it has been granted tariff filing parity pursuant to Section VI.L. of the guidelines established in Case No. 95-845-TP-COI, or if the ILEC is filing an ARB or NAG case pursuant to the guidelines established in Case No. 96-463-TP-UNC. It is preferable not to combine different types of filings, but if you do so, you must file under the process with the longest applicable review period.

I. Indicate the reason for submitting this form (check only one):

- ☐ 1. (AAC) Application to Amend Certificate to expand Serving Area (30-day approval, 7 copies)
- ☐ 2. (ABN) Abandonment of all Services (NOT automatic, 10 copies)
- ☐ 3. (ACE) New Operating Authority (60-day approval, 7 copies)
- ☐ 4. (ACO) Application to Change Ownership (30-day approval, 10 copies) *See attached Statement of Joint Applicant*
- ☐ 5. (ACN) Application to Change Name (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 6. (AEC) Application to Establish, Revise, or Cancel a Contract (30-day approval, 7 copies)
- ☐ ☐ End User ☐ Carrier-to-carrier Contract Amendment to an agreement approved in a NAG or ARB case
- ☐ 7. (AMT) Merger (NOT automatic, 10 copies)
- ☐ 8. (ARB) Application for Arbitration (see 96-463-TP-COI for applicable process, 15 copies)
- ☐ 9. (ATA) Application for Tariff Amendment (Automatic timeframes vary with type of ATA filing--see below)
  - a. ☐ New End User Service which has been preceded by a 30-day prefiling with Staff and OCC (0-day filing, 10 copies)
  - b. ☐ New Carrier-to-Carrier Service which has been preceded by a 30-day prefiling with Staff and OCC (0-day filing, 10 copies)
  - c. ☐ Change in Terms and Conditions (30-day approval, 10 copies)
  - d. ☐ Withdrawal of Service (30-day approval, 10 copies)
  - e. ☐ Filing at Staff's Direction (30-day approval, 10 copies)
  - f. ☐ Initial Carrier-to-Carrier Services Tariff subsequent to ACE approval (60-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 10. (ATC) Application to Transfer Certificate (NOT automatic, 7 copies)
- ☐ 11. (ATR) Application to Conduct a Transaction Between Utilities (NOT automatic, 10 copies)
- ☐ 12. (NAG) Negotiated Interconnection Agreement Between Carriers (0-day effective, 90-day approval, 15 copies)
- ☐ 13. (UNC) Unclassified (explain) \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT automatic, 15 copies)
- ☐ 14. Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT automatic, 15 copies)

**THE FOLLOWING ARE TRF FILINGS ONLY, NOT NEW CASES (0-day notice, 3 copies)**

- ☐ 15. Introduction or Extension of Promotional Offering
- ☒ 16. New Price List Rate for Existing Service
- ☐ 17. Designation of Registrant's Process Agent(s)
- ☐ 18. Update to Registrant's Maps

**II. Indicate which of the following exhibits have been filed. The numbers (corresponding to the list above) indicate, at a minimum, the types of cases in which the exhibit is required:**

- ☐ A copy of registrant's proposed tariffs. (Carrier-to-Carrier resale tariff also required if facilities-based) (3)
- ☐ Statement affirming 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)
- ☐ List of names, addresses, and phone numbers of officers and directors, or partners. (3,4,7,10)
- ☐ Brief description of service(s) proposed. (3)
- ☐ Explanation of whether applicant intends to provide ☐ resold services, ☐ facilities-based services, or ☐ both resold and facilities-based services. (3)
- ☐ Explanation as to whether NEC currently offers IXC services under separate CTS authority, and whether it will be including those services within its NEC filing, or maintaining such IXC services under a separate affiliate. (3)
- ☐ Explanation of how the proposed services in the proposed market area are in the public interest. (3)
- ☐ Description of the proposed market area. (3)
- ☐ Description of the class of customers (e.g., residence, business) that the applicant intends to serve. (3)
- ☐ Documentation attesting to the applicant's financial viability, including, at a minimum, a pro forma income statement and a balance sheet. If the pro forma income statement is based upon a certain geographical area(s) or information in other jurisdictions, please indicate. (3)
- ☐ Documentation attesting to the applicant's technical expertise relative to the proposed service offering(s) and proposed service area. (3)
- ☐ Explanation of the applicant's managerial expertise relative to the proposed service offering(s) and proposed service area. (3)
- ☐ Documentation indicating the applicant's corporate structure and ownership. (3)
- ☐ Information regarding any similar operations in other states. (3)
- ☐ Verification that the applicant will maintain local telephony records separate and apart from any other accounting records in accordance with the USOA. (3)
- ☐ Verification of compliance with any affiliate transaction requirements. (3)
- ☐ 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. (3,8, 10)
- ☐ Copy of superseded tariff sheet(s) & price list(s), if applicable, marked as Exhibit A. (1-2,4,6,8-10,12-15) **No tariff changes of any operating company are proposed at this time.**
- ☐ Copy of revised tariff sheets & price lists, marked as Exhibit B. (1-2,4,6,8-10,12-15) **No tariff changes of any operating company are proposed at this time.**
- ☐ Specify which notice procedure has been utilized: 0 real time; or 0 newspaper. NOTE: Price list increases **must** be within an approved range of rates. (8-9,15)
- ☐ Copy of real time or newspaper notice which has been provided to customers. (2,4,6,9c-f, 10, 15)
- ☐ Copy of customer education and information material for new residential services. (8)
- ☐ Description of and rationale for proposed tariff changes, including a complete description of the service(s) proposed or affected. Specify for each service affected whether it is ☐ business; ☐ residence; ☐ or both. Also indicate whether it is a ☐ switched ☐ or dedicated service. Include this information in either the cover letter or Exhibit C. (1-2,4-6,9-10,12-15) **No tariff changes of any operating company are proposed at this time.**
- ☐ Explanation as to which service areas company currently has an approved interconnection or resale agreement. (1,3, 9)
- ☐ Explanation as to whether rates are derived through (check all applicable): ☐ interconnection agreement, ☐ retail tariffs, or ☐ resale tariffs. (3)
- ☐ List of Ohio counties or exchanges the applicant intends to serve within 24 months of obtaining authorization. (1,3)
- ☐ List of Ohio counties specifically involved or affected. (2,4,6,9-10,12)
- ☐ Certification from Ohio Secretary of State as to party's proper standing (domestic or foreign corporation, authorized use of fictitious name, etc.). (3,4,6,9c-f,10) In transfer of certificate cases, the transferee's good standing must be established. **See Exhibit 5.**
- ☐ Maps depicting the proposed serving and calling areas of the applicant. (1,3,7,10)

☐ **If Mirroring ILEC** exchanges for both serving area and local calling areas: • *Serving area* must be clearly reflected on an Ohio map attached to tariffs and textually described in tariffs by noting that it is reflecting a particular ILEC/NEC territory, and listing the involved counties. • *Local calling areas* must be clearly reflected on an Ohio map attached to the tariffs, and/or clearly delineated in tariffs, including a complete listing of each exchange being served and all exchanges to which local calls can be made from each of those exchanges.

☐ **If Self-defining** serving area and/or local calling area as an area other than that of the established ILEC exchange(s): • *Serving Area* must be clearly reflected on an Ohio map attached to the tariffs, and textually described in tariffs by listing the involved counties. • *Local Calling Areas* must be described in the tariff through textual delineation and dear maps. Maps for self-defined serving and local calling areas are required to be traced on United States Geological Survey topography maps. These maps are the Standard Topographic Quadrangle maps, 7.5 minute 1:24,000.

☐ Other information requested by the Commission staff.

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 providers:

- ☐ Sales tax
- ☐ Deposits
- ☐ Disconnection of Service
- ☐ 1+

Service requirements for a NEC's provision of certain services (check all applicable):

- ☐ Discounts for Persons with Communication Disabilities and the Telecommunication Relay Service
- ☐ Emergency Services Calling Plan
- ☐ Alternative Operator Service (AOS) requirements
- ☐ Limitation of Liability Language
- ☐ Termination Liability Language
- ☐ Service Connection Assistance (SCA) and Telephone Service Assistance (TSA)
- ☐ Resale of Service [Required for facilities-based NECs]
- ☐ Local Number Portability [Required for facilities-based]

IV. List names, titles, phone numbers, and addresses of those persons authorized to make and/or verify filings at the Commission on behalf of the applicant:

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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.

V. 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:

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VERIFICATION

I, Kelly Faul verify that I have utilized, verbatim, the Commission's Local Exchange Carrier Registration Form effective July 15, 1997 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.

Kelly Faul                      03-04-03  
(Signature)\*                                      (Date)

\*        A 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.

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Send your completed Registration 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 43215-37

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TALK AMERICA INC.

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SECTION 11.0 - CURRENT RATES AND CHARGES NETWORK SERVICES, *cont'd.*  
(PRICE LIST)

11.6 Business Bundled Local Service

11.6.2 Talk America Strictly Business Plan (Section 5.7)

Monthly Recurring Charge:

Primary Line:	Zone 1:	\$24.95	(R)
	Zone 2:	\$24.95	
	Zone 3:	\$24.95	(R)
Additional Line:	Zone 1:	\$20.00	(R)
	Zone 2:	\$20.00	
	Zone 3:	\$20.00	(R)

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