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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. 04-1293-TP-SLF Case No. 04-1294-TP-SLF Docket No. 90-5013-TP-TRF

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

On August 17, 2004, Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company's (CBT's) filed an Application to revise language in the **General Exchange Tariff**, PUCO No. 8, Section 2 – General Regulations and **Out of Territory Services Tariff**, PUCO No. 1, Section 5 – Local Exchange Service, to increase the residential and non-residential Late Payment Charge and the Returned Check Charge.

Attached are CBT responses to PUCO Staff's inquiry regarding the Late Payment Charge. 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 or at evelyn.king@cinbell.com.

Sincerely,

Evelyn W. King Regulatory Specialist Government Relations

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The following responds to PUCO Staff's inquiry regarding the Late Payment Charge.

- 1. Late payment charges will not apply to installation charges associated with the establishment of Lifeline service.
- 2. For residential customers, a late payment charge will be applied to the current month's unpaid balance no sooner than five days after the due date (minimum of 19 days for the payment due date interval).
- 3. Each residential account will be permitted a one-time waiver of a late payment charge upon customer request.