

April 30, 2007

By Electronic Delivery

Ms. Reneé J. Jenkins
Director of Administration
Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: In the Matter of the Application of The Benton Ridge Telephone Company to Introduce 811 Service for "One Call" Notification Systems; PUCO Case No. 07-516-TP-ATA

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

The Benton Ridge Telephone Company submits an Application for electronic filing, to be filed in connection with the above-referenced matter. The TRF Number for The Benton Ridge Telephone Company is 90-5007-TP-TRF.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Carolyn S. Flahive

Enclosure

cc: Karen Kalmar

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPLICATION FORM
for
ILECs Not Subject to Alternative Regulation
(Effective December 3, 2004)

In the Matter of the Application of The Benton Ridge Telephone Company to Introduce 811 Service for "One Call" Notification Systems)
Case No. 07 - 516 - **TP** - ATA

Name of Company The Benton Ridge Telephone Company
Address of Company P.O. Box 180; Benton Ridge, Ohio 45816
Company Web Address _____
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Carolyn S. Flahive Phone (614) 469-3200 Fax (614) 469-3361
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Date _____ TRF Docket No. 90 - 5007 -TP - TRF

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

Motion for waiver(s) filed affecting this case? ☐ Yes ☒ No [Note: waiver(s) tolls any automatic timeframe]

NOTE: This form must accompany:

- ✓ All automatic approval/notice applications filed by incumbent local exchange companies (ILECs) not subject to a qualifying alternative regulation plan when making an application pursuant to Case Nos. 84-944-TP-COI, 86-1144-TP-COI, 89-564-TP-COI, or 99-563-TP-COI.
- ✓ All non-automatic approval applications filed by incumbent local exchange companies (ILECs) not subject to a qualifying alternative regulation plan when making an application pursuant to Section 4909.18, Ohio Revised Code.

I. Please indicate the reason for submitting this form (*check one*)

- ☐ 1 (AEC) Application For Approval Of A Customer Contract For Competitive Services
☐ a. Stand-Alone Contract (90-day approval, 7 copies)
☐ b. Pre-Approved Contract (0-day notice, 7 copies)
- ☐ 2 (ACO) ILEC Application for Change in Ownership Pursuant to 4905.402, Ohio Revised Code (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 3 (ALI) Small, For-Profit, ILEC Application For A Limited Increase In Non-Basic Rates (60-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☒ 4 (ATA) Application For Tariff Amendment That Does Not Result In An Increase In Rates
☐ a. Large ILEC, Competitive Offerings Other Than Those Listed Under 5., Below (60-day approval, 7 copies)
☒ b. Small, for-profit ILECs (45-day approval, 10 copies) (Not-for-profit, see item 6, NFP, below)
- ☐ 5 (ZTA) Tariff Notification Not For An Increase In Rates Involving Message Toll, Toll-Free Service, 900 And 900-Like Services, 500 Service, Calling Card, Prepaid Calling Card, Private Line, and Speed Dialing In Accordance With Waiver Granted in 99-563-TP-COI (5/11/2000 and 11/21/2002) (0-day notice, 7 copies)
NOTE: Notifications do not require or imply Commission Approval.
- ☐ 6 (NFP) Small, not-for-profit ILEC tariff amendment
☐ a. Tariff Change Not Resulting In An Increase In Rates (0-day notice, 7 copies)
☐ b. Tariff Application Resulting In An Increase In Non-Basic Rates (45-day notice, 7 copies)
☐ c. Tariff Application Resulting In An Increase In Basic Rates (60-day notice, 10 copies)
- ☐ 7 (Non-Auto) All Others (non-automatic approval, indicate appropriate 3 letter code for case type in Case No. above)

THE FOLLOWING ARE TRF FILINGS ONLY, NOT NEW CASES

- ☐ 8 Introduction or Extension of Promotional Offering (10-day notice, 3 copies)
- ☐ 9 New Price List Rate Within an Approved Rate Range for Existing Competitive Service (0-day notice, 3 copies)

II. The following exhibits corresponding to the list of cases above, at a minimum, are required to be filed:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Current Tariff Sheets (to be superseded), if applicable
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Proposed Tariff Sheets
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Rationale or Explanation for Change
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.a., 4.a.	Justification for Competitive Treatment
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.a., 4.a.	Cost support for non-MTS service
<input type="checkbox"/>	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9	Customer Notice to customers affected by proposal, and statement as to the form and timing of the notice
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Copy of Contract

III. Applicant is filing this application under the regulatory requirements:

- ☒ Established by the Commission in Case No. 89-564-TP-COI.
☐ Established in 4909.18 Ohio Revised Code.

IV. Applicant respectfully requests the Commission to permit the filing of the proposed tariff sheets, to become effective on the date shown on the proposed tariff sheets (which is a date no earlier than the day after the applicable automatic approval date), modified by any further revisions that have become effective prior to the effective date of the proposed schedule sheets.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BENTON RIDGE TELEPHONE COMPANY

By: /s/ Carolyn S. Flahive
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Its Attorneys

VERIFICATION

I verify that all of the information submitted herein, and all additional information submitted in connection with this case, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ Carolyn S. Flahive 4/30/07
*(Signature and Title) (Date)

*Verification is required for every filing, and need **not** be notarized except for Applications for a Limited Increase in Rates (ALIs). The verification may be signed by an officer of the applicant, its counsel, or an authorized agent of the applicant, except for ALIs. ALI applications must be signed by an officer of the company and be notarized.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 2007.

Notary Public, State of Ohio
My commission expires _____.

EXHIBIT A
(SUPERSEDED TARIFF SHEETS)

EXHIBIT B
(REVISED TARIFF SHEETS)

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GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICE TARIFF

811 SERVICE FOR "ONE CALL" NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS

(N)

A. GENERAL

1. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) assigned the 811 dialing code for nationwide access to One Call Notification Systems. The 811 dialing code ("811 Service") is a nationwide toll-free number to be used by state "One Call" notification systems for providing advanced notice of excavation activities to underground facility operators. Pursuant to PUCO Case No. 05-1306-TP-COI, 811 Service shall be made available within Ohio by May 14, 2007.
2. The three digit 811 abbreviated dialing One Call Notification code is assigned to the approved "811 Provider" for use in providing One Call notification services to the public by way of voice grade facilities.
3. 811 Service is available from the Company within its services area only. To provide access to 811 to end users in another company's service area or to Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) end users within the local calling area, the 811 Provider must make appropriate arrangements with the other company or CLEC serving that territory. The 811 Provider should work separately with competing local providers to ascertain that its end user customers will be able to reach one-call services provided by dialing 811.
4. All 811 abbreviated dialing code calls must be local in nature and will not result in any expanded local calling area (ELCA), intraLATA toll, interLATA long distance, or pay-per-call charges to Company subscribers. However, 811 Service calls may result in local measured service charges where Company subscribers' service plans include such charges.
5. The 811 Service is not available for the following classes of service: inmate service, 1+ and 0+ calling, 0- operator assisted calling and 101XXXX calling. 811 Service is otherwise available wherever local service is accessible.

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B. OBLIGATIONS OF THE APPROVED "ONE CALL" NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS PROVIDER

1. The 811 Provider must submit a written application for 811 Service to the Company. The 811 Provider may establish 811 Service in all or part of the Company's exchanges. There may be only one 811 Provider per exchange.
2. The 811 Provider's written application to establish 811 Service in a Company local exchange must include the following:
 - a. The local, foreign exchange, or toll free telephone number into which the Company should translate the dialed 811 abbreviated code. If the 811 Provider desires to change the telephone number into which the 811 abbreviated dialing code is translated, the 811 Provider must pay a number change charge as set forth in Section F. below.
 - b. For network sizing and protection, an estimate of annual call volumes and holding time for calls to the 811 Service.
 - c. An acknowledgement of the possibility that the Commission's assignment of the 811 abbreviated dialing code may be recalled at any time.
3. Local Calling for Company Subscribers
 - a. The 811 Provider, in cooperation with the Company, will assure that all 811 Service calls are local and do not generate ELCA, intraLATA toll, interLATA long distance, or pay-per-call charges for Company subscribers.
 - b. When the 811 Provider applies for 811 Service from the Company, the 811 Provider must supply the Company with a toll free number. The Company will translate the 811 digits into the telephone number provided by the 811 Provider.
4. The 811 Provider is liable for and will indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless the Company against all suits, actions, claims, demands and judgments, plus any expenses and counsel fees incurred by the Company on account thereof, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by the 811 Provider or any other party or person, for any personal injury to or death of any person or persons, or for any loss, damage, or destruction of any property, whether owned by the 811 Provider or others, arising out of or resulting directly from the 811 Service.
5. The 811 Provider must develop an appropriate method of responding to 811 calls directed to it out of confusion or in error by Company subscribers.

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811 SERVICE FOR "ONE CALL" NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS (continued)

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B. OBLIGATIONS OF THE APPROVED "ONE CALL" NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS PROVIDER
(continued)

6. The 811 Provider must subscribe to termination facilities and lines in sufficient quantities to provide adequate service to the public, and enable the 811 Provider to receive calls to the 811 Service during normal business hours.
7. The 811 Service is provided on the condition that the 811 Provider subscribes to termination facilities and lines in sufficient quantities to adequately handle calls to the 811 Service without interfering with or impairing any services offered by the Company.
8. The 811 Provider must comply with all present and future state and federal rules pertaining to abbreviated dialing codes.
9. The 811 Provider is responsible for obtaining all necessary permissions, licenses, written consents, waivers and releases and all other rights from all persons whose work, statements or performances are used in connection with the 811 Service. The 811 Provider is also responsible for obtaining all necessary permissions, licenses, written consents, waivers, and releases and all other rights from all holders of copyrights, trademarks and patents used in connection with the 811 Service.
10. The 811 Provider must respond promptly to all complaints lodged with any regulatory authority against the 811 Service. If requested by the Company, the 811 Provider must assist the Company in responding to complaints made to the Company concerning the 811 Service.
11. The 811 Provider shall not promote the 811 Service with the use of any auto dialer or broadcasting of tones that dial the 811 abbreviated dialing code.
12. The 811 Provider must work separately with CLECs operating and serving customers in the Company's exchange(s) to ascertain whether 811 abbreviated dialing will be available to their end users.

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811 SERVICE FOR "ONE CALL" NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS (continued)

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C. OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMPANY

1. The Company will establish the 811 Service within ninety days after receipt of the 811 Provider's completed application(s) for service or the effective date of this Tariff, whichever is later.
2. When an 811 Service call is placed by the calling party via interconnection with an interexchange carrier, the Company cannot guarantee the completion of said 811 Service call, the quality of the call or any features that may otherwise be provided with the 811 Service.
3. The Company will route 811 calls originating from end users on the Company's local exchange network whether they purchase service directly from the Company or from another provider reselling company service. Otherwise, the Company is not responsible for establishing 811 Service for calls originating from other telecommunications providers.
4. The Company does not undertake to answer and forward 811 Service calls but furnishes the use of its facilities to enable the 811 Provider to respond to such calls at the 811 Provider-established call centers.
5. The rates charged for 811 Service, if applicable, do not contemplate the inspection or constant monitoring of facilities to discover errors, defects, and malfunctions in service, nor does the Company undertake such responsibility. The 811 Provider must conduct such operational tests as, in the judgment of the 811 Provider, are required to determine whether the Company's facilities are functioning properly for its use. The 811 Provider must promptly notify the Company in the event the Company's facilities are not functioning properly.

D. LIABILITY

1. The liability of the Company for losses or damages of any kind arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in transmission, or failure or defects in any facility furnished by the Company, occurring in the course of furnishing 811 Service, or of the Company in failing to maintain proper standards of maintenance and operation or to exercise reasonable supervision, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the 811 Provider for the 811 Service and local exchange services for the period of service during which such mistake, omission, interruption, delay, error or defect in transmission or defect of failure in facilities occurs.

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811 SERVICE FOR "ONE CALL" NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS (continued)

(N)

D. LIABILITY (continued)

2. The Company is not liable for any losses or damages caused by the negligence of the 811 Provider.
3. The Company's entire liability to any person for interruption or failure of the 811 Service is limited to the terms set forth in this and other sections of this Tariff.
4. The Commission's local assignment and the 811 Provider's use of the 811 abbreviated dialing code are subject to preemption by the Federal Communications Commission. The Company shall not be liable to the 811 Provider for any damages the 811 Provider may incur that result from a national assignment of the 811 abbreviated dialing code.
5. The Company will make every effort to route 811 calls to the appropriate 811 Provider call center. However, the Company will not be held responsible for routing mistakes or errors.

E. OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The 811 Service will not provide calling number information in real time to the 811 Provider. If this type of information is required, the 811 Provider must subscribe to compatible Caller ID service as described elsewhere in this Tariff.
2. The 811 Service is provided for the benefit of the 811 Provider. The provision of the 811 Service by the Company shall not be interpreted, constructed or regarded, either expressly or implied, as being for the benefit of or creating any Company obligation toward any third person or legal entity other than the 811 Provider.
3. A written notice will be sent to the 811 Provider following oral notification when its 811 Service unreasonably interferes with or impairs other services rendered to the public by the Company or by other subscribers of abbreviated dialing codes. If, after such notification, the 811 Provider makes no modification in method of operation or in the service arrangements that are deemed service-protective by the Company, or if the 811 Provider is unwilling to accept the modifications, or if the 811 Provider continues to cause service impairment, the Company reserves the right, at any time, without further notice, to institute protective measures, up to and including termination of service.
4. In an emergency situation as determined by the Company, the Company reserves the right, at any time, without notice, to institute protective measures, up to and including termination of service.

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(N)

F. RATES & CHARGES

1. A Switch Translation Charge applies for each Company host central office out of which the 811 Provider orders 811 Service, as follows:
 - a. When a Company exchange is served by more than one host central office, a Switch Translation Charge is applicable for each host central office in that exchange.
 - b. If the 811 Provider establishes 811 Service in multiple Company exchanges serviced by the same host central office, only one Switch Translation Charge applies.
2. A Subsequent Switch Translation Charge applies when the 811 Provider applies to change the telephone number into which the 811 abbreviated dialing code is translated. The Subsequent Switch Translation Charge is applied on a per telephone number, per host central office basis.
3. When translating the seven or ten digit number to the 811 abbreviated dialing code, applicable Service Order Charges will apply.
4. Rates:

	Nonrecurring Charge
Initial Switch Translation Charge *	\$115.00
Subsequent Switch Translation Charge	\$115.00
Service Order Charge	\$10.00

* The Switch Translation Charge is applied at the host central office only, and covers all offices that are part of that host complex with a single translated number. This charge applies for each translated number if multiple numbers are required.

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EXHIBIT C

Pursuant to the Commission's Entry of February 14, 2007 in Case No. 05-1306-AU-COI, the Applicant hereby revises its tariff to introduce 811 Service for "One Call" Notification Systems. The 811 code is a 3-digit abbreviated dialing arrangement that allows callers to reach the state's One Call Notification System provider in order to give advance notice of excavation activities to underground facility providers pursuant to FCC Order 05-59 in CC Docket 92-105.

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Summary: Application 811 Tariff Application electronically filed by Carolyn S Flahive on behalf of The Benton Ridge Telephone Company