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#### RE: In the Matter of the Application of The Ayersville Telephone Company to Make Text Changes to its Tariff to Reflect New MTSS; PUCO Case No. 08-0006-TP-ATA

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

The Ayersville Telephone Company submits final tariff sheets for electronic filing in the abovereferenced matter. The TRF Number for The Ayersville Telephone Company is 90-5005-TP-TRF.

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

Very truly yours,

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#### P.U.C.O. NO. 5 LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFF AYERSVILLE EXCHANGE RATES

Customers have certain rights and responsibilities under the Minimum Telephone Service Standards (Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-5) (the "MTSS"). These safeguards can be found in the Appendix to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-5-03, which is entitled "Telephone Customer Rights and Responsibilities." These rights and responsibilities include complaint handling, ordering or changing service, service repair, payment of bills, and disconnection and reconnection of service.

The following identified service rates entitle subscribers of telephone service to call, without additional charge, the subscribers of Arthur Exchange of the Arthur Mutual Telephone Company, the Continental Exchange of the Continental Telephone Company, the New Bavaria Exchange of the New Bavaria Telephone Company, the Defiance, Holgate and Jewel Exchanges of the United Telephone Company of Ohio, in addition to the other subscribers of the Ayersville Exchange.

The following listed rates for local exchange telephone service shall apply within the exchange area as depicted on the Ayersville Exchange map (Section 1, Original Sheet No. 2, P.U.C.O. No. 5, Local Exchange Tariff).

	EXCHANGE ACCESS CHARGE	MONTHLY LEASED INSTRUMENT CHARGE	COIN SUPERVISION CHARGE
CLASS OF SERVICE			
One Party Business	\$15.70	\$ 1.35	
One Party Residence	\$12.35	\$ 1.35	
Payphone	\$15.70		\$ 7.20

If a customer does not lease an instrument from the Company, then the customer will not be assessed a monthly rate for an instrument.

#### TEL-TONE TOUCH DIAL

This service, more commonly known as push button dialing or as Touch Tone under the Bell System registered trademark, will be offered to subscribers of the Ayersville Telephone Company. There will be no distinction between business and/or residence.

#### Monthly Charge

Tel-Tone Touch Dial

\$-0- per each mainline service

#### TEL-TONE TOUCH DIAL PROMOTIONS

Ayersville Telephone Company may offer to connect individual customers to Tel-Tone Touch Dialing and waive the Service Connection and Service Order charges for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. The dates and duration of offering will be determined by the Telephone Company. This offer is limited to one-party lines which are not already equipped with Tel-Tone Touch Dialing.

#### P.U.C.O. NO. 5 GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFFS

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE OFFERINGS		MONTHLY CHARGE
Pay Stations (also see Section 3, Sheets 8 and 9) Public Paystations Semi-Public Paystations	\$0.20/call + \$0.20/call +	\$-0- \$25.00

End user paystation coin rates are effective until October 7, 1997, at which time such rates will be deregulated and detariffed pursuant to the FCC's Report and Order in Docket No. 96-128 issued September 20, 1996.

<u>RECURRING CHARGES</u> <u>Extension Service</u> Off Premise Extension Charge (per <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile)

\$1.00

#### Vacation Rate (SEE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SERVICE)

For equipment retained in a subscriber name during extended subscriber absence, there will be a charge of: 50% Regular Rate. Payment for local service equal to the anticipated suspension period shall be made in advance and the allowance applied after the service is restored.

#### Delayed Payment Charge

A five (5) percent late payment charge will apply to regulated charges not paid at least nineteen days after (T) the postmark on the customer's bill. The late payment charge will not apply to any portion of the bill that is in bona fide dispute, any previous late payment fees included in the amount due, or to service establishment charges for lifeline services.

### Trunk Rotation Service

Trunk Rotation Service is an arrangement whereby two or more lines of the same class and grade or trunks of the same class furnished to a subscriber on continuous property are grouped so that calls to the first number of the grouped lines are automatically routed to the first non-busy line of the group, and a busy signal or busy report is not given unless all the grouped lines are busy.

The number of Trunk Rotation Services required depends upon the number of lines in a group. One Trunk Rotation Service is required for the second line and each succeeding line.

The charge for Trunk Rotation Service is \$2.00 per line per month.

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#### P.U.C.O. NO. 5 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### A. APPLICATION

The rules and regulations specified herein are in addition to those contained in the Local Exchange Service Tariffs. They apply to the intrastate service and facilities furnished by the Ayersville Telephone Company, in the Ayersville Exchange, herein referred to as the Telephone Company or Company.

In the event of a conflict between any rates, rules, regulations or provision contained in these General Rules and Regulations and any rate, rule, regulation or provision contained in the other sections of this Telephone Service Tariff, the rate, rule regulation or provision contained in the specific section of this tariff shall prevail.

#### B. OBLIGATION AND LIABILITY OF TELEPHONE COMPANY

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#### 1. Availability of Facilities

The Telephone Company's obligation to furnish exchange and toll service is dependent upon its ability to secure and retain, without unreasonable expense, suitable facilities and rights for the construction and maintenance of the necessary facilities to provide service.

#### P.U.C.O. NO. 5 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### B. OBLIGATION AND LIABILITY OF TELEPHONE COMPANY (Continued)

2. Directory Errors and Omissions

The Telephone Company, except as provided herein, shall not be liable for damages claimed on account of, or errors in, or omissions from its directories, nor for the result of the publication of such errors in the directory, nor will the Telephone Company be a party to controversies arising between subscribers or others as a result of listing published numbers in the directories.

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- 3. The Telephone Company does not transmit messages but offers the use of its facilities for communication between patrons. If because of the transmission difficulties, the operator, in order to accommodate the subscriber, repeats messages, she is deemed to be acting as the agent of the persons involved and no liability shall attach to the Telephone Company because of any errors made by the operator or misunderstanding that may arise between the subscribers because of errors.
- 4. Use of Connecting Company Lines

When suitable arrangements can be made, lines of other telephone companies may be used in establishing wire connections to points not reached by this Company's lines. In establishing connections with the lines of other companies, the Telephone Company is not responsible for any action of the Connecting Company.

#### B. OBLIGATION AND LIABILITY OF TELEPHONE COMPANY (Continued)

5. Defacement of Premises

The Telephone Company shall exercise due care in connection with all work done on the subscriber's premises. No liability shall attach to the Telephone Company by reason of any defacement or damage to the subscriber's premises resulting from the existence of the Telephone Company's wiring on such premises, or by the installation or removal thereof, unless such defacement or damage is the result of the sole negligence of the Telephone Company.

#### P.U.C.O. NO. 5 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### C. USE OF SERVICE AND FACILITIES (Continued)

- 4. Misuse of Facilities (Continued)
  - e. causing or allowing Telephone Company equipment to be tampered with, damaged or destroyed through negligence.

When service is restored after denial, the Telephone Company will make a pro rata allowance at the scheduled rate for the service denied for the entire period of denial.

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#### D. ESTABLISHMENT AND FURNISHING SERVICE

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1. Application for Service

Application for service shall constitute a contract when accepted verbally or in writing by the Company or upon the establishing of service. The initial minimum contract period for exchange service is one (1) month from the date service is established unless otherwise specified herein or elsewhere in the Telephone Company tariff.

2. Advance Payments

Applicants for service involving special construction may be required to make an advance payment. The amount of the advance payment is credited to the customer's account as applying to any indebtedness under the contract.

3. Deposits

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If the Company assesses a deposit, it will charge an amount not to exceed 230% of its tariffed statewide average monthly bill.

# GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### D. ESTABLISHMENT AND FURNISHING SERVICE (Continued)

7. Payment for Service

The subscriber is required to pay all charges for exchange service and facilities and for toll messages in accordance with provisions contained in Section 2.

The subscriber is held responsible for all charges for telephone service rendered at his telephone, both exchange and toll including charges for toll messages on which the charges have been reversed.

8. Maintenance and Repair

All ordinary expense of maintenance and repairs, unless otherwise specified in the Telephone Company's Tariff, is borne by the Telephone Company. Effective January 1, 1987, the subscriber assumed financial responsibility for installation and maintenance of simple and complex inside wire. The Company will offer an optional maintenance agreement on a detariffed basis. Subscribers may not rearrange, disconnect or remove any appurtenance or wiring installed by the Telephone Company, except upon the written consent of the Telephone Company.

9. Unusual Installation Costs

Where special conditions or special requirement of the subscriber involve unusual construction or installation costs, the subscriber may be required to pay a reasonable proportion of such costs.

### E. TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES

1. Distribution

The Telephone Company will furnish to its subscriber without charge one directory per assigned telephone number. Other directories of the Telephone Company will be furnished at the discretion of the Telephone Company at the charge of \$1.50.

#### P.U.C.O. NO. 5 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### PAYMENT FOR SERVICES AND FACILITIES

#### A. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES AND FACILITIES

- 1. The Telephone Company will endeavor to mail its bills for telephone service on or before the same date each month. A subscriber's bill shall not be due earlier than fourteen (14) days from the date of the postmark on the bill. If the bill is not paid by the due date, it then becomes past due. Bills are payable at the office of the Telephone Company or any agency authorized by the Telephone Company to receive such payment.
- 2. The failure of the customer to promptly pay the delinquent bill (regular billing or special toll billing) may subject the customer's service to either temporary suspension or discontinuance of service.

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- 3. Each month is considered to have thirty (30) days for the purpose of computing charges, and shall be the basis for computing fractional portions of monthly billing, pro rated charges and adjustments to customer accounts.
- 4. Failure to receive a bill will not exempt a subscriber from payment of any sum or sums due the Company

#### TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SERVICE (Continued)

- C. The reduction in rate for the period of suspension is equal to 50 percent of the exchange service charges, including charges for access lines, directory listings, mileage, and miscellaneous charges.
- D. Bills are rendered at the regular rate at regular billing dates during the period of suspension. Payment shall be made in advance and the allowance applied after the service is restored.

#### GENERAL REGULATIONS

- A. Liability of Telephone Company
  - 1. The liability of the Company for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays or errors or defects in transmission occurring in the course of furnishing service or facilities and not caused by subscriber-provided equipment or facilities or by the negligence of the subscriber, shall not exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge for the affected service or facility for the period of such impairment.
  - 2. The use of customer owned and provided terminal equipment (C.O.P.E.) and other subscriberprovided facilities in connection with the facilities of the Telephone Company are permitted only on the condition that the liability of the Telephone Company shall in no instance be greater than that provided in the preceding paragraph and that the Telephone Company will not be liable for any loss, damage, impairment, or failure of service, arising from or in connection with, the use of subscriber-provided facilities or equipment not caused solely by negligence of the Telephone Company.
  - 3. When the lines of other telephone companies are used in establishing connections to points not reached by the Telephone Company's lines, the Telephone Company is not liable for any act or omission of the other company or companies.

## B. Obligation of Customer

1. The calling party (or customer) shall be solely responsible for establishing the identity of the person or persons with whom connection is made at the called station.

#### P.U.C.O. NO. 5 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- C. Application of Construction Charges
  - 1. When special construction charges for individual customers are necessary, special construction charges may apply as set forth in Section 3, Original Sheet No. 11, "Construction, Installation and Maintenance Charges".

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