

February 26, 2008

*By Electronic Delivery*

Ms. Renée 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 Middle Point Home Telephone Company to Make Text Changes to its Tariff to Reflect New MTSS; PUCO Case No. 08-0025-TP-ATA

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

The Middle Point Home Telephone Company submits final tariff sheets for electronic filing in the above-referenced matter. The TRF Number for The Middle Point Telephone Company is 90-5027-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

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TARIFFS

Applying to the Middle Point Exchange

of

THE MIDDLE POINT HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY

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**SCHEDULED 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. (N)

The classifications and rates provided in this section apply at any point within the Base Rate Area of the Middle Point, Ohio exchange as defined on Original Sheet No. 2 of Section 2. The rates hereunder entitle the subscribers connected with the Middle Point, Ohio Exchange of the Middle Point Home Telephone Company of Middle Point, Ohio.

	<u>MONTHLY RATE</u>
Business - Individual Access Line	\$5.30
Residence - Individual Access Line	4.05
Payphone	
Coin Operated Telephone Service Access Line	5.30
Coin supervision Additive	7.20

Any service provided in Section 1 hereof, and Trunk Lines, will be furnished to any applicant at any point outside the base rate Areas of the Middle Point, Ohio exchange at the rate specified in section 1 for such service, plus the rate provided in this section for the distance beyond such Base Rate Area limits, defined above measured by airline.

	<u>MONTHLY RATE</u>
Individual Access Line, each quarter mile or fraction thereof including pay stations	.50

The following rates for rural party Access Line Service, apply at any point outside the base Rate Areas described in Section 1 hereof connected with the Middle Point, Ohio Exchange of the Middle Point Home Telephone Company.

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**SECTION NUMBER 3**

**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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**APPLICATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Rules and Regulations specified herein are in addition to those contained in the Tariff of Definitions, General Exchange Tariffs, and the Message Toll Telephone Tariffs. They apply to the intrastate service and the subscribers to observe these rules and regulations of the Telephone Company, after due notice of such failure, automatically gives the Telephone Company the privilege of canceling the contract and discontinuing the Furnishing of Service.

In the event of conflict between any rate, rules, regulations or provision contained in these General Rules and Regulations and any rate, rule, regulation, or provisions contained in the Tariff of Definitions, General Tariffs, or the Message Toll Telephone Tariff, the rate, rule, regulation, or provision contained in the specific Tariffs shall prevail.

These Tariffs of Rules and Regulations cancel and supersede all other exchange service Tariffs or General Rules and Regulations excepting Message Toll Tariffs issued and effective prior to the effective date of this tariff.

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

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ESTABLISHMENT AND FURNISHING OF SERVICE

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1. Application and Cancellation of Service

- a. The Telephone Company requires an application for service to be made and said application for service is to be made in writing on a form supplied by it. When an application for service is cancelled before service is established, the applicant or subscriber will be required to reimburse the Telephone Company for all expenses incurred in connection with the application for service and the installation of facilities before notice of cancellation is received, such charge, however, not to exceed all charges which would apply if the work had been completed and the service established, i.e., all applicable service, connection, non-recurring and termination charges.
- b. When requests for additions, rearrangements, relocations, or modifications of service are cancelled before the work involved has been completed, the subscriber will be required to reimburse the Telephone Company for all expenses incurred in connection with the handling of the request before notice of cancellation is received, such charge, however, not to exceed all charges which would apply if the work involved in complying with the request had been completed, i.e., all applicable service connection, change, non-recurring, and termination charges.
- c. Any change in rates or regulations authorized by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, effects a modification of all contracts for service to that extent, without further notice.
- d. Where any applicant has an outstanding account with the Telephone Company, the Telephone Company reserves the right to reject application for service until the amount due shall have been paid in full.

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7. Unusual Installation Costs

Where special conditions or special requirements of the subscriber involve unusual construction or installation costs, the subscriber may be required to pay all or a reasonable proportion of such costs. If a charge is made, the ownership of all materials and equipment used shall remain with the Telephone Company.

B. Deposits

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When the Company assesses a deposit, it will do so based upon a statewide average monthly bill in accordance with the MTSS.

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

C. 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 pole lines, circuits, equipment, etc.

2. Directory Errors and Omissions

The Telephone Company will not be a party to controversies arising between subscribers or others as a result of listings published in its directories.

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

C. OBLIGATION AND LIABILITY OF TELEPHONE COMPANY (Continued)

3. Transmitting Messages

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 connection to points not reached by this Company's lines. In establishing connections with the lines of other companies, the Telephone Company is not responsible or liable for any action of the connecting company.

5. 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 instruments or removal thereof, unless such defacement or damage is the result of the sole negligence of the Telephone Company

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

D. PAYMENT FOR SERVICE 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 payments. (T)
2. The failure of the customer to promptly pay a delinquent bill (regular billing or special toll billings) may subject the customer's service to either temporary suspension or discontinuance of service. (T)
3. Each month shall be 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 rata 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.
5. If a temporarily suspended service is reconnected prior to the completion of an order to discontinue the service, the Telephone Company will give a pro-rata credit for the entire period of time the service was temporarily suspended; except, in the case where service is reconnected within the day after the day it was temporarily suspended, no credit will be given. Subsequent to the completion of an order to discontinue a customer's telephone service, the Telephone Company will reestablish

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

F. USE OF SERVICE AND FACILITIES (Continued)

5. Abuse or Fraudulent Use of Service

The Telephone Company reserves the right to discontinue or deny service because of the misuse or the fraudulent use of service. Misuse or fraudulent use of service includes the use of service or facilities of the Telephone Company to transmit a message, or to locate a person, or otherwise to give or to obtain information without the payment of a message toll charge.

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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

G. Denial or Disconnection of Local and Toll Service

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1. The Telephone Company shall respond promptly to customer inquiries pertaining to charges for toll service, either by handling the inquiry itself, or referring it to the IXC, depending on the nature of the customer's inquiry.
2. Disconnection of a customer's toll service for nonpayment of toll charges shall be accomplished through universal toll blocking, offered to all toll service providers on a nondiscriminatory basis. Toll disconnection service shall be provided as follows:

	<u>Non-Recurring Charge</u>
Universal Toll Blocking	\$5.00/Customer Disconnected

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