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Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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RE: In the Matter of the Application of The Germantown Independent Telephone Company to Make Text Changes to its Tariff to Reflect New MTSS; PUCO Case No. 08-0114-TP-ATA

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

The Germantown Independent Telephone Company submits final tariff sheets for electronic filing in the above-referenced matter. The TRF Number for The Germantown Independent Telephone Company is 90-5021-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

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GENERAL REGULATIONS

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.

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A. APPLICATION OF TARIFF

This tariff applies to exchange service furnished by The Germantown Independent Telephone Company, hereinafter referred to as the telephone company, within its exchange and to toll service furnished by the telephone company over its facilities or made available by the telephone company over facilities of other telephone companies.

B. OBLIGATION AND LIABILITY OF TELEPHONE COMPANY

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1. Availability of Facilities

The telephone company's obligation to furnish service is dependent upon its ability to secure and retain, without unreasonable expense, suitable facilities and rights-of-ways over a route deemed expedient by the telephone company.

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2. Directory Errors and Omissions

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The Telephone Company will not be a party to controversies arising between subscribers or others as a result of listings published in the directory. Approval of the above tariff language by the PUCO does not constitute a determination by the Commission that the limitation of liability imposed by the Company should be upheld in a court of law. Approval by the Commission merely recognizes that since it is a court's responsibility to adjudicate negligence and consequent damage claims, it is also the court's responsibility to determine the validity of the exculpatory clause.

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B. OBLIGATION AND LIABILITY OF TELEPHONE COMPANY (Continued)

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3. Transmitting Messages

The telephone company does not transmit messages but offers the use of its facilities for communications between subscribers.

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C. USE OF SERVICE AND FACILITIES

1. Ownership and Use of Facilities

Except as herein provided, facilities on a subscriber's premises are and shall remain the property of the telephone company, whose employees shall have the right to enter the premise during normal Company working hours (except where a mutually agreeable time has been pre-arranged) for the purpose of installing, inspecting and repairing the facilities or for the purpose of making collections from pay stations or, upon termination of service, for the purpose of removing such facilities. Such facilities are not to be used for receiving or transmitting any message or communications where any toll or consideration has been or is to be paid to any party other than the telephone company.

2. Unauthorized Attachments

Except as herein provided, subscribers shall not connect or permit to be connected to or with the facilities or other property of the telephone company, whether physically, by induction or otherwise, any device, attachment or other thing not furnished by or expressly approved by the telephone company. In case any such unauthorized attachment or connection is made, the telephone company shall have the right to disconnect or terminate the service during the continuance of said attachments or connections.

C. USE OF SERVICE AND FACILITIES (Continued)

4. Use of Subscriber Service

The use of subscriber service is restricted to the subscriber, his employee or representatives, persons residing in the subscriber's household or guests of the subscriber. The telephone company will refuse to install service, or permit service to remain on premises where an instrument is so located that the general public may make use of the service.

5. Local Messages

A local message is a communication between a calling station and any other station within the local service area, including extended area stations.

6. A Local Service Area

A local service area is the area within which telephone service is rendered to a calling station without application of toll charges.

D. ESTABLISHMENT AND FURNISHING OF 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 establishment of service. The initial minimum contract period for exchange service is one (1) month from the date service is established. Where an application for service is canceled before service is established, the applicant may be required to reimburse the telephone company for the expense incurred in connection with the application and installation of the service before notice of cancellation is received.

Any change in rates or regulations authorized by legally constituted authorities effects a modification of all contracts for service in conformity thereto, without further notice.

D. ESTABLISHMENT AND FURNISHING OF SERVICE (Continued)

2. Classification of Business and Residence Service

Service shall be classified as business service when it is located at a business location, or when it is located in a residence location and used primarily for business or professional purposes.

When it is determined that a subscriber, billed at a rate for residential service, is using the service primarily for business or professional purposes, the telephone company will disconnect such service upon the subscriber's refusal to permit his service to be classified as business service.

3. Deposits

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The Company currently does not collect deposits, but reserves its right to do so in accordance with the MTSS. Should the Company begin collecting deposits, the deposits will be calculated pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-5-05(B)(1)(a) for new customers and 4901:1-5-05(B)(1)(b) where the customer has a service account billing history.

4. Minimum Contract Periods

a. Additional directory listings:

Where the listing appears in the directory or when the directory is in process of compilation, the minimum contract period will be the directory period.

Where the listing does not appear in the directory and the directory is not in process of compilation, the minimum contract period will be one (1) month.

b. No other minimum contract periods are applicable unless otherwise specified in this tariff.

c. See Section 1, Sheet 5 for access-line minimum contract period.

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D. ESTABLISHMENT AND FURNISHING OF SERVICE (Continued)

6. Denial or Disconnection of Local and Toll Service

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The telephone company must notify or attempt to notify through any reasonable means, the subscriber before service is disconnected when the subscriber has committed a fraudulent practice, as set forth below:

Fraudulent practice includes, but is not limited to:

- a. the use of service or facilities of the telephone company for a call or calls, anonymous or otherwise, if in a manner reasonably to be expected to frighten, abuse, torment, or harass another;
- b. the use of the service in such a manner as to interfere with the service of others or to prevent others from making or receiving calls over their telephone service;
- c. the use of the service for any purpose other than as a means of telecommunication;
- d. the use of service or facilities of the telephone company to transmit a message or to locate a person or otherwise to give or obtain information, without the payment of the applicable local message charge or message toll charge; and
- e. the obtaining, or attempting to obtain, or assisting another to obtain or attempt to obtain, local or message toll telephone service by rearranging, tampering with, or making connection with any facilities of the telephone company, or by any trick, scheme, false representation, or false credit devise, or by or through any other fraudulent means or device whatsoever, with intent to avoid the payment, in whole or part, of the regular charge for such service; and
- f. failure to comply with the provisions of the customer provided equipment contained in Section 1, Original Sheet No. 3.

D. ESTABLISHMENT AND FURNISHING OF SERVICE (Continued)

7. Toll Blocking Policy:

The Germantown Independent Telephone Company when providing toll service, may “universally” block access to all toll providers for nonpayment of regulated toll charges, so long as the blocked customer is not denied the right to select, through a presubscribed interexchange change (PIC) mechanism, any other 1+ presubscribed toll service provider who is obligated to provide such service under the terms of the Selective Access Policy.

Under the terms of the Selective Access Policy, The Germantown Independent Telephone Company when providing toll service, may not deny establishment of 1+ presubscribed toll service on the grounds that the customer has failed to establish creditworthiness, if:

- a. the customer is able to establish creditworthiness using one of the means for doing so available under the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio’s (PUCO) rules, or
- b. The Germantown Independent Telephone Company when providing toll service, exercising its own discretion, does not require the customer to establish creditworthiness (through any of the means available for doing so under the PUCO’s rules), or
- c. The Germantown Independent Telephone Company when providing toll service, attempts to require the customer to establish creditworthiness using credit establishment procedures which do not comport with the PUCO’s credit establishment policies and/or are not set forth within a PUCO approved tariff.

When a prospective customer, who has previously been universally blocked for nonpayment of toll charges by another carrier, seeks to select The Germantown Independent Telephone Company as his or her 1+ carrier of choice, The Germantown Independent Telephone Company may, subject to our tariffed toll deposit policies and the Commission’s rules on establishment of service (see MTSS), require a deposit for toll service. This deposit shall be in accordance with the MTSS, but The Germantown Independent Telephone Company may negotiate a lower deposit. (T)

The Germantown Independent Telephone Company may furnish credit information, acquired from The Germantown Independent Telephone Company’s own experiences with the customer, to consumer reporting agencies within the meaning of the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. The Germantown Independent Telephone Company will follow all requirements that consumer reporting agencies must follow in issuing credit reports within the meaning of the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Upon payment by the customer of all past due toll debt to The Germantown Independent Telephone Company, the Company will remove the block and all 1+ dialing capabilities, including 10-XXX, will be restored.

Toll disconnection service shall be provided as follows:

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

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GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFFS

S. BUNDLED SERVICE PACKAGES (Available to residential customers only)

1. Premier Package* (T)
Includes basic local exchange service, Caller ID, Call Waiting, Three-Way Calling, and Call Forwarding.
2. Ultra Package * (T)
Includes basic local exchange service, Caller ID, Call Waiting, Three-Way Calling, and Call Forwarding.
3. Basic Package (T)
Includes basic local exchange service, Caller ID, Call Waiting, Three-Way Calling, and Call Forwarding.

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- * This package can only be purchased in conjunction with deregulated and/or detariffed services. (T)
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