

August 21, 2008

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 Germantown Independent Telephone Company to Begin Transitioning its Intrastate Access Rates in its Edge Out Exchanges Pursuant to Case No. 06-1344-TP-ORD; PUCO Case No. 08-994-TP-ATA

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

The Germantown Independent Telephone Company submits an Application for electronic filing in connection with 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

Enclosure

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPLICATION FORM
for
ILECs Not Subject to Alternative Regulation
(Effective July 25, 2008)

In the Matter of the Application of The Germantown Independent)

Telephone Company to Begin Transitioning its Intrastate Access) Case No. 08 - 994 - **TP** - ATA
Rates in its Edge Out Exchanges Pursuant to Case)
No. 06-1344-TP-ORD)

Name of Company The Germantown Independent Telephone Company
Address of Company 36 North Plum Street; P.O. Box 157; Germantown, Ohio 45327
Company Web Address _____
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Carolyn S. Flahive Phone (614) 469-3200 Fax (614) 469-3361
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address Carolyn.Flahive@ThompsonHine.com
Date _____ TRF Docket No. 90 - 5021 - 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*)

Retail Filings

- ☐ 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) **30-DAY APPROVAL PURSUANT TO CASE NO. 06-1344-TP-ORD**
- ☐ 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)

Carrier to Carrier Filings

- ☐ 10 (NAG) Negotiated Carrier-to-Carrier Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act (90-day approval, 7 copies)
- ☐ 11 (ARB) Request for Arbitration of a Carrier-to-Carrier Interconnection Agreement under Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act. (non-automatic, 2 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, 10	Copy of Contract
<input type="checkbox"/>	11	Filing Requirements are specified in 4901:1-7-09(D) of the Ohio Administrative Code

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 GERMANTOWN INDEPENDENT
TELEPHONE COMPANY

By: /s/ Carolyn S. Flahive

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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 8/21/08

*(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 _____ 200_.

Notary Public, State of Ohio

My commission expires _____

EXHIBIT A
(SUPERSEDED TARIFF SHEETS)

ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF
P.U.C.O. No. 1

1. Intrastate Carrier Access Service

- A. This Company, hereinafter called the concurring company, assents to, adopts and concurs in the regulations, rates and charges for the provision of intrastate Carrier Access Service as specified in the Access Service Tariff, F.C.C. No. 5 filed with the Federal Communications Commission by the National Exchange Carrier Association ("NECA") as such tariff now exists, or as it may be revised, added to or supplemented by superseding sheets or issues; provided however, that the regulations, rates and charges specified in Section 4, End User Access Service, have been excluded from intrastate customers by order of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. The rates, terms, and conditions for Intrastate Carrier Common Line Access Service are set forth herein. (T)
- B. Sections of the NECA Access Service Tariff, F.C.C. No. 5, to be concurred in are as follows: (T)
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| Section 1 | Application of Tariff | |
| Section 2 | General Regulations | |
| Section 3 | (Carrier Common Line Access Service rates moved to page 17 herein.) | (M) |
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| Section 5 | Access Ordering | (T) |
| Section 6 | Switched Access Service | |
| | Except that local switched access rates applied to the intrastate jurisdiction shall remain at the levels existing on December 31, 1997. | |
| Section 7 | Special Access Service | |
| Section 9 | Directory Assistance Service | |
| Section 10 | Special Federal Government Access Services | |
| Section 11 | Special Facilities Routing of Access Services | |
| Section 12 | Specialized Services or Arrangements | |
| Section 13 | Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services | |
| Section 14 | Exceptions to Access Service Offerings | |

Issued: October 16, 2003

Effective: December 1, 2003

In Accordance with Case No. 03-2117-TP-ATA
Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Richard Kern, President
Germantown, Ohio

ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF
P.U.C.O. No. 1

INTRASTATE
ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF
REGULATIONS, RATES AND CHARGES

Intrastate Carrier Common Line Access Service Reference Tariff (Continued)

8. Rates *

Intrastate carrier common line access service charges shall be as follows:

Premium Access, per minute

Terminating	\$.0428
Originating	\$.0150

* Rates previously appeared on page 1 of Company's Intrastate Access Service Tariff.

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EXHIBIT B
(REVISED TARIFF SHEETS)

ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF
P.U.C.O. No. 1

1. Intrastate Carrier Access Service

A. This Company, hereinafter called the concurring company, assents to, adopts and concurs in the regulations, rates and charges for the provision of intrastate Carrier Access Service as specified in the Access Service Tariff, F.C.C. No. 5 filed with the Federal Communications Commission by the National Exchange Carrier Association ("NECA") as such tariff now exists, or as it may be revised, added to or supplemented by superseding sheets or issues; provided however, that the regulations, rates and charges specified in Section 4, End User Access Service, have been excluded from intrastate customers by order of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. The rates, terms, and conditions for Intrastate Carrier Common Line Access Service are set forth herein.

B. Sections of the NECA Access Service Tariff, F.C.C. No. 5, to be concurred in are as follows:

Section 1	Application of Tariff
Section 2	General Regulations
Section 3	(Carrier Common Line Access Service rates moved to page 17 herein.)
Section 5	Access Ordering
Section 6	Switched Access Service

Germantown Exchange: Switched access rates applied to the intrastate jurisdiction shall remain at the levels existing on December 31, 1997.

Edge Out Exchanges (as set forth in Section 6 of the Company's PUCO Tariff No. 7): Pursuant to the Commission's Opinion and Order issued August 22, 2007 in Case No. 06-1344-TP-ORD, the Company shall, over a 3-year period, reduce its intrastate access rates annually by one-third of the difference between the rates charged in the Germantown Exchange (as "frozen" in 1997) and the current switched access rates set forth in NECA Tariff FCC No. 5. Therefore, the intrastate switched access rates in the Company's Edge Out exchanges shall be calculated as follows:

- Effective September 21, 2008: $\frac{2}{3}$ (Germantown 1997 "frozen" rates minus current NECA switched access rates) plus then-current NECA switched access rates.
- Effective September 21, 2009: $\frac{1}{3}$ (Germantown 1997 "frozen" rates minus NECA switched access rates effective September 21, 2008) plus NECA switched access rates effective September 21, 2008.
- Effective September 21, 2010: Equal to then-current NECA switched access rates.

The Germantown Independent Telephone Company is a rural ILEC competing with a nonrural ILEC in a rural area.

Section 7	Special Access Service
Section 9	Directory Assistance Service
Section 10	Special Federal Government Access Services
Section 11	Special Facilities Routing of Access Services
Section 12	Specialized Services or Arrangements
Section 13	Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services
Section 14	Exceptions to Access Service Offerings

Issued: August 21, 2008

Effective: September 22, 2008

In Accordance with Case No. 08-994-TP-ATA
Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Susan L. Sowell, Vice President & Assistant General Counsel
Germantown, Ohio

ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF
P.U.C.O. No. 1

INTRASTATE
ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF
REGULATIONS, RATES AND CHARGES

Intrastate Carrier Common Line Access Service Reference Tariff (Continued)

8. Rates *

Intrastate carrier common line access service charges shall be as follows:

Premium Access, per minute

	<u>Germantown Exchange</u>	<u>Edge Out Exchanges**</u>	(T)
Terminating	\$0.0428	Effective September 21, 2008: \$0.028533 Effective September 21, 2009: \$0.014267 Effective September 21, 2010: \$0	(N) (N) (N)
Originating	\$0.0150	Effective September 21, 2008: \$0.010 Effective September 21, 2009: \$0.005 Effective September 21, 2010: \$0	(N) (N) (N)

** Pursuant to the Commission's Opinion and Order issued August 22, 2007 in Case No. 06-1344-TP-ORD, the Company shall, over a 3-year period, reduce its intrastate access rates annually by one-third of the difference between the rates charged in the Germantown Exchange and the current rates set forth in NECA Tariff FCC No. 5 (the "NECA Tariff"). The carrier common line access service charge ("CCL") was eliminated from the NECA Tariff in 2003. Therefore, as of the Effective Date below, the CCL in the Company's Edge Out exchanges shall be reduced by one-third. The CCL shall be reduced by two-thirds on the anniversary of the Effective Date below and reduced to \$0 on the second anniversary of the Effective Date below. Germantown Independent Telephone Company is a rural ILEC competing with a nonrural ILEC in a rural area. (N)

* Rates previously appeared on page 1 of Company's Intrastate Access Service Tariff.

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Susan L. Sowell, Vice President & Assistant General Counsel
Germantown, Ohio

EXHIBIT C

The Applicant, The Germantown Independent Telephone Company, hereby files tariff revisions necessary to reflect the transition of intrastate access rates in the Applicant's "edge out" exchanges, pursuant to the Commission's Opinion and Order issued August 22, 2007 in Case No. 06-1344-TP-ORD. The Applicant is a rural ILEC competing with a nonrural ILEC in a rural area.

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