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November 21, 2008

Ms. Reneė Jenkins, Secretary Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793

> Re: Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc. Case No. 08-1038-TP-ATA

> > Amended Application to Amend Tariff PUCO No. 3

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

On behalf of Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc. ("Buckeye"), I am filing an amended application to amend its carrier-to-carrier tariff PUCO No. 3. After discussions with the Staff, Buckeye proposes to file this Amended Application and Exhibits which will supersede the Application and Exhibits filed on August 29, 2008. Buckeye seeks to change certain local switching and office per-minute rates. This adjustment is brought by changes in the Local Switching rate charged by AT&T Ohio. The new charges apply to all carriers with whom Buckeye exchanges traffic. Buckeye is also adding certain language relative to local number portability.

In this Amended Application, Buckeye is addressing the Staff's concern by amending its Tariff, PUCO #3, to change certain local switching end office per minute rates, an adjustment brought about by changes in the Local Switching rate charged by AT&T-Ohio. The new charges represent the lowest of the three ILECs in Buckeye's service area and apply to all carriers with whom the Company exchanges traffic.

In addition to the attached signed Telecommunications Application Form, I am submitting Exhibit A (current tariff pages affected), Exhibit B (proposed tariff pages), Exhibit C (description of and rationale for the proposed tariff change), Exhibit D (a copy of a letter which

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will be sent out to Buckeye TeleSystem access service customers on December 1, 2008, describing the proposed new rates, and an affidavit of Thomas K. Dawson. These amended Exhibits supersede those which were filed on August 29, 2008.

Buckeye presumes that the proposed tariffs will be automatically approved effective on November 30, 2008.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Stephen M. Howard

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Enclosure

### The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPLICATION FORM for ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS (Effective: 01/18/2008)

TRF Docket No. 90-9037

In the Matter of the Application of Buckeye Te	lesystem, Inc.	TRF Docket No. 90	-9037	
to Amend its Tariff PUCO #3	) ) )	Case No. 08-1038- NOTE: Unless you have leave the "Case No" fie	e reserved a Case # or are f	iling a Contract,
Name of Registrant(s) Buckeye Telesyst  DBA(s) of Registrant(s) Buckeye TeleS  Address of Registrant(s) 5555 Airport H	ystem Iwy., Ste. 110, Toledo, (	OH 43615		
Company Web Addresswww.buckeye-t	telesystem.com			
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Thomas K	C. Dawson	Phone <u>419</u> -	724-9802 Fax 419	<u>-724-7074</u>
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address _ Contact Person for Annual Report Thom		telesystem.com	Phone 4	19-724-9802
Address (if different from above)				
Consumer Contact Information Laurie C			Phone 4	<u>19-724-3866</u>
Address (if different from above) 4818 A	Angola Road, Toledo, C	)H 43615		
Motion for protective order included with filin	g? 🗌 Yes 🛛 No			
Motion for waiver(s) filed affecting this case?	☐ Yes ☒ No [Note	: Waivers may toll any	automatic timeframe.	
<ul> <li>Section I – Pursuant to Chapter 4901:11 submitting this form by checking the both NOTES: (1) For requirements for various application application form noted.</li> <li>(2) Information regarding the number of copies required the docketing information system section, by of the Commission.</li> </ul>	exes below. CMRS property ones, see the identified section wired by the Commission and calling the docketing divis	roviders: Please see ion of Ohio Administration and be obtained from the sion at 614-466-4095, or	the bottom of Section we Code Section 4901 and Commission's web site al by visiting the docketing	<b>n II.</b> I/or the supplemental  twww.puco.ohio.gov  division at the offices
Carrier Type  Other (explain below)	☐ ILEC	☐ CLEC	☐ CTS	AOS/IOS
Tier 1 Regulatory Treatment				
Change Rates within approved Range	TRF <u>1-6-04(B)</u> (0 day Notice)	☐ TRF <u>1-6-04(B)</u> (0 day Notice)		
New Service, expanded local calling	☐ ZTA <u>1-6-04(B)</u>	ZTA <u>1-6-04(B)</u>		
area, correction of textual error	(0 day Notice)	(0 day Notice)		
Change Terms and Conditions,	ATA <u>1-6-04(B)</u>	ATA <u>1-6-04(B)</u>		
Introduce non-recurring service charges	(Auto 30 days)	(Auto 30 days)		
Introduce or Increase Late Payment or Returned Check Charge	☐ ATA <u>1-6-04(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	☐ ATA <u>1-6-04(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)		
-	CTR <u>1-6-17</u>	CTR 1-6-17		
Business Contract	(0 day Notice)	(0 day Notice)		
Withdrawal	☐ ATW <u>1-6-12(A)</u> (Non-Auto)	ATW <u>1-6-12(A)</u> (Auto 30 days)		
Raise the Ceiling of a Rate	Not Applicable	SLF <u>1-6-04(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)		
Tier 2 Regulatory Treatment	ACLES OF FILE SECTION SECTION AND ACCOUNTS		<u> </u>	
Residential - Introduce non-recurring	☐ TRF <u>1-6-05(E)</u>	☐ TRF <u>1-6-05(E)</u>		
service charges	(0 day Notice)	(0 day Notice)		
Residential - Introduce New Tariffed Tier 2 Service(s)	☐ TRF <u>1-6-05(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	TRF <u>1-6-05(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	☐ TRF <u>1-6-05(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	
Residential - Change Rates, Terms and	☐ TRF <u>1-6-05(E)</u>	☐ TRF <u>1-6-05(E)</u>	☐ TRF <u>1-6-05(E)</u>	
Conditions, Promotions, or Withdrawal	(0 day Notice)	(0 day Notice)	(0 day Notice)	
Residential - Tier 2 Service Contracts	CTR <u>1-6-17</u> (0 day Notice)	CTR <u>1-6-17</u> (0 day Notice)	CTR <u>1-6-17</u> (0 day Notice)	
Commercial (Business) Contracts	Not Filed	Not Filed	Not Filed	
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Business Services (see "Other" below)	Detariffed	Detariffed	Detariffed	

### Section I - Part II - Certificate Status and Procedural

Certificate Status	ILEC	CLEC	CTS	AOS/IOS
Certification (See Supplemental ACE form)		☐ ACE <u>1-6-10</u> (Auto 30 days)	ACE <u>1-6-10</u> (Auto 30 days)	☐ ACE <u>1-6-10</u> (Auto 30 days)
Add Exchanges to Certificate	☐ ATA <u>1-6-09(C)</u> (Auto 30 days)	AAC <u>1-6-10(F)</u> (0 day Notice)	CLECs must attach a c Exchange Listing Form	· ·
Abandon all Services - With Customers	☐ ABN <u>1-6-11(A)</u> (Non-Auto)	☐ <b>ABN</b> <u>1-6-11(A)</u> (Auto 90 day)	ABN <u>1-6-11(B)</u> (Auto 14 day)	☐ ABN <u>1-6-11(B)</u> (Auto 14 day)
Abandon all Services - Without Customers		☐ ABN <u>1-6-11(A)</u> (Auto 30 days)	☐ ABN <u>1-6-11(B)</u> (Auto 14 day)	☐ ABN <u>1-6-11(B)</u> (Auto 14 day)
Change of Official Name (See below)	☐ ACN <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ACN <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	☐ CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)	CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership (See below)	☐ ACO <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	☐ ACO <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	O day Notice)	CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice) (
Merger (See below)	☐ AMT <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	AMT <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)	☐ CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transfer a Certificate (See below)	☐ ATC <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATC <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)	[_] CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business (See below)	☐ ATR <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	☐ ATR <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)	CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)
Procedural				
Designation of Process Agent(s)	☐ TRF (0 day Notice)	☐ TRF (0 day Notice)	TRF (0 day Notice)	☐ TRF (0 day Notice)
Section II – Carrier to Carrier (Pursuant to <u>4901:1-7</u> ), CMRS and Other				
Carrier to Carrier	ILEC	CLEC		
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Carrier to Carrier	ILEC	CLEC	
Interconnection agreement, or	☐ NAG 1-7-07	☐ NAG <u>1-7-07</u>	
amendment to an approved agreement	(Auto 90 day)	(Auto 90 day)	
Request for Arbitration	☐ ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)	☐ ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)	
Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs,	☐ ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 day)		
Introduce or change access service	☐ ATA		
pursuant to 07-464-TP-COI	(Auto 30 day)		
Request rural carrier exemption, rural	☐ UNC <u>1-7-04</u> or	☐ UNC <u>1-7-04</u> or	
carrier supension or modifiction	(Non-Auto) <u>1-7-05</u>	(Non-Auto) 1-7-05	
Pole attachment changes in terms and	UNC 1-7-23(B)	UNC <u>1-7-05</u>	
conditions and price changes.	(Non-Auto)	(Non-Auto)	
CMRS Providers See 4901:1-6-15	RCC [Registration & Change in (0 day)	n Operations]	NAG [Interconnection Agreement or Amendment] (Auto 90 days)
Other* (explain)			

All Section I and II applications that result in a change to one or more tariff pages require, at a minimum, the following exhibits. Other exhibits may be required under the applicable rule(s). ACN, ACO, AMT, ATC, ATR and CIO applications see the 4901:1-6-14 Filing Requirements on the Commission's Web Page for a complete list of exhibits.

Exhibit	Description:
Α	The tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s) as they exist before the change(s)
В	The Tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s), reflecting the change, with the change(s) marked in the right margin.
С	A short description of the nature of the change(s), the intent of the change(s), and the customers affected.
D	A copy of the notice provided to customers, along with an affidavit that the notice was provided according to the applicable rule(s).

<sup>\*</sup>NOTE: During the interim period between the effective date of the rules and an Applicant's Detariffing Filing, changes to existing business Tier 2 and all toll services, including the addition of new business Tier 2 and all new toll services, will be processed as 0-day TRF filings, and briefly described in the "Other" section above.

### **AFFIDAVIT**

### Compliance with Commission Rules and Service Standards

,
I am an officer/agent of the applicant corporation, Buckeye Telesystem, Inc., (Name), and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.
I attest that these tariffs comply with all applicable rules, including the Minimum Telephone Service Standards (MTSS) Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-5 OAC for the state of Ohio. I understand that tariff notification filings do not imply Commission approval and that the Commission's rules, including the Minimum Telephone Service Standards, as modified and clarified from time to time, supersede any contradictory provisions in our tariff. We will fully comply with the rules of the state of Ohio and understand that noncompliance can result in various penalties, including the suspension of our certificate to operate within the state of Ohio.
I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
Executed on (Date) November 20, 2008 at (Location) 5555 Airport Hwy, Ste. 110, Toledo, OH 43615  *(Signature and Executed on (Date)   11-20-08
<ul> <li>This affidavit is required for every tariff-affecting filing. It may be signed by counsel or an officer of the applicant, or an authorized agent of the applicant.</li> </ul>
<u>VERIFICATION</u>
I, Thomas K. Dawson verify that I have utilized the Telecommunications Application Form for Routine Proceedings provided by the Commission and that all of the information submitted here, and all additional information submitted in connection with this case, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
*(Signature and Title) Vice President (Date) 11-20-08  *Verification is required for every filing. It may be signed by counsel or an officer of the applicant, or an authorized agent of the applicant.
Send your completed Application Form, including all required attachments as well as the required number of copies, to:
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Make such filing electronically as directed in Case No 06-900-AU-WVR

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Frame Relay End User Port (EUP): A physical location in the Company switching office where the end-user customer connects to the frame relay switch/frame relay network. It specifies how a frame relay switch sends and receives data.

Frame Relay Inter-network Connection (FRIC): The physical facility, including the associated port, between the access customer's frame relay network and the Buckeye TeleSystem frame relay switch.

Frame Relay Inter-network Customer Port (IUP): The physical location in the Buckeye TeleSystem switching office where the access customer's facility connects to the frame relay access service network. It specifies how a frame relay switch sends and receives data from a frame relay access customer's network.

High Capacity: An Access Service channel for the transmission of isochronous serial data at rates of 1.544, 3.152, 6.312, 44.736 or 274.176 Megabits per second (Mbps).

Hub: A physical arrangement/location where bridging and/or multiplexing functions are provided.

Individual Case Basis (ICB): Pricing arrangement based on unique customer request.

Initial Address Message (IAM): A Common Channel Signaling feature where an SS7 message is sent/received to initiate trunk setup with the busying of an outgoing/incoming trunk that carries information relating to the routing and handling of the call on that trunk to the next switch.

Interexchange Carrier: A carrier engaged in the provision of intrastate, interstate or international telecommunications services.

Kbps: Kilobits, denotes one thousand bits per second.

Local Access and Transport Area: Geographic areas established for defining the territory within which a Bell Operating Company may offer its exchange telecommunications and exchange access services. Other communications entities may be associated with a BOC LATA or Independent Exchange Carriers' Market Service Area.

Mbps: Megabits, denotes millions of bits per second.

Market Service Area: The geographic area established by an Independent Exchange Carrier not associated with a Bell Operating Company LATA within which they may offer exchange or exchange access telecommunications service.

Meet Point: A point designated by two Exchange Carriers for billing purposes.

Mixed Use: The use of Switched Access and Special Access services over the same wideband and high capacity facilities through a common interface.

Effective: July 12, 2004

Multiplexing: The process of combining multiple parallel circuits into a single communications channel.	M
Network: The Company's fiber optics based facilities and/or purchased facilities as part of an interconnection agreement.	M
Nonrecurring Charge: A one-time charge, generally applied to activities associated with the establishment of service, construction, rearrangements, and/or optional features and functions.	M
Optical Carrier Channel: The high speed optical communications path for transporting information utilizing a Synchronous Optical Channel platform.	M
Optional Features and Functions: These are features and functions a customer may order to improve the quality or utility of Access Services.	M
Packet Data Network: A high-speed digital data transport mechanism that moves variable-length packets or frames through the network to the same or different addresses.	M
Premises: Space occupied by a Customer or authorized user in a building or buildings or contiguous property (except railroad rights-of-way) not separated by a highway.	M
<u>Presubscription:</u> A process that allows an End User served by an equal access office to select in advance an interexchange carrier automatically for toll communication.	M
<u>Point of Termination:</u> A physical point within a LATA or Market Service Area at which the Company's responsibility for access service ends.	M
Recurring Charges: Monthly charges to the Customer for services, facilities and equipment which continue for the agreed-upon duration of the service.	M
RMS Jitter: Short-term variations of the significant instants of a digital signal, peak to peak, from their ideal positions in time.	M
Service Order: A written request for Access Services initiated by the Customer to the Company in the format devised by the Company. It is sometimes referred to as an Access Service request (ASR). The signing of a Service Order by the Customer and acceptance by the Company initiates the respective obligations of the parties set forth herein pursuant to this tariff, but the duration of service is calculated from the Service Company Date.	M

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Service Commencement Date: The first day following the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the requested service or facility is available for use, unless extended by the customer's refusal to accept service which does not conform to standards set forth in the Service Order or this tariff.	M
In the latter case, the Service Commencement Date is the date of the Customer's acceptance. The parties may mutually agree on a substitute Service Commencement Date.	
<u>Special Access Service:</u> Generally dedicated (private line) facilities between two or more Customer Designated Premises.	M
Standard Permanent Virtual Connection (SPVC): The connection of ports within the same frame relay network or switch. A software connection sometimes referred to as Permanent Virtual Connection (PVC).	N
<u>Switched Access Service:</u> Access to the Company's local switch network by an interexchange carrier for the purposes of originating and/or terminating jurisdictional communications.	M
<u>Transport Interconnection Charge</u> : A per access minute charge applicable to transport per FCC CC Docket No. 91-213, Report and Order, March 5, 1998.	M
Wire Center: A building in which the Company's switching center is located for the purpose of providing service.	M

SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE - Feature Group D Switched Service (Cont'd) 6. Feature Group D-Common Channel Signaling (SS-7) (Cont'd) N 6.3.2 Rate Categories N Per IAM access charges apply to CCSS service as follows: Ν Signal Formulation (SF) - if applicable Ν Signal Transport (ST) - if applicable Ν Signal Switching (SS) – if applicable Ν Signal Tandem Switching (STS) - if applicable (Reserved For Future Use) 6.4 (Reserved For Future Use) 6.5 Switched Access Service Specifications -- Company Requirements 6.6 The provision of Switched Access Service has certain obligations of the Company in addition to those listed in Section 2. preceding. They are as follows:

### 10.4 Switched Access Rates

### **Carrier Common Line**

Per Access Minute	<u>Rate</u>
Originating	.00
Terminating	.00
End User Access (per line/trunk)	
Subscriber Line Charge	3.50
Multiline/End User	3.00

Entrance Facility (per connect)	Rate	Non Recurring <u>Charge</u>	
Voice Grade	26.00	160.00	
4-Wire	40.50	160.00	
High Capacity DS-1	149.85	180.00	
High Capacity DS-3	2,004.75	499.00	
Local Switching			
End Office (per Minute)	.002981		R
Common Trunk (per Minute)	.000392		R
Operator Transfer Service	•		
(per call)	.24		R

Local Transport	Rate	Non Recurring	
		<u>Charge</u>	
Local Transport Termination			
(per min. of use)	.000163		Ŕ
Local Transport Facility		,	
(per minute, per mile)	.000019	220.33	

Common Channel Signaling Service	Rate
Signal Formulation (per IAM)	.0006
Signal Transport (per IAM)	.000098
Signal Switching (per IAM)	.000228
Signal Tandem Switching (per IAM)	.000358

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### 10. RATES FOR SERVICE (Cont'd)

### 10.4 Switched Access Rates

<b>Direct Trunk Transport Facility</b>	
(per mile)	<u>Rate</u>
Voice Grade	3.00
High Capacity DS-1	18.70
High Capacity DS-3	102.10

<b>Direct Trunk Termination</b>	
per term.	<u>Rate</u>
Voice Grade	25.00
High Capacity DS-1	56.00
High Capacity DS-3	343.40
Direct Trunk Port DS-1	102.69

Tandem Switched Transport	<u>Rate</u>	
Facility		
(per mi, per access mou)	.000019	
Termination		
(per term per access mou)	.000163	R
Tandem Switching		
(per access mou per tandem)	.001051	R

Multiplexing (per arrangement)	<u>Rate</u>
DS-3 to DS-1	681.00
DS1 to Voice	144.00
800 Data Base Query	
Basic (per query)	.002626
Vertical Feature (per query)	.003657

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<u>Frame Relay End User Port (EUP):</u> A physical location in the Company switching office where the end-user customer connects to the frame relay switch/frame relay network. It specifies how a frame relay switch sends and receives data.

<u>Frame Relay Inter-network Connection (FRIC):</u> The physical facility, including the associated port, between the access customer's frame relay network and the Buckeye TeleSystem frame relay switch.

<u>Frame Relay Inter-network Customer Port (IUP):</u> The physical location in the Buckeye TeleSystem switching office where the access customer's facility connects to the frame relay access service network. It specifies how a frame relay switch sends and receives data from a frame relay access customer's network.

<u>High Capacity</u>: An Access Service channel for the transmission of isochronous serial data at rates of 1.544, 3.152, 6.312, 44.736 or 274.176 Megabits per second (Mbps).

<u>Hub:</u> A physical arrangement/location where bridging and/or multiplexing functions are provided.

Individual Case Basis (ICB): Pricing arrangement based on unique customer request.

Initial Address Message (IAM): A Common Channel Signaling feature where an SS7 message is sent/received to initiate trunk setup with the busying of an outgoing/incoming trunk that carries information relating to the routing and handling of the call on that trunk to the next switch.

<u>Interexchange Carrier:</u> A carrier engaged in the provision of intrastate, interstate or international telecommunications services.

Kbps: Kilobits, denotes one thousand bits per second.

<u>Local Access and Transport Area:</u> Geographic areas established for defining the territory within which a Bell Operating Company may offer its exchange telecommunications and exchange access services. Other communications entities may be associated with a BOC LATA or Independent Exchange Carriers' Market Service Area.

<u>Local Number Portability:</u> Allows an End User to maintain the same telephone number when changing from one Local Service Provider (LSP) to another.

<u>Local Routing Number:</u> The number used to direct the call to the correct Local Service Provider (LSP) network switch for completion when the End User has ported its telephone number to an LSP other than the LSP assigned the NPA-NXX of the End User telephone number.

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Mbps: Megabits, denotes millions of bits per second.

Market Service Area: The geographic area established by an Independent Exchange Carrier not associated with a Bell Operating Company LATA within which they may offer exchange or exchange access telecommunications service.

Meet Point: A point designated by two Exchange Carriers for billing purposes.

Mixed Use: The use of Switched Access and Special Access services over the same wideband and high capacity facilities through a common interface.

<u>Multiplexing:</u> The process of combining multiple parallel circuits into a single communications channel.

<u>Network:</u> The Company's fiber optics based facilities and/or purchased facilities as part of an interconnection agreement.

Nonrecurring Charge: A one-time charge, generally applied to activities associated with the establishment of service, construction, rearrangements, and/or optional features and functions.

Optical Carrier Channel: The high speed optical communications path for transporting information utilizing a Synchronous Optical Channel platform.

Optional Features and Functions: These are features and functions a customer may order to improve the quality or utility of Access Services.

<u>Packet Data Network</u>: A high-speed digital data transport mechanism that moves variable-length packets or frames through the network to the same or different addresses.

<u>Premises:</u> Space occupied by a Customer or authorized user in a building or buildings or contiguous property (except railroad rights-of-way) not separated by a highway.

<u>Presubscription:</u> A process that allows an End User served by an equal access office to select in advance an interexchange carrier automatically for toll communication.

<u>Point of Termination:</u> A physical point within a LATA or Market Service Area at which the Company's responsibility for access service ends.

Recurring Charges: Monthly charges to the Customer for services, facilities and equipment which continue for the agreed-upon duration of the service.

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<u>RMS Jitter:</u> Short-term variations of the significant instants of a digital signal, peak to peak, from their ideal positions in time.

<u>Service Order:</u> A written request for Access Services initiated by the Customer to the Company in the format devised by the Company. It is sometimes referred to as an Access Service request (ASR). The signing of a Service Order by the Customer and acceptance by the Company initiates the respective obligations of the parties set forth herein pursuant to this tariff, but the duration of service is calculated from the Service Commencement Date.

<u>Service Commencement Date:</u> The first day following the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the requested service or facility is available for use, unless extended by the customer's refusal to accept service which does not conform to standards set forth in the Service Order or this tariff.

In the latter case, the Service Commencement Date is the date of the Customer's acceptance. The parties may mutually agree on a substitute Service Commencement Date.

<u>Special Access Service:</u> Generally dedicated (private line) facilities between two or more Customer Designated Premises.

<u>Standard Permanent Virtual Connection (SPVC):</u> The connection of ports within the same frame relay network or switch. A software connection sometimes referred to as Permanent Virtual Connection (PVC).

<u>Switched Access Service:</u> Access to the Company's local switch network by an interexchange carrier for the purposes of originating and/or terminating jurisdictional communications.

<u>Transport Interconnection Charge</u>: A per access minute charge applicable to transport per FCC CC Docket No. 91-213, Report and Order, March 5, 1998.

<u>Wire Center:</u> A building in which the Company's switching center is located for the purpose of providing service.

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- SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE Feature Group D Switched Service (Cont'd) 6.
  - Feature Group D-Common Channel Signaling (SS-7) (Cont'd) 6.3
    - 6.3.2 Rate Categories
      - Per IAM access charges apply to CCSS service as follows:
      - Signal Formulation (SF) if applicable
      - Signal Transport (ST) if applicable
      - Signal Switching (SS) if applicable
      - Signal Tandem Switching (STS) if applicable
  - **Local Number Portability** 6.4
    - 6.4.1 General

LNP Query Service is a capability that utilizes SS7 Signaling to query a database to secure network routing instructions before completion of a call. The database contains information about end users which have ported their service from the donor switch. At a minimum, the database contains the Location Routing Number (LRN) which identifies the Local Service Provider's (LSP) switch serving each ported end user's number. The LRN is used to direct the call to the correct switch for completion to the end user. Where more than one network is involved in completing the call, the network just before the terminating network (i.e., the N-1 Network) is responsible for querying an LNP database to secure the LRN.

N-1 wireline and wireless telecommunications carriers ("Carriers") will be assessed either a Default LNP query charge as set forth in 6.4.2 following where they deliver calls for termination by the Company for which a query has not been performed or an LNP Database Access Query charge, as set forth in 6.4.2 following, where the Carrier directly accesses the Telephone Company's LNP Database to perform the query.

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### 6.4.2 LNP Query Service Application

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There are two applications of the LNP network capability available through the Company's network.

### 6.4.2.1 Default LNP Query

Terminating calls from N-1 Carriers upon which a query has not been performed to numbers in the Company's network with NXX codes from which a number has been ported to another Company or LSP switch will require a query to the LNP database. Carriers who terminate calls into the Company's network without having performed the appropriate database query will be assessed a Default LNP Query. This query is initiated on behalf of the N-1 Carrier in the performance of its N-1 responsibility. In this scenario, the Company's end office or access tandem switch will suspend call processing and launch a query to the LNP database. When the routing information is returned ot the switch, call processing is resumed and the call is routed to the correct switch for completion to the called party.

LNP Database Access Query provides Carriers direct access to the Company's LNP Database to meet their N-1 responsibility to determine the Location Routing Number (LRN). The query is initiated by the N-1 Carrier in the performance of its N-1 responsibility. When the routing information is returned to the Carrier, call processing is resumed and the call is routed to the correct switch for completion to the called party.

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### 6.4.2.2 LNP Database Access Query

Access to the Company's LNP Database requires that the Carrier establish SS7 connectivity directly to the Company's STPs, or connectivity indirectly through a signaling gateway that has connectivity to the Company's STPs.

### 6.4.3 LNP Service Provisioning

LPN Query Service will be deployed in all Company switches. LNP Query Service procedures will be applied uniformly to all users of the Company's LNP Query Service except as stated in 6.4.3.3 following. The Company's LNP database will receive and respond to all queries, including Company's queries, as defined in the following Technical References: AM-TR-NIS-00145 and AM-TR-00146.

### 6.4.3.1 Manner of Provisioning

LNP Query Service will be provisioned using the LRN. The LRN associated an NPA-NXX-XXXX number with each central office switch that serves the ported lines. The number will be known as the LRN for that switch. The LRN will be used as a network routing number for calls to ported numbers served by that switch. All switching equipment types will utilize LRN functionality using the SS7 signaling capability.

#### 6.4.3.2 Limitations

LNP Query Service is to be used only on a call-by-call basis for routing calls to number portable NXX codes and cannot be used for purposes other than those functions described herein.

Information residing in the Company's LNP database is protected from unauthorized access and may not be stored in a carrier's database or elsewhere for any reason.

### 6.4.3.3 Network Management

The Company will administer its network with the objective of the provision of acceptable service levels to all users of LNP query service.

The Company maintains the right to block LNP Query traffic, in a nondiscriminatory manner, where the processing of the LNP queries threatens to disrupt operation of its network and impair network reliability. The provision of LNP Query Service is subject to the provisions of Section 2.

### 6.4.4 Rate Regulations

The rates and charges associated with LNP Query Service are "query" based and will be billed on a monthly basis, based on recorded usage. Query charges will be applied by the Company based upon network recordings of carrier queries to the database for LNP Database Access Query service, and based upon network recordings of Company initiated queries on behalf of the N-1 Carrier for Default LNP Query service.

Specific rates and charges as set forth in 10.4 are applicable to both interstate and intrastate calls.

- 6.5 (Reserved For Future Use)
- 6.6 Switched Access Service Specifications Company Requirements

The provision of Switched Access Service has certain obligations of the Company in addition to those listed in Section 2. preceding. They are as follows:

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### 10.4 Switched Access Rates

### **Carrier Common Line**

Per Access Minute	<u>Rate</u>
Originating	.00
Terminating	.00
End User Access (per line/trunk)	
Subscriber Line Charge	0
Multiline/End User	0

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Entrance Facility (per connect)	Rate	Non Recurring Charge
Voice Grade	26.00	160.00
4-Wire	40.50	160.00
High Capacity DS-1	149.85	180.00
High Capacity DS-3	2,004.75	499.00
Local Switching		
End Office (per Minute)	.003153	
Common Trunk (per Minute)	.000371	
Operator Transfer Service		
(per call)	.21	

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Local Transport	Rate	Non Recurring <u>Charge</u>	
Local Transport Termination			
(per min. of use)	.000142		
Local Transport Facility			
(per minute, per mile)	.000014	220.33	

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Common Channel Signaling	Rate
<u>Service</u>	
Signal Formulation (per IAM)	.000451
Signal Transport (per IAM)	.000098
Signal Switching (per IAM)	.000228
Signal Tandem Switching (per IAM)	.000316

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### 10.4 Switched Access Rates

Direct Trunk Transport Facility		
(per mile)	<u>Rate</u>	
Voice Grade	3.00	
High Capacity DS-1	18.70	
High Capacity DS-3	102.10	

Direct Trunk Termination	
per term.	<u>Rate</u>
Voice Grade	25.00
High Capacity DS-1	56.00
High Capacity DS-3	343.40
Direct Trunk Port DS-1	102.69

Tandem Switched Transport	<u>Rate</u>	
Facility		
(per mi, per access mou)	.000014	R
Termination		
(per term per access mou)	.000142	R
Tandem Switching		
(per access mou per tandem)	.001151	١

Multiplexing (per arrangement)	<u>Rate</u>
DS-3 to DS-1	681.00
DS1 to Voice	144.00
800 Data Base Query	
Basic (per query)	.001108
Vertical Feature (per query)	.002304

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### Exhibit C

### Description of and Rationale for the Proposed Tariff Change:

In this application, Buckeye TeleSystem is amending its Tariff, PUCO #3, to change certain local switching end office per minute rates, an adjustment brought about by changes in the Local Switching rate charged by AT&T-Ohio. The new charges represent the lowest of the three ILECs in Buckeye's service area and apply to all carriers with whom the Company exchanges traffic. The Company also is adding certain language relative to Local Number Portability.

Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc. 5555 Airport Hwy, Ste. 110 Toledo, OH 43615

# Exhibit D



Choices for Business

December 1, 2008

Michigan

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Re: **Tariff Rate Changes** 

SS7 signal tandem switching

(per IAM TDM SW)

Dear Buckeye Telesystem, Inc. Customer:

Ohio

Buckeye Telesystem, Inc. has filed with the Federal Communications Commission, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and the Michigan Public Service Commission, changes to its current Tariff rates.

Buckeye Telesystem, Inc. is proposing the following new rates to FCC Tariff No. 1, PUCO Tariff No. 3, and MPSC Tariff 2-R:

(FCC No. 1 & PUCO No	<u>. 3)</u>	(FCC No. 1 & MPSC 2-F	<u>R)</u>
Local Switching	.003153	Local Switching	.001420
Tandem Switching	.001151	Tandem Switching	.001151
Common transport termination	.000142	Common transport termination	.000136
Common transport facility	.000014	Common transport facility	.000015
Common trunk port	.000371	Common trunk port	.000529
Tandem transport termination	.000142	Tandem transport termination	.000136
Tandem transport facility	.000014	Tandem transport facility	.000015
800 database simple query	.001108	800 database simple query	.002451
800 database complex query	.002304	800 database complex query	.003757
Operator transfer	.210000	Operator transfer	.240000
LNP database query	.001003	LNP database query	.001049
LNP default	.002002	LNP default	.001860
SS7 signal formulation (per IAM)	.000451	SS7 signal formulation (per IAM)	.000451

The complete tariffs, including the changes, are available for inspection at the Federal Communication Commission offices, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554, the PUCO Offices, 180 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, the MPSC offices, 6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7, Lansing, MI 48911, or at Buckeye TeleSystem Headquarters, 5555 Airport Highway, Suite 110, Toledo, Ohio 43614 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays.

Sincerely,

Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.

SS7 signal tandem switching

(per IAM TDM SW)



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### **AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF OHIO	)
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COUNTY OF LUCAS	) SS

I, Thomas K. Dawson, Vice President, Buckeye Telesystem, Inc., being first duly sworn, state under oath:

- 1. A customer notice informing customers of the proposed tariff change offering service to adjust access rates relative to an adjustment other carriers made in Buckeye's service area will be sent to affected customers with a billing being mailed Dec. 1 in accordance with the requirement to notify customers in Rule 4901:1-06-09(G)(2) of the O.A.C.
- 2. The Company is adopting the ATT rates, which are the lowest of the three, even though the rates apply to all carriers. New rates will appear on the customers' bills received after Jan. 1, 2009.
- 3. Buckeye TeleSystem has interconnection and/or transport and termination traffic agreements with the ILECs serving the areas affected.

Further, affiant sayeth naught.

Thomas K. Dawson

Sworn and subscribed before me in my presence this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.

Notary Public, State of Ohio
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My commission expires on 5/23/12

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