

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPLICATION FORM
for
ILECs Not Subject to Alternative Regulation
(Effective November 14, 2008)

In the Matter of the Application of Benton Ridge Telephone)
Company to Revise its Intrastate Access Tariff to Change its) TRF Docket No. **90-5007-TP-TRF**
Interstate Tariff Reference) Case No. **09 - 628 - TP - ATA**
) **NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case # or are filing a Contract,**
leave the "Case No" fields BLANK.

Name of Company Benton Ridge Telephone Company
Address of Company 140 Main Street, P. O. Box 180, Benton Ridge, Ohio 45816
Company Web Address _____
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Carolyn S. Flahive Phone 614-469-3294 Fax 614-469-3361
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Date _____

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:

- 1) Not-For-Profit companies must use the NFP application Form (See 05-1303-TP-COI (No not use this App Form).
- 2) For requirements for various applications, see the identified section of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4901.
- 3) Information regarding the number of copies required by the Commission may be obtained from the Commission's web site at www.puco.ohio.gov under the docketing information system section, by calling the docketing division at 614-466-4095, or by visiting the docketing division at the offices of the Commission.
- 4) 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 (pursuant to 84-944-TP-COI & 86-1144-TP-COI)
☐ 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 - Retail Tariff - That Does Not Result In An Increase In Rates
Small, for-profit ILECs (45-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 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 (Non-Auto) All Others (non-automatic approval, indicate appropriate 3 letter code for case type in Case No. above)

Carrier to Carrier Filings

- ☒ 7 (ATA) Application For Tariff Amendment - Access Tariff Applications pursuant to Rule 4901:1-7-14(B) of O.A.C. (30-day approval)
- ☐ 8 (NAG) Negotiated Carrier-to-Carrier Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act (90-day approval) & Rule 4901:1-7 of O.A.C
- ☐ 9 (ARB) Request for Arbitration of a Carrier-to-Carrier Interconnection Agreement under Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act. (non-automatic) & Rule 4901:1-7 of O.A.C

II. The following exhibits corresponding to the list of cases above, at a minimum, are required to be filed:

x	3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Current Tariff Sheets (to be superseded), if applicable
x	3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Proposed Tariff Sheets
x	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Rationale or Explanation for Change
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Justification for Competitive Treatment
<input type="checkbox"/>	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Customer Notice to customers affected by proposal, and statement as to the form and timing of the notice
<input type="checkbox"/>	1, 8	Copy of Contract
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	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,

BENTON RIDGE TELEPHONE COMPANY

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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
*(Signature and Title)

7/28/09
(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
(CURRENT TARIFF SHEETS)

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

The rates, charges and conditions for the provision of Intrastate Carrier Access Service are as specified in Broadband Network Group, LLC Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 (the "BNG Tariff") and the National Exchange Carrier Association ("NECA") Tariff F.C.C. No. 3 and Tariff F.C.C. No. 4, as filed with the Federal Communications Commission, as each now exists and as each may be revised, added to, or supplemented. The effectiveness of Section No. 4, End User Access Service, of the BNG Tariff, as applied to intrastate customers, has been suspended by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO"). The rates, terms, and conditions for Intrastate Carrier Common Line Access Service are set forth herein.

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The Telephone Company mirrors the BNG Tariff for the provision of Intrastate Carrier Access Service with the following exceptions:

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Suspended by the PUCO |
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Switched access rates applied to the intrastate jurisdiction shall
remain at the levels existing on December 31, 1997. |

The Telephone Company mirrors NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 3 (Special Construction) and Tariff F.C.C. No. 4 (Wire Center Information) in their entirety for the provision of Intrastate Carrier Access Service.

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1. General Description

Carrier Common Line Access provides for the use of end users' Telephone Company-provided common lines by IXCs for access to such end users to furnish intrastate communications.

Premium Access is (1) Switched Access Service provided to customers under this tariff which furnish intrastate MTS/WATS, and (2) Switched Access Service in an end office converted to equal access.

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3. Undertaking of the Telephone Company

Where the IXC is provided Switched Access Service for intrastate communications under other sections of this or other Access Service tariffs, the Telephone Company will provide the use of Telephone Company common lines by an IXC for access to end users at rates and charges as set forth in the Telephone Company's Intrastate Access Service Tariff.

4. Obligations of the IXC

4.1 Switched Access Service Requirement

The Switched Access Service associated with Carrier Common Line Access shall be ordered by the IXC under applicable sections of the BNG Tariff.

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4.2 Supervision

The IXC facilities at the premises of the ordering IXC shall provide the necessary on-hook and off-hook supervision.

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5. Determination of Usage Subject to Carrier Common Line Access Charges

Except as set forth herein, all Switched Access Service provided to the IXC will be subject to Carrier Common Line Access charges.

5.1 Cases Involving Usage Recording By the IXC

Where Feature Group C end office switching is provided without Telephone Company recording and the IXC records minutes of use used to determine Carrier Common Line Access charges (i.e., Feature Group C operator and calls such as pay telephone sent-paid, operator-DDD, operator-person, collect, credit-card, third number and/or other like calls), the IXC shall furnish such minutes of use detail to the Telephone Company in a timely manner. If the IXC does not furnish the data, the IXC shall identify all Switched Access Services that could carry such calls in order for the Telephone Company to accumulate the minutes of use through the use of special Telephone Company measuring and recording equipment.

5.2 Local Exchange Access and Enhanced Services Exemption

When access to the local exchange is required to provide an IXC service (e.g., MTS/WATS-type, telex, Data, etc.) that uses a resold Special Access service, Switched Access Service Rates and Regulations, as set forth in Section 6. of the BNG Tariff, will apply, except when such access to the local exchange is required for the provision of an enhanced service.

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6. Resold Services

6.1 Scope

Where the IXC is reselling MTS and/or MTS-type service(s) on which the Carrier Common Line and Switched Access charges have been assessed, the IXC may, at the option of the IXC, obtain Feature Group A, Feature Group B or Feature Group D Switched Access Service under Section 6. of the BNG Tariff for originating and/or terminating access in the local exchange. (T)
Such access group arrangements whether single lines or trunks or multiline hunt groups or trunk groups will have Carrier Common Line Access charges applied as set forth in the Telephone Company's Intrastate Access Service Tariff in accordance with the resale rate regulations set forth in 6.4 following. For purposes of administering this provision:

Resold intrastate terminating MTS and MTS-type service(s) shall include collect calls, third number calls and credit card calls where the reseller pays the underlying carrier's service charges.

Resold intrastate originating MTS and MTS-type service(s) shall not include collect, third number, or credit card calls.

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7.1 Billing of Charges

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EXHIBIT C

In 2007 the Applicant revised its intrastate access tariff to reflect adoption for intrastate purposes of the Broadband Network Group, LLC Tariff FCC No. 1 (the “BNG Tariff”). At that time, the Applicant had elected to exit the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (“NECA”) traffic sensitive pool and participate in the BNG Tariff instead of NECA Access Service Tariff FCC No. 5.

With this filing, the Applicant again revises its intrastate access tariff to reflect its decision to re-join the NECA traffic sensitive pool and participate in NECA Access Service Tariff FCC No. 5. With this Application, the Applicant is solely changing all references from the BNG Tariff to NECA Access Service Tariff FCC No. 5

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Summary: Tariff to revise its intrastate access tariff to change its interstate tariff reference electronically filed by Carolyn S Flahive on behalf of The Benton Ridge Telephone Company