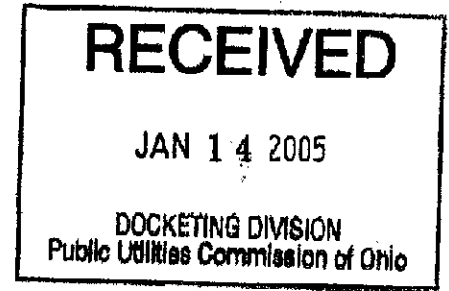




**Communication  
Options, Inc.**



January 14, 2005

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Docketing Division  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Re: Case No: 90-9041-TP-TRF

COI respectfully submits the attached application and exhibits introducing a new promotion for business customers signing a 1 year contract.

As required, ~~two~~ <sup>three</sup> copies of the Application are enclosed. Please feel free to call me at 614-882-2030 ext. 1105 with any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

Pamela K. Engle  
Regulatory Manager  
phone: 614-882-2030 ext 1105  
fax: 614-882-4004  
email: pam.engage@coi.net

Enclosures

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# Public Utilities Commission of Ohio TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPLICATION FORM

(Effective: 07/23/2003)

(Pursuant to Case Nos. 99-998-TP-COI and 99-563-TP-COI)

In the Matter of the Application of Communication Options, Inc. )

to introduce a new promotion )

Case No. 90 - 9041 - TP - TRF )

Name of Registrant(s) **COMMUNICATION OPTIONS, INC.**

DBA(s) of Registrant(s) **COI**

Address of Registrant (s) **921 EASTWIND DR STE 104 WESTERVILLE OH 43081**

Company Web Address **www.coi.net**

Regulatory Contact Person(w) **PAMELA K. ENGLE** Phone **614-882-2030** Fax **614-882-4004**

Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address **pam.engage@coi.net**

Contact Person for Annual Report **STEPHEN K. VOGELMEIER** Phone **614-882-2030**

Consumer Contact Information **PAMELA K. ENGLE** Phone **614-882-2030**

Date 1/14/05 TRF Docket No. - **-CT-TRF or 90-9041-TP-TRF**

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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]

Company Type (check all applicable): ☒ CTS(IXC) ☐ ILEC ☒ CLEC ☐ CMRS ☐ AOS

☐ Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** This form must accompany all applications filed by telecommunication service providers subject to the Commission's rules promulgated in Case No. 99-998-TP-COI, as well as by ILECs filing an ARB or NAG case pursuant to the guidelines established in Case No. 96-463-TP-UNC. *It is preferable NOT to combine different types of filings, but if you do so, you must file under the process with the longest applicable review period.*

**I. Please indicate the reason for submitting this form (check one)**

- ☐ (AAC) Application to Amend Certificate by a CLEC to modify Serving Area (0-day notice, 7 copies)
- ☐ 2 (ABN) Abandonment of all Services  
☐ a. CLEC (90-day approval, 10 copies) ☐ b. CTS (14-day approval, 10 copies) ☐ c. ILEC (NOT automatic, 10 copies)
- ☐ 3 (ACE) New Operating Authority for providers other than CMRS (30-day approval, 7 copies); for CMRS, see item No. 15 on this page  
☐ a. Switched Local ☐ b. Non-switched local ☐ c. CTS ☐ Local and CTS ☐ e. Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 4 (ACO) LEC Application to Change Ownership (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 5 (CAN) LEC Application to Change Name (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 6 (AEC) Carrier-to-Carrier Contract Amendment to an agreement approved in a NAG or ARB case (30-day approval, 7 copies)  
**NOTE: see item 25 (CTR) on page two of this form for all other contract filings.**
- ☐ 7 (AMT) LEC Merger (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 8 (ARB) Application for Arbitration (see 96-463-TP-COI for applicable process, 10 copies)
- ☐ 9 (ATA) Application for Tariff Amendment for Tier 1 Services, Application to Reclassify Service Among Tiers, or Change to Non-Tier Service  
☐ a. Tier 1 (and Carrier-to-Carrier tariff filings as set-forth in 95-845-TP-COI)  
☐ i. Pre-filing submittal (30-day pre-filing submittal with Staff and OCC; Do Not Docket, 4 copies)  
New End User Service which has been preceded by a 30-day pre-filing submittal with Staff for all submittals and also with OCC for Tier 1 residential services (0-day filing, 10 copies)  
☐ ii. New End User Service (NOT preceded by a 30-day filing submittal, 30-day approval, 10 copies)  
☐ iii. New Carrier-to-Carrier Service which has been preceded by a 20-day pre-filing with Staff (0-day filing, 10 copies)  
☐ iv. Change in Terms and Conditions, textual revision, correction of error, etc. (30-day approval, 10 copies)  
☐ v. Grandfather service (30-day approval, 10 copies)  
☐ vi. Initial Carrier-to-Carrier Services Tariff subsequent to ACE approval (60-day approval, 10 copies)  
☐ vii. Withdrawal of Tier 1 service must be filed as an "ATW", not an "ATA" - see item 12 below  
☐ b. Reclassification of Service Among Tiers (NOT automatic, 10 copies)  
☐ c. Textual revision with no effect on rates for non-specific or non-tier service (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 10 (ATC) Application to Transfer Certificate (30-day approval, 7 copies)
- ☐ 11 (ATR) LEC Application to Conduct a Transaction Between Utilities (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 12 (ATW) Application to Withdraw a Tier 1 Service  
☐ a. CLEC (60-day approval, 10 copies) ☐ b. ILEC (NOT automatic, 10 copies)
- ☐ 13 (CIO) Application for Change in Operations by Non-LEC Providers (0-day notice, 7 copies)
- ☐ 14 (NAG) Negotiated Interconnection Agreement Between Carriers (0-day effective, 90-day approval, 8 copies)
- ☐ 15 (RCC) For CMRS providers only to Register or to Notify of a Change in Operations (0-day notice, 7 copies)
- ☐ 16 (SLF) Self-complaint Application  
☐ a. CLEC only - Tier 1 (60-day automatic, 10 copies)  
☐ b. Introduce or increase maximum price range for Non-Specific Service Charge (60-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 17 (UNC) Unclassified (explain) \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT automatic, 15 copies)

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- ☐ 18 (ZTA) Tariff Application Involving Only Tier 2 Services
- ☐ a. New End User Service (0-day notice, 10 copies)
- ☐ b. Change in Terms and Conditions, textual revision, correction of error, etc. (0-day notice, 10 copies)
- ☐ c. Withdrawal of service (0-day notice, 10 copies)
- ☐ 19 Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT automatic, 15 copies)

**THE FOLLOWING ARE TRF FILINGS ONLY, NOT NEW CASES (0-day notice, 3 copies)**

- ☒ 20 Introduction or Extension of Promotional Offering
- ☐ 21 New Price List Rate for Existing Service
- ☐ Tier 1 ☐ Tier 2
- ☐ 22 Designation of Registrant's Process Agent(s)
- ☐ 23 Update to Registrant's Maps
- ☐ 24 Annual Tariff Option For Tier 2 Services – indicate which option you intend to adopt to maintain the tariff. NOTE, changing options is only permitted once per calendar year.
- ☐ Paper Tariff ☐ Electronic Tariff. If electronic, provide the tariff's web address: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE FOLLOWING ARE CR FILINGS ONLY, NOT NEW CASES (0-day notice, 7 copies)**

- ☐ 25 Application to establish, revise, or cancel an end-user contract. (NOTE: see item 6 on page 1 of this form for carrier-to-carrier contract amendments)
- CTR Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - TP - CTR (Use same CTR number throughout the calendar year)

**Please indicate which of the following exhibits have been filed. The numbers (corresponding to the list on page (1) and above) indicate, at a minimum, the types of cases in which the exhibit is required:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	[all]	A copy of any motion for waiver of O.A.C. rule(s) associated with this filing. NOTE: the filing of a motion for waiver tolls any automatic timeframe associated with this filing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3]	Completed Service Requirements Form.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3, 9(vii)]	A copy of registrant's proposed tariffs. (Carrier-to-Carrier resale tariff also required if facilities-based)
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3]	Evidence that the registrant has notified the Ohio Department of Taxation of its intent to conduct operations as a telephone utility in the State of Ohio.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3]	Brief description of service(s) proposed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b, 3d]	Explanation of whether applicant intends to provide <input type="checkbox"/> resold services, <input type="checkbox"/> facilities-based services, or <input type="checkbox"/> both resold and facilities-based services.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b, 3d]	Explanation as to whether CLEC currently offers CTS services under separate CTS authority, and whether it will be including those services within its CLEC filing, or maintaining such CTS services under a separate affiliate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b, 3d]	Explanation of how the proposed services in the proposed market area are in the public interest.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b, 3d]	Description of the proposed market area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b, 3d]	Description of the class of customers (e.g., residence, business) that the applicant intends to serve.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b, 3d]	Documentation attesting to the applicant's financial viability, including, at a minimum, a pro forma income statement and balance sheet. If the pro forma income statement is based upon a certain geographical area(s) or information in other jurisdictions, please indicate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-d]	Documentation attesting to the applicant's technical and managerial expertise relative to the proposed service offering(s) and proposed service area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-d]	Documentation indicating the applicant's corporate structure and ownership.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b, 3d]	Information regarding any similar operations in other states. Also, if this company has been previously certified in the State of Ohio, include that certification number.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b, 3d]	Verification that the applicant will maintain local telephone records separate and apart from any other accounting records in accordance with the GAAP.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b, 3d]	Verification of compliance with any affiliate transaction requirements.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b, 3d]	Explanation as to whether rates are derived through (check all applicable): <input type="checkbox"/> interconnection agreement, <input type="checkbox"/> retail tariffs, or <input type="checkbox"/> resale tariffs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[1, 3a-b, 3d]	Explanation as to which service areas company currently has an approved interconnection or resale agreement.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b, 3d, 9a(I-III)]	Explanation of whether applicant intends to provide Local Services which require payment in advance of Customer receiving dial tone.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a, 3b, 3d, 9a(I-III)]	Tariff sheet(s) listing the services and associated charges that must be paid prior to customer receiving dial tone (if applicable).
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b, 3d, 8]	Letters requesting negotiation pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and a proposed timeline for construction, interconnection, and offering of services to end users.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3-5, 7, 10-11, 13]	Certification from Ohio Secretary of State as to party's proper standing (domestic or foreign corporation, authorized use of fictitious name, etc.). In transfer of certificate cases, the transferee's good standing must be established.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3-4, 7, 10-11, 13]	List of names, addresses, and phone numbers of officers and directors, or partners.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3]	A sample copy of the customer bill and disconnection notice the applicant plans to utilize.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[1, 4, 9, 10-13, 16-21]	Copy of superseded tariff sheet(s) & price list(s), if applicable, marked as Exhibit A.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[1, 4, 9, 10-13, 16-21]	Copy of revised tariff sheets & price lists marked as Exhibit B.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3]	Provide a copy of any customer application form required in order to establish residential service, if applicable.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[1-2, 4-7, 9, 12-13, 16, 18-23, 25]	Description of and rationale for proposed tariff changes, including a complete description of the service(s) proposed or affected. Specify for each service affected whether it is <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> business, <input type="checkbox"/> residence, or <input type="checkbox"/> both. Also indicate whether it is a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> switched or

<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> dedicated service. Include this information in either the cover letter or Exhibit C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[1, 2, 4, 9a(v-vi), 5, 10, 16, 18(b-c), 20-21]	Specify which notice procedure has been utilized: <input type="checkbox"/> bill insert, <input type="checkbox"/> bill notation, or <input type="checkbox"/> electronic mail. NOTE: Tier 1 price list increases must be within an approved range of rates.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[2, 4-5, 9a(v), 9b, 10, 12-13, 16, 18(b-c), 20-21]	Copy of real time notice which has been provided to customers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[1, 2, 5, 9a(v), 11-13, 21(increase only)]	Affidavit attesting that customer notice has been provided.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[2, 12]	Copy of Notice which has been provided to ILEC(s).
<input type="checkbox"/>	[2, 12]	Listing of Assigned (NPA) NXX's where in the LECs (NPA) NXX's would be reassigned.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[2, 4, 10, 12-13]	List of Ohio exchanges specifically involved or affected
<input type="checkbox"/>	[14]	The interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or mediation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[15]	For commercial mobile radio service providers, a statement affirming that registrant has obtained all necessary federal authority to conduct operations being proposed, and that copies have been furnished by cellular, paging, and mobile companies to this Commission of any Form 401, 463, and/or 489 which the applicant has filed with the Federal Communications Commission.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[15]	Exhibits must include company name, address, contact person, service description, and evidence of registration with the Ohio Secretary of State.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[24]	Affidavit that total price of contract exceeds total cost of all regulated services.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[5, 13]	New title sheet with proposed new company name.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[1, 3, 13]	For CLECs, List of Ohio Exchanges the applicant intends to serve (Use spreadsheet from: <a href="http://www.puc.state.oh.us/puco/forms/form.cfm?doc_id=357">http://www.puc.state.oh.us/puco/forms/form.cfm?doc_id=357</a> ). Maps depicting the proposed serving and calling areas of the applicant. <b>If Mirroring Large ILEC</b> exchanges for both serving area and local calling areas: <b>Serving area</b> must be clearly reflected on an Ohio map attached to tariffs and textually described in tariffs by noting that it is reflecting a particular large ILEC/CLEC territory, and listing the involved exchanges. * <b>Local calling areas</b> must be clearly reflected on an Ohio map attached to the tariffs, and/or clearly delineated in tariffs, including a complete listing of each exchange being served and all exchanges to which local calls can be made from each of those exchanges. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>If Self Defining</b> serving area and/or local calling area as an area other than that of the established ILEC exchange(s): * <b>Serving area</b> must be clearly reflected on an Ohio map attached to the tariffs, and textually described in tariffs by listing the involved exchanges. * <b>Local calling areas</b> must be described in the tariff through textual delineation and clear maps. Maps for self-defined serving and local calling areas are required to be traced on United State Geological Survey topography maps. These maps are the Standard Topographic Quadrangle maps, 7.5 minute 1:24,000. <input type="checkbox"/> [1, 3a-b, 3d, 7, 10, 13, 23] <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other Information requested by the Commission staff.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3]	Initial certification that includes Tier 2 Services, indicate which option you intend to adopt to maintain the tariff: <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Tariff <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Tariff – If electronic, provide the web address for the tariff.

Registrant hereby attests to its compliance with the following requirements in the Service Requirements Form, as well as all pertinent entries and orders issued by the Commission with respect to these issues. Further, registrant hereby affirms that it will maintain with its TRF docket an up-to-date, properly marked, copy of the Service Requirements Form available for public inspection.

III.

**MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE AND CTS PROVIDERS:**

- ☒ Sales Tax
- ☒ Minimum Telephone Service Standards (MTSS)
- ☒ Surcharges

**MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE PROVIDERS:**

- ☒ 1+ IntraLATA Presubscription

**SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVISION OF CERTAIN SERVICES (CHECK ALL APPLICABLE):**

- ☒ Discounts for Persons with Communication Disabilities and the Telecommunication Relay Service [Required if toll service provided]
- ☒ Emergency Services Calling Plan [Required if toll service provided]
- ☐ Alternative Operator Service (AOS) requirements [Required for all providing AOS (including inmate services) service]
- ☒ Limitation of Liability Language [Required for all who have tariff language that may limit their liability]
- ☒ Termination Liability Language [Required for all who have early termination liability language in their tariffs]
- ☒ Service Connection Assistance (SCA) [Required for all LECs]
- ☒ Local Number Portability and Number Pooling [Required for facilities-based LECs]
- ☒ Package Language [Required for tariffs containing packages or service bundles containing both local and toll and/or non-regulated services]

IV. List names, titles, phone numbers, and addresses of those persons authorized to respond to inquiries from the Consumer Services Department on behalf of the applicant regarding end-user complaints:

Pamela K. Engle, Regulatory Manager, 614-882-2030, 921 Eastwind Dr, Ste 104, Westerville, OH 43081  
Linda Smith, Customer Care Manager, 614-882-2030, 921 Eastwind Dr, Ste 104, Westerville, OH 43081  
Stephen K. Vogelmeier, President, 614-882-2030, 921 Eastwind Dr, Ste 104, Westerville, OH 43081

List names, titles, phone numbers, and addresses of those persons authorized to make and/or affirm or verify at the Commission on behalf of the applicant:

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Stephen K. Vogelmeier, President, 614-882-2030, 921 Eastwind Dr, Ste 104, Westerville, OH 43081

NOTE: An annual report is required to be filed with the Commission by each company on an annual basis. The annual report form will be sent for completion to the address and individual(s) identified in this Section unless another address or individual is so indicated.

List Name(s), DBA(s) and PUCO Certification Number(s) of any affiliates you have operating in Ohio under VI PUCO authority, whether Telecommunication or other. (If needed, use a separate sheet and check here: ☐)

### **AFFIDAVIT** **Minimum Telephone Service Standards**

I am an officer of the applicant corporation, COMMUNICATION OPTIONS, INC., and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf. I attest that these tariffs comply with the Minimum Telephone Service Standards (MTSS) for the state of Ohio. I understand that the Minimum Telephone Service Standards, as modified and clarified from time to time, supercede 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.

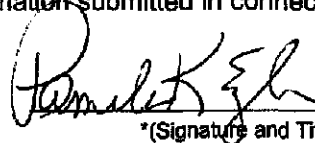
Executed on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Location)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*(Signature and Title) (Date)

***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.***

### **VERIFICATION**

I, Pamela Kay Engle verify that I have utilized, verbatim, the Commission's Telecommunications Application Form 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.

 REGULATORY 1/14/05  
\*(Signature and Title) MGR (Date)

***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:**

**Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**  
**Attention: Docketing Division** (or to the Telecommunications Division Chief if a prefiling submittal)  
**180 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215-3793**

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

Communication Options, Inc.  
5979 East Livingston Ave., Suite 210  
Columbus, Ohio 43232

NEC PUCO Tariff No. 1  
2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Page 243-0  
Replaces 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Page 243-0

Exhibit A

7.0 **RETAIL PRICE LIST** (cont'd)

7.4 **Promotion**

- A) Communication Options will offer a flat rate, unlimited local usage Business line in Ameritech areas of Ohio at the rate of \$32.50 per line. This promotion will last 180 days from April 12, 2004. ((
- B) (I

- C) Communication Options, Inc. reserves the right to waive charges (in whole or in part) and/or issue credits in response to a competitive situation. (I

At its options, the Company may fulfill this obligation by issuing credits, coupons, certificates and/or an equivalent monthly percentage discount. The coupons, or certificates must be used or presented by the customer to whom it was issued before the expiration date of the underlying offer or the coupon or certificate will be void.

Issued: April 12, 2004

Effective: April 12, 2004

Filed under authority of Order of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,  
in Case No. 90-9041-TP-TRF

Issued by: Stephen K. Vogelmeier  
President, Communication Options, Inc.  
5979 East Livingston Ave., Suite 210  
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Communication Options, Inc.

Exhibit A

January 14, 2005

Communication Options, Inc.

Exhibit B

January 14, 2005

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**7.0 RETAIL PRICE LIST (cont'd)**

**7.4 Promotion**

- A) Communication Options will offer a flat rate, unlimited local usage Business line in Ameritech areas of Ohio at the rate of \$32.50 per line. This promotion will last 180 days from April 12, 2004.
- B) In the cities listed, Communication Options will offer these rates to business customers who sign a 1 year contract: (1)

<u>City</u>	<u>Single Business Line</u>	<u>Key Lines</u>	<u>PBX Trunks</u>
Mansfield	\$28.00	\$46.00	\$78.00
Lima	\$28.00	\$46.00	\$78.00
Defiance	N/A	\$40.00	\$68.00
Van Wert	N/A	\$40.00	\$68.00
Bellefontaine	N/A	\$43.00	\$73.00
Mount Vernon	N/A	\$43.00	\$73.00
Sidney	N/A	\$43.00	\$73.00
Wooster	N/A	\$46.00	\$78.00
Warren	\$28.00	\$46.00	\$78.00
Delphos	N/A	\$46.00	\$78.00
Marysville	N/A	\$46.00	\$78.00
Ada	N/A	\$46.00	\$78.00
Shelby	N/A	\$46.00	\$78.00
Bucyrus	N/A	\$43.00	\$73.00
Napoleon	N/A	\$40.00	\$68.00

This promotion will last from January 14, 2005 to March 14, 2005 (1)

- C) Communication Options, Inc. reserves the right to waive charges (in whole or in part) and/or issue credits in response to a competitive situation.

At its options, the Company may fulfill this obligation by issuing credits, coupons, certificates and/or an equivalent monthly percentage discount. The coupons, or certificates must be used or presented by the customer to whom it was issued before the expiration date of the underlying offer or the coupon or certificate will be void.

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