

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM

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This form is intended to be used with most types of required filings. It provides check boxes with rule references for the most common types of filings. It does not replace or supersede Commission rules in any way.

In the Matter of the Application of Sherwood Mutual)
Telephone Association, Inc. to Provide Notice of an increase)
to BLES Rates pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-6-14(D))
and (F)(4))

TRF Docket No. 90-5037-TP-TRF

Case No. ____ - ____ - **TP** - ____

NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave the "Case No" fields
BLANK.

Name of Registrant(s) Sherwood Mutual Telephone Association, Inc.

DBA(s) of Registrant(s) _____

Address of Registrant(s) P.O. Box 4572, Sherwood, Ohio 43556

Company Web Address _____

Regulatory Contact Person(s) Carolyn S. Flahive Phone 614-469-3294 Fax 614-469-3361

Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address Carolyn.Flahive@ThompsonHine.com

Contact Person for Annual Report Lynn Bergman, General Manager Phone 419-899-2121

Address (if different from above) _____

Consumer Contact Information Lynn Bergman, General Manager Phone 419-899-2121

Address (if different from above) _____

Motion for protective order included with filing? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Motion for waiver(s) filed affecting this case? ☐ Yes ☒ No [Note: Waivers may toll any automatic timeframe.]

Notes:

Section I and II are Pursuant to Chapter [4901:1-6 OAC](#)

Section III – Carrier to Carrier is Pursuant to [4901:1-7 OAC](#), and Wireless is Pursuant to [4901:1-6-24 OAC](#).

Section IV – Attestation

(1) Indicate the Carrier Type and the reason for submitting this form by checking the boxes below.

(2) For requirements for various applications, see the identified section of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4901 and/or the supplemental application form noted.

(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) An Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) offering basic local exchange service (BLES) outside its traditional service area should choose CLEC designation when proposing to offer BLES outside its traditional service area or when proposing to make changes to that service.

All Filings that result in a change to one or more tariff pages require, at a minimum, the following exhibits.

Exhibit	Description:
A	The tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s) as they exist before the change(s)
B	The Tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s), reflecting the change, with the change(s) marked in the right margin.
C	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).

Section I – Part I - Common Filings

Carrier Type <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)	<input type="checkbox"/> For Profit ILEC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not For Profit ILEC	<input type="checkbox"/> CLEC
Change terms & conditions of existing BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-14(H) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-14(H) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-14(H) (Auto 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge, or fee to BLES			<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-14(H) (Auto 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late Payment	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-14(I) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-14(I) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-14(I) (Auto 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap.	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-14(F) (0 day Notice)		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-14(H) (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-14(H) (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-14(H) (0 day Notice)
Notice of no obligation to construct facilities and provide BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-27(C) (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-27(C) (0 day Notice)	
Change BLES Rates	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF 1-6-14(F) (0 day Notice)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRF 1-6-14(F)(4) (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF 1-6-14(G) (0 day Notice)
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	<input type="checkbox"/> BLS 1-6-14(C)(1)(c) (Auto 30 days)		
Change in boundary	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB 1-6-32 (Auto 14 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB 1-6-32 (Auto 14 days)	
Expand service operation area			<input type="checkbox"/> TRF 1-6-08(G) (0 day)
BLES withdrawal			<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-25(B) (0 day Notice)
Other* (explain) _____			

Section I – Part II – Customer Notification Offerings Pursuant to Chapter [4901:1-6-7 OAC](#)

Type of Notice	Direct Mail	Bill Insert	Bill Notation	Electronic Mail
<input type="checkbox"/> 15-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date Notice Sent: April 27, 2012				

Section I – Part III –IOS Offerings Pursuant to Chapter [4901:1-6-22 OAC](#)

IOS	Introduce New	Tariff Change	Price Change	Withdraw
<input type="checkbox"/> IOS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section II – Part I – Carrier Certification - Pursuant to Chapter [4901:1-6-08, 09 & 10 OAC](#)

Certification	ILEC (Out of Territory)	CLEC	Carrier's Not Offering BLES	CESTC	CETC
* See Supplemental form	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE 1-6-08 * (Auto 30- day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE 1-6-08 * (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE 1-6-08 * (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE 1-6-10 (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC 1-6-09 * (Non-Auto)

*Supplemental Certification forms can be found on the Commission Web Page.

Section II – Part II – Certificate Status & Procedural

Certificate Status	ILEC	CLEC	Carrier's Not Offering BLES
Abandon all Services		<input type="checkbox"/> ABN 1-6-26 (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN 1-6-26 (Auto 30 days)
Change of Official Name *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO 1-6-29(E) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO 1-6-29(E) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0 day Notice)
Merger *	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT 1-6-29(E) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT 1-6-29(E) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0 day Notice)
Transfer a Certificate *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0 day Notice)

* Other exhibits may be required under the applicable rule(s). ACN, ACO, AMT, ATC, ATR and CIO applications see [the 4901:1-6-29 Filing Requirements on the Commission's Web Page](#) for a complete list of exhibits.

Section III – Carrier to Carrier (Pursuant to [4901:1-7](#)), and Wireless (Pursuant to [4901:1-6-24](#))

Carrier to Carrier	ILEC	CLEC
Interconnection agreement, or amendment to an approved agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG 1-7-07 (Auto 90 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG 1-7-07 (Auto 90 day)
Request for Arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB 1-7-09 (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB 1-7-09 (Non-Auto)
Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs,	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-7-14 (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-7-14 (Auto 30 day)
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC 1-7-04 or 05 (Non-Auto)	
Changes in rates, terms & conditions to Pole Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights- of-Way.	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC 1-7-23(B) (Non-Auto)	
Wireless Providers See 4901:1-6-24	<input type="checkbox"/> RCC [Registration & Change in Operations]	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG [Interconnection Agreement or

Section IV. – Attestation

Registrant hereby attests to its compliance with pertinent entries and orders issued by the Commission.

AFFIDAVIT
Compliance with Commission Rules

I am an officer/agent of the applicant corporation, Sherwood Mutual Telephone Association , and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

(Name)

Please Check ALL that apply:

☒ I attest that these tariffs comply with all applicable rules for the state of Ohio. I understand that tariff notification filings do not imply Commission approval and that the Commission's rules 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 attest that customer notices accompanying this filing form were sent to affected customers, as specified in Section II, in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-7, Ohio Administrative Code. **[An affidavit will be filed in this docket after the customer notices mail on April 27, 2012.]**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on (Date) April 16, 2012 at (Location) Sherwood, Ohio

*(Signature and Title) Lynn Bergman, General Manager (Date) April 16, 2012

- *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, Carolyn S. Flahive, verify that I have utilized the Telecommunications Filing Form for most 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)/s/ Carolyn S. Flahive, Esq.

(Date) April 20, 2012

**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
180 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215-3793
Or

Make such filing electronically as directed in Case No 06-900-AU-WVR

LIST OF EXHIBITS

- Exhibit A:** Tariff pages subject to the proposed changes, as they exist before the changes.
- Exhibit B:** Tariff pages subject to the proposed changes, reflecting the changes, with the changes marked in the right margin.
- Exhibit C:** Short description of the nature and intent of the changes, and the customers affected.
- Exhibit D:** Copy of the notice provided to customers, and affidavit that notice was properly provided.

EXHIBIT A

EXCHANGE RATES

The following identified service rates entitle subscribers of telephone service to call, without additional charge, the subscribers of the Paulding Exchange of Windstream Ohio, in addition to the other subscribers of the Sherwood Exchange.

The following listed rates for local exchange telephone service shall apply throughout the exchange area as depicted on the Sherwood Exchange Map herein.

<u>CLASS OF SERVICE</u>	<u>EXCHANGE ACCESS SERVICE *</u>	<u>COIN SUPERVISION ADDITIVE</u>
Business		
One Party	\$10.95	---
Residence		
One Party	\$9.95	---
Payphone		
Coin Operated Telephone Access Line	\$10.95	\$7.20

* Includes touch tone service.

MEMBERSHIP

A non-recurring initial charge of \$5.00 is made for each membership in the association; which is a requirement for connection of one main station and supplemental equipment on premises located within the exchange area of the Company, and occupied by such member. Membership is redeemable but not transferable.

EXHIBIT B

P.U.C.O. NO. 5

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One Party	\$10.95	— — —	
Residence			
One Party	\$10.00	— — —	(I)
Payphone			
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EXHIBIT C

Sherwood Mutual Telephone Association, Inc. hereby provides notice of its intent to raise its residential customers' BLES rate by \$.05 (from \$9.95 to \$10.00). By doing so, the Company will reach the universal service "rate floor" set forth in the FCC's Report and Order and Further Notice of Rulemaking, Docket Nos. WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., FCC 11-161 (Released November 18, 2011).

The Company also takes this opportunity to notify its customers that it will begin adding the federal universal service fee to their bills.

EXHIBIT D
(Customer Notices)

The customer notice attached hereto will be mailed to customers on April 27, 2012. On April 20, 2012, the notice was forwarded to the Commission-provided electronic mailbox (Telecomm-Rule07@puc.state.oh.us) in accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-6-14(F)(5). The notice was also served on the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel on April 20, 2012. The executed affidavit will be filed in this docket after the customer notices mail on April 27, 2012.

April 27, 2012

Dear Customer:

Beginning on July 1, 2012, Sherwood Mutual Telephone Association, Inc. will increase its residential rate for basic local exchange service to \$10.00, which represents an increase of \$.05. The increase is necessary so that we may continue to provide our customers with excellent telephone service.

In addition, effective June 1, 2012, the Company will begin assessing the Federal Universal Service Fee, which will be a percentage of customers' interstate charges.

If you have any questions about the revised rates, please call us at (419) 899-2121. Thank you for choosing us as your telephone service provider.

Sincerely,

Sherwood Mutual Telephone Association, Inc.

CUSTOMER NOTICE AFFIDAVIT

AFFIDAVIT

I, Lynn Bergman, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, Sherwood Mutual Telephone Association, Inc., and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

I attest that the customer notice accompanying this affidavit was sent to affected customers through bill message on April 27, 2012 in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-14(F)(5), Ohio Administrative Code. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on (Date) _____ at (Location) Sherwood, Ohio.

Signature _____

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Summary: Application to Provide Notice of an Increase in BLES Rates electronically filed by Carolyn S Flahive on behalf of Sherwood Mutual Telephone Association, Inc.