



May 4, 2012
Via Overnight Delivery

Ms. Betty McCauley, Commission Secretary
Ohio Public Utilities Commission
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Ernest Communications, Inc.
PUCO Tariff No. 3 - Access Tariff Revision
Case No. 12-1485-TP-ATA; TRF Docket No. 90-9248-TP-TRF

Dear Ms. McCauley:

Enclosed for filing please find the above referenced tariff filing and application submitted on behalf of Ernest Communications, Inc. In compliance with the FCC ICC Reform Order, FCC 11-161, issued November 18, 2011, this filing makes the required access rate reductions. The Company respectfully requests an effective date for this filing of July 1, 2012.

The following tariff pages are included with this filing:

2 nd Revised Page 2	Updates Check Sheet
1 st Revised Page 58.1	Makes rate reductions
2 nd Revised Page 59	Makes rate reductions

Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3006 or via email to croesel@tminc.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Carey Roesel
Consultant to Ernest Communications, Inc.

cc: Paul Masters - Ernest
file: Ernest - OH Access
tms: OHa1201

Enclosures
CR/gs

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM

(Effective: 01/20/2011)

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
Ernest Communications, Inc.
to Provide Local Exchange Services in Ohio

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TRF Docket No. 90-9248-TP-TRF

Case No. **12 - 1485 -TP-ATA**

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

Name of Registrant(s) Ernest Communications, Inc.

DBA(s) of Registrant(s) None

Address of Registrant(s) 5275 Triangle Parkway, Suite 150, Norcross, Georgia 30092

Company Web Address www.ernestgroup.com

Regulatory Contact Person(s) Paul Masters

Phone 770-242-9069

Fax 770-448-4115

Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address pmasters@ernestgroup.com

Contact Person for Annual Report Paul Masters

Phone 770-242-9069

Address (if different from above) _____

Consumer Contact Information Paul Masters

Phone 800-456-8353

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

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 <u>1-6-08</u> * (Auto 30- day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> *(Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> *(Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-10</u> (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-6-09</u> *(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 <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)
Change of Official Name *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Merger *	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transfer a Certificate *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (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 <u>1-7-07</u> (Auto 90 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG <u>1-7-07</u> (Auto 90 day)
Request for Arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)
Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs,	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 day)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 day)
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-04</u> or 05 (Non-Auto)	
Changes in rates, terms & conditions to Pole Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights- of-Way.	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-23(B)</u> (Non-Auto)	
Wireless Providers See <u>4901:1-6-24</u>	<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, **Ernest Communications, Inc.**, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

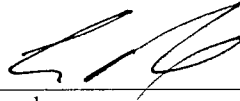
Please Check ALL that apply:

☒ 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.

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

Executed on May 4, 2012 at Maitland, FL 32751



*Carey Roesel
Consultant to Ernest Communications, Inc.

May 4, 2012

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, Carey Roesel, 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.



*Carey Roesel
Consultant to Ernest Communications, Inc.

May 4, 2012

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

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

Ernest Communications, Inc.

EXHIBIT A

Superseded Tariff Sheets

CHECK SHEET

Sheets of this tariff indicated below are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective sheet(s). Original and revised sheets as named below comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this sheet.

SHEET	REVISION		SHEET	REVISION	SHEET	REVISION	
1	Original		31	Original	58.1	Original	*
2	1 st Revised	*	32	Original	59	1 st Revised	*
3	Original		33	Original	60	1 st Revised	*
4	Original		34	Original	61	1 st Revised	*
5	Original		35	Original	62	Original	
6	Original		36	Original	63	Original	
7	Original		37	Original	64	Original	
8	Original		38	Original	65	Original	
9	Original		39	Original	66	Original	
10	Original		40	Original	67	Original	
11	Original		41	Original	68	Original	
12	Original		42	Original	69	Original	
13	Original		43	Original			
14	Original		44	Original			
15	Original		45	1 st Revised	*		
16	Original		45.1	Original	*		
17	Original		45.2	Original	*		
18	Original		46	1 st Revised	*		
19	Original		47	Original			
20	Original		48	Original			
21	Original		49	Original			
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24	Original		52	Original			
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26	Original		54	Original			
27	Original		55	Original			
28	Original		56	Original			
29	Original		57	1 st Revised	*		
30	Original		58	1 st Revised	*		

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By:

Paul Masters, President
5275 Triangle Parkway, Suite 150
Norcross, Georgia 30092

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.9 Rates and Charges (Continued)

3.9.2 Switched Transport Service (Continued)

C. Usage Charges

1. Tandem Switched Transport

A. Tandem Switched Transport, per Minute

AT&T Areas

Zone 1	\$0.000103
Zone 2	\$0.000103
Zone 3	\$0.000105
Zone 4	\$0.000107
Zone 5	\$0.000109

Verizon Areas

All	\$0.000000
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B. Tandem Switched Transport, per Minute, per Mile

AT&T Areas

Zone 1	\$0.000013
Zone 2	\$0.000014
Zone 3	\$0.000014
Zone 4	\$0.000014
Zone 5	\$0.000014

Verizon Areas

All	\$0.000002
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C. Tandem Switching, per Minute

AT&T Areas

Zone 1	\$0.001118
Zone 2	\$0.001151
Zone 3	\$0.001155
Zone 4	\$0.001291
Zone 5	\$0.001856

Verizon Areas

All	\$0.002400
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D. Common Transport Multiplexing, per Minute

AT&T Areas

Zone 1	\$0.000015
Zone 2	\$0.000017
Zone 3	\$0.000018
Zone 4	\$0.000018
Zone 5	\$0.000018

Verizon Areas

All	\$0.000000
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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)**3.9 Rates and Charges (Continued)****3.9.3 End Office Switching****A. Local Switching**

AT&T areas, per Minute	\$0.0031530 (R)	(C)
Verizon areas, per Minute	\$0.0022077	(C)
		(N)

B. Common Trunk Port

AT&T areas, per Minute	\$0.00037100	(T)
Verizon areas, per Minute	\$0.00154790	(N)

C. Host Remote

	<u>AT&T areas</u>	<u>Verizon Areas</u>	(N)
Host-Remote Termination (per host-remote access minute)	\$0.000313	\$0.000000	(T, N)
			(N)
Host-Remote Facility (per host-remote access minute per mile)	\$0.000016	\$0.000002	—
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Host-Remote Trunk Port (per host-remote access minute)	\$0.000371	\$0.0015479	(N)

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EXHIBIT B

Proposed Tariff Sheets

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30	Original		58	1 st Revised			

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)**3.9 Rates and Charges (Continued)****3.9.2 Switched Transport Service (Continued)****C. Usage Charges****1. Tandem Switched Transport****A. Tandem Switched Transport, per Minute**AT&T Areas

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Verizon Areas

All	\$0.000000
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B. Tandem Switched Transport, per Minute, per MileAT&T Areas

Zone 1	\$0.000013
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Zone 3	\$0.000014
Zone 4	\$0.000014
Zone 5	\$0.000014

Verizon Areas

All	\$0.000002
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C. Tandem Switching, per MinuteAT&T Areas

	<u>Originating</u>	<u>Terminating</u>
Zone 1	\$0.001118	\$0.0011010 (R)
Zone 2	\$0.001151	\$0.0011335 (R)
Zone 3	\$0.001155	\$0.0011375 (R)
Zone 4	\$0.001291	\$0.0012715 (R)
Zone 5	\$0.001856	\$0.0018280 (R)

Verizon Areas

All	\$0.002400
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D. Common Transport Multiplexing, per MinuteAT&T Areas

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EXHIBIT C

Description of Tariff Change

This filing makes the required rate revisions in compliance with the FCC's November 2011, Order.

This foregoing document was electronically filed with the Public Utilities

Commission of Ohio Docketing Information System on

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in

Case No(s). 12-1485-TP-ATA

Summary: Tariff Access Tariff Revision electronically filed by Mrs. Grace D Stanley on behalf of Ernest Communications, Inc. and Masters, Paul Mr. and Roesel, Carey Mr.