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October 15, 2013

Barcy McNeal
Docketing Division
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad St.
11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: 13-1115-TP-COI – Annual Filing Requirements Pertaining
to the Provisioning of High Cost Universal Service

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Pursuant to the Commission's June 27, 2013 Entry in the above captioned case, please find attached FCC Form 481 filed on behalf of the Benton Ridge Telephone Company.

These filings are made consistent the November 18, 2011 the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") release of its USE/ICC Transformation Order in WC Docket No. 10-90 et al. With that Order, the FCC began a transition to a national framework for certification of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") and set forth a standard set of information that all ETCs must file with the FCC each year. The Order also required ETCs to provide the same information to the respective state commissions.

On June 10, 2013, the FCC granted a limited waiver of the July 1 filing deadline for the annual ETC reporting requirements for 2013, with one exception. 1.)ETCs with voice service rates below the rate floor and, 2.)were required to file by July 1 the voice rate information required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(h). That same Order also noted that the final requirements for 2013 and the new filing deadlines would be set in a subsequent Order following Paperwork Reduction Act approval of the FCC's reporting requirements and proposed reporting form.

On August 6, 2013, the FCC released an Order, DA 13-707, identifying the reporting requirements contained in 47C.F.R. § 54.313 that are now approved and applicable in 2013 as well as setting October 15, 2013 as the deadline for ETCs to file the required information. 3 The FCC also released the required reporting template, FCC Form 481, for use by all ETCs.

We understand that as in past years, certification required by 47C.F.R. § 54.314 will be made by the Public Utilities Commission for Ohio ETCs by the deadline of December 16; and that a separate Entry will be issued shortly to meet this requirement.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

Judith E. Matz
Director, Regulatory Affairs

cc: J. Reed

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| <010> Study Area Code | 300590 |
| <015> Study Area Name | BENTON RIDGE TEL CO |
| <020> Program Year | 2014 |
| <030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data | Martin L. Ellerbrock |
| <035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030> | 419-859-2144 |
| <039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030> | martin@watchtv.net |

| ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS | | Completion Required | Completion Required |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting | (complete attached worksheet) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <200> Outage Reporting (voice) | (complete attached worksheet) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <210> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <-- check box if no outages to report | | | |
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| <310> Detail on Attempts (voice) | (attach descriptive document) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| <410> Fixed | 0.0 | | |
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| <440> Fixed | | | |
| <450> Mobile | | | |
| <500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance | (check to indicate certification) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <510> 300590oh510 | (attach descriptive document) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <600> Functionality in Emergency Situations | (check to indicate certification) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <610> 300590oh610 | (attach descriptive document) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <700> Company Price Offerings (voice) | (complete attached worksheet) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <710> Company Price Offerings (broadband) | (complete attached worksheet) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <800> Operating Companies and Affiliates | (complete attached worksheet) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? | (if yes, complete attached worksheet) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability | (check to indicate certification) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1010> | (attach descriptive document) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1100> Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)? | (if not, check to indicate certification) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1110> | (complete attached worksheet) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers | (complete attached worksheet) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet
including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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| <2005> | (complete attached worksheet) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet

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**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

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| <030> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data | Martin L. Ellenbrook |
| <035> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> | 419-859-2144 |
| <039> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> | martin@watchtv.net |
| <110> | Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing "5 year plan" filed with the FCC? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> (yes / no) <input type="radio"/> (yes / no) |
| <111> | | |

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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<113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
 <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
 <115> How (USF) was used to improve service quality
 <116> How (USF) was used to improve service coverage
 <117> How (USF) was used to improve service capacity
 <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

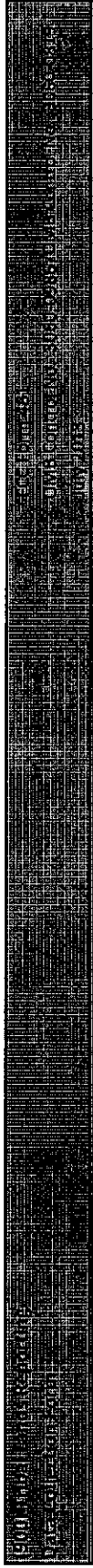
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<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

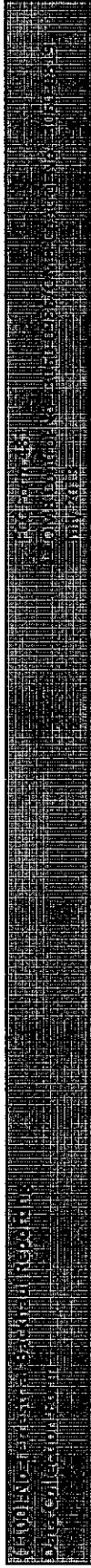
<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each of these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

| Select (Yes, No, NA) | |
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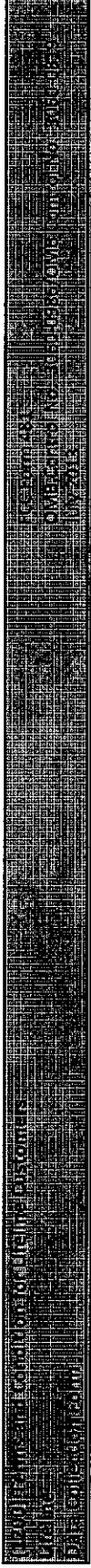
- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions;
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.



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Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) ☐

Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) ☐



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| <1210> | Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans | 300590oh1210 |
| <1220> | Link to Public Website | HTTP |

Name of attached document (.pdf)

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

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| Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting | | |
| <2010> | 2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <2011> | 3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2)) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a)) | | |
| <2012> | 2013 Frozen Support Certification | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| <2014> | 2015 Frozen Support Certification | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <2015> | 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d)) | | |
| <2016> | Certification Support Used to Build Broadband | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e)) | | |
| <2017> | 3rd year Broadband Service Certification | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <2018> | 5th year Broadband Service Certification | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <2019> | Interim Progress Certification | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <2020> | Please check the box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <2021> | Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions | |
| | | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information |

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| <03> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data | Martin L. Ellertbrock |
| <03S> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <03> | 419-859-2114 |
| <03P> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <03> | martin@zeatvco.net |

CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

| Progress Report on 5 Year Plan | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information | (Yes/No) |
|--|--|---|
| (3010) Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)) Please check this box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3012, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3011) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)) is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)) if yes, does your company file the RUS annual report. Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires: Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers) | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No) <input type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No) |
| (3015) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3016) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3017) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3018) If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3019) Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3020) If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers, | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3021) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3022) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification. | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3023) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3024) Attach the worksheet listing required information | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3025) Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information | | 300590ch3026 |
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

| Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients | |
|---|--|
| I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate. | |
| Name of Reporting Carrier: | BENTON RIDGE TEL CO |
| Signature of Authorized Officer: | CERTIFIED ONLINE Date 10/03/2013 |
| Printed name of Authorized Officer: | Ken Williams |
| Title or position of Authorized Officer: | President/CEO |
| Telephone number of Authorized Officer: | 419-859-2144 |
| Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: | 300590 Filing Due Date for this form: 10/15/2013 |
| Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001. | |

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

| Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier | |
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| I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate. | |
| Name of Authorized Agent: _____ | |
| Name of Reporting Carrier: _____ | |
| Signature of Authorized Officer: _____ | Date: _____ |
| Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____ | |
| Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____ | |
| Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____ | |
| Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____ | Filing Due Date for this form: _____ |
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

| Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier | |
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| I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate. | |
| Name of Reporting Carrier: _____ | |
| Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____ | |
| Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____ | Date: _____ |
| Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____ | |
| Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____ | |
| Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____ | |
| Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____ | Filing Due Date for this form: _____ |
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Attachments

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| <810> | Reporting Carrier | Benton Ridge Telephone Company |
| <811> | Holding Company | Benton Ridge Telephone Company |
| <812> | Operating Company | Benton Ridge Telephone Company |

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Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Compliance

BENTON RIDGE TEL CO

Benton Ridge Telephone Company (“the Company”) complies with the applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules as required by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and the Federal Communications Commission.

Service quality standards for Ohio telephone companies are described in Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4901:1-6, Telephone Company Procedures and Standards. The Company meets or exceeds those standards. The specific rates, terms, and conditions under which the Company operates are outlined in its Basic Local Exchange Service Tariff. The Company's tariff contains provisions regarding billing and payment for service, the classification of business and residential rates, disconnection and cancellation of service. Rates and terms of service are disclosed to customers upon application for service.

The Company complies with the FCC's Customer Proprietary Network Information (“CPNI”) rules. Certification of the Company's CPNI compliance and a description of the Company's operating procedures that ensure compliance are filed annually with the FCC. The Company also complies with the Federal Trade Commission's Red Flags rules to prevent identity theft. Company manuals for CPNI and Red Flags are provided to staff, and employee training is conducted annually. New hires receive instruction when required by their job functions.

Functionality in Emergency Situations

BENTON RIDGE TEL CO

Benton Ridge Telephone Company (“the Company”) has the ability to remain functional in emergency situations.

The Company has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source. The battery systems at the switching and remote offices will provide forty-eight hours of back-up power. In addition, fixed propane generators will recharge the battery systems indefinitely. The rural nodes have eight-hour battery back-up, and three mobile gasoline generators are used to recharge the nodes’ batteries. Customers with fiber-to-the-home service also have batteries installed in their homes, which provide four-hour back-up.

Interexchange traffic is carried on a fiber ring. Traffic is automatically rerouted around damaged facilities.

The Company serves less than 2,000 voice customers, and there is adequate switching and transport capacity to allow the Company to manage traffic spikes due to emergency situations.

Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

BENTON RIDGE TEL CO

The terms and conditions of the voice plan offered to all customers, including Lifeline customers, are described in Benton Ridge Telephone Company's Ohio Basic Local Exchange Service Tariff. The tariff describes the local and extended area service areas to which customers may make unlimited calls with no additional charges. Since the Company provides a choice of long distance providers rather than long distance services directly, the tariff can't list the rates and charges by long distance providers which are chosen by Lifeline and other customers.

Selected tariff language follows which describes the basic terms and conditions of the voice plan offered to all Lifeline and other customers:

TARIFF DESCRIPTION

This Basic Local Exchange Service (BLES) Tariff applies to residential single-line customers and to the primary access line of business customers.

BLES is provided by Benton Ridge Telephone Company (The "Company" or "Telephone Company") in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-12, Ohio Administrative Code.

Basic local exchange service, as defined in Section 4927.01, Revised Code, means residential end-user access to, and usage of, telephone-company-provided services over a single line, or small-business-end-user access to and usage of telephone-company-provided services over the business's primary access Line of Service, which in the case of residential and small-business access and usage is not part of a bundle or package of services. BLES enables a customer to originate or receive voice communications within a local service area and consists of the following services:

- (i) Local dial tone service;
- (ii) For residential end users, flat-rate telephone exchange service;
- (iii) Touch tone dialing service;
- (iv) Access to and usage of 9-1-1 services, where such services are available;
- (v) Access to operator services and directory assistance;
- (vi) Provision of a telephone directory in any reasonable format for no additional charge and a listing in that directory, with reasonable accommodations made for private listings;
- (vii) Per call, caller identification blocking services;
- (viii) Access to telecommunications relay service; and
- (ix) Access to toll presubscription, interexchange or toll providers or both, and networks of other telephone companies.

EXCHANGE RATES

BENTON RIDGE EXCHANGE

The rates hereunder entitle subscribers in the Benton Ridge Exchange to make calls, without additional charge, to the Gilboa, Mt. Cory and Pandora exchanges of Orwell Telephone Company and the Findlay Exchange of SBC Ohio.

- A. Within the Base Rate Area, comprising the territory within the corporate limits of the Village of Benton Ridge as said corporate limits existed as of the date of this tariff sheet:

| | <u>Business</u> | <u>Monthly Rates</u> | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--|
| | | <u>Max.</u> <u>Rate</u> | <u>Residence</u> <u>Max.</u> <u>Rate</u> |
| Individual access line, each | \$29.20 | \$29.20 | \$16.30 |

- B. Outside the Benton Ridge Exchange Base Rate Area, the following rates apply:

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Individual access line, each | \$29.20 | \$29.20 | \$16.30 | \$16.30 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|

Individual line business service will be furnished at the rates specified above plus a monthly mileage charge of 75 cents for each quarter mile or fraction thereof, air line measurement, between Base Rate Area boundary and the subscriber's location.

NORTH CREEK EXCHANGE

The rates hereunder entitle subscribers in the North Creek Exchange to make calls, without additional charge, to the Continental and Miller City exchanges of the Continental Telephone Company; the New Bavaria Exchange of Benton Ridge Telephone Company and the Leipsic exchange of Orwell Telephone Company.

- A. Within the Base Rate Area, comprising the town plat of the unincorporated Village of North Creek as said town plat existed as of the date of this tariff sheet:

| | <u>Business</u> | <u>Monthly Rates</u> | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--|
| | | <u>Max.</u> <u>Rate</u> | <u>Residence</u> <u>Max.</u> <u>Rate</u> |
| Individual access line, each | \$29.20 | \$29.20 | \$16.30 |

- B. Outside the North Creek Exchange Base Rate Area, the following rates apply:

| | <u>Business</u> | <u>Monthly Rates</u> | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--|
| | | <u>Max.</u> <u>Rate</u> | <u>Residence</u> <u>Max.</u> <u>Rate</u> |
| Individual access line, each | \$29.20 | \$29.20 | \$16.30 |

Individual line business service will be furnished at the rates specified above plus a monthly mileage charge of 75 cents for each quarter mile or fraction thereof, air line measurement, between Base Rate Area boundary and subscriber's location.

NEW BAVARIA EXCHANGE

The rates hereunder entitle subscribers in the New Bavaria Exchange to make calls, without additional charge, to the Ayersville Exchange of Ayersville Telephone Company; the Miller City Exchange of Continental Telephone Company; the North Creek Exchange of Benton

Ridge Telephone Company; and the Hamler and Holgate exchanges of United Telephone Company dba Sprint.

- A. Within the Base Rate Area, comprising the territory within the corporate limits of the date of this tariff sheet:

| | <u>Business</u> | <u>Monthly Rates</u> | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| | | <u>Max. Rate</u> | <u>Residence Max. Rate</u> |
| Individual access line, each | \$29.20 | \$29.20 | \$16.30 |

- B. Outside the New Bavaria Base Rate Area, the following rates apply:

| | <u>Business</u> | <u>Monthly Rates</u> | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| | | <u>Max. Rate</u> | <u>Residence Max. Rate</u> |
| Individual access line, each | \$29.20 | \$29.20 | \$16.30 |

Individual line business service will be furnished at the rates specified above plus a monthly mileage charge of 75 cents for each quarter mile or fraction thereof, air line measurement, between Base Rate Area Boundary and the subscriber's location.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, RATES AND CHARGES

- A. PER CALL BLOCKING

Enables customers to prevent the disclosure of their telephone number on a per call basis to the called party. The disclosure of the calling party's number can be prevented on a per call basis by dialing a preassigned access code before making a call. This action must be repeated each time a call is made to prevent the disclosure of the calling party's telephone number. If the called party has a display device, a privacy indication will appear instead of the calling party's telephone number. Per Call Blocking will be provided on a universal basis to all eligible customers at no charge. To activate, dial *67 from a touch-tone phone or 1167 from a rotary dial phone.

- B. The following charges shall apply for customer initiated services on a non-recurring basis:

| <u>Service Connection Charges</u> | <u>Business</u> | <u>Residence</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Service Order | \$10.00 | \$7.00 |
| Central Office | 12.00 | 10.00 |
| Visitation | 10.00 * | 8.00 * |
| Restoral of Service | 14.00 ** | 12.00 ** |
| Move (off premise) | 27.00 ** | 25.00 ** |

Customer-Owned Equipment Test Charge: Applicable when, at the subscriber's request, a visit is made to the subscriber's premises and subscriber-provided terminal equipment is identified by the Company as having caused the trouble and is in need of repair. The Company does not provide repair services for subscriber-provided terminal equipment: \$30.00 (Business and Residence)

* Plus a loaded labor wage rate to be billed at \$6.00 for each quarter hour, plus Service Order and Central Office charges, plus material.

** Rate listed is in addition to Service Order and Central Office charges.

C. TOUCH TONE

Touch Tone service is included in the monthly local exchange rates for subscribers with touch tone service as of November 1, 2012.

Customers with rotary dial service as of November 1, 2012, will be grandfathered and their monthly access line rate will not change. However, any subsequent change to service, or disconnection followed by reconnection, will result in the loss of the grandfathering exception and will require that the customer to upgrade to touch tone service. Customers may upgrade from rotary dial service to touch tone service at no additional service charge.

D. TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES (TRS)

Customers may be assessed a monthly charge per line to fund the Telecommunications Relay Services for the State of Ohio in accordance with section 4905.84 of the Revised Code. This charge shall in no event exceed the per end user line (or equivalent) assessment of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio levied upon the Company.

E. DELAYED PAYMENT

Applicable if payment for all charges for service is not made on or before 20 days after the billing date
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LIFELINE REQUIREMENTS

The Company shall provide Lifeline service as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.401 (a) on a non-discriminatory basis to all qualifying low-income customers. The Company's Lifeline service offering shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, including, but not limited to, 47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart E; the FCC's Lifeline reform order (Report and Order released February 6, 2012, WC Docket No. 11-42, et. al) and any subsequent clarifying orders; Section 4927.13, Revised Code; Rule 490 I: 1-6-19, Ohio Administrative Code; and, the Commission's nontraditional Lifeline service order (Finding and Order adopted May 23, 2012, Case No. 10-2377-TP-COI) and any subsequent entries and/or orders.



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Officer Certification of Financial Statements

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier. My responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of financial reporting. I hereby certify that Benton Ridge Telephone Company was not separately audited in the ordinary course of business in the preceding fiscal year and the attached financial information is in accordance with the accounts and other records of our system and to the best of my knowledge and belief the information reported is accurate. I also certify that the underlying information has been subjected to review by an independent certified public accountant.

Ken Williams

Signature

10/2/13

Date

Ken Williams

President/CEO

| (3005a) Operating Report for Privately-Held Rate of Return Carriers | | FCC Form 481 | | | |
|---|-----------------------|---|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Balance Sheet - Data Collection Form | | OMB Control No. 3060-0986 | | | |
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| CERTIFICATION | | | | | |
| We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief. | | | | | |
| Signature | | Date | | | |
| PART A. BALANCE SHEET | | | | | |
| ASSETS | BALANCE PRIOR YEAR | BALANCE END OF PERIOD | LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | BALANCE PRIOR YEAR | BALANCE END OF PERIOD |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| 1. Cash and Equivalents | | | 25. Accounts Payable | | |
| 2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund | | | 26. Notes Payable | | |
| 3. Affiliates: | | | 27. Advance Billings and Payments | | |
| a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable | | | 28. Customer Deposits | | |
| b. Other Accounts Receivable | | | 29. Current Mat. L/T Debt | | |
| c. Notes Receivable | | | 30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev. | | |
| 4. Non-Affiliates: | | | 31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases | | |
| a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable | | | 32. Income Taxes Accrued | | |
| b. Other Accounts Receivable | | | 33. Other Taxes Accrued | | |
| c. Notes Receivable | | | 34. Other Current Liabilities | | |
| 5. Interest and Dividends Receivable | | | 35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34) | 738396 | 3009216 |
| 6. Material-Regulated | | | LONG-TERM DEBT | | |
| 7. Material-Nonregulated | | | 36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes | | |
| 8. Prepayments | | | 37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes | | |
| 9. Other Current Assets | | | 38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes | | |
| 10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9) | 2875975 | 2751794 | 39. Funded Debt-Other | | |
| | | | 40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan | | |
| NONCURRENT ASSETS | | | 41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt | | |
| 11. Investment in Affiliated Companies | | | 42. Recquired Debt | | |
| a. Rural Development | | | 43. Obligations Under Capital Lease | | |
| b. Nonrural Development | | | 44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies | | |
| 12. Other Investments | | | 45. Other Long-Term Debt | | |
| a. Rural Development | | | 46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45) | 683644 | 650986 |
| b. Nonrural Development | | | OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS | | |
| 13. Nonregulated Investments | | | 47. Other Long-Term Liabilities | | |
| 14. Other Noncurrent Assets | | | 48. Other Deferred Credits | | |
| 15. Deferred Charges | | | 49. Other Jurisdictional Differences | | |
| 16. Jurisdictional Differences | | | 50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49) | 845870 | 744288 |
| 17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16) | 9353692 | 11253862 | EQUITY | | |
| | | | 51. Cap. Stock Outstanding & Subscribed | | |
| PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT | | | 52. Additional Paid-in-Capital | | |
| 18. Telecom, Plant-In-Service | | | 53. Treasury Stock | | |
| 19. Property Held for Future Use | | | 54. Membership and Cap. Certificates | | |
| 20. Plant Under Construction | | | 55. Other Capital | | |
| 21. Plant Adj., Nongp. Plant & Goodwill | | | 56. Patronage Capital Credits | | |
| 22. Less Accumulated Depreciation | | | 57. Retained Earnings or Margins | | |
| 23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22) | 2403569 | 2505193 | 58. Total Equity (51 thru 57) | 12365326 | 12106359 |
| | | | | | |
| 24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23) | 14633236 | 16510849 | 59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58) | 14633236 | 16510849 |

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| PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS | | |
|---|------------|-----------|
| ITEM | PRIOR YEAR | THIS YEAR |
| 1. Local Network Services Revenues | | |
| 2. Network Access Services Revenues | | |
| 3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues | | |
| 4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues | | |
| 5. Miscellaneous Revenues | | |
| 6. Uncollectible Revenues | | |
| 7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6) | 1226424 | 1124034 |
| 8. Plant Specific Operations Expense | | |
| 9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization) | | |
| 10. Depreciation Expense | | |
| 11. Amortization Expense | | |
| 12. Customer Operations Expense | | |
| 13. Corporate Operations Expense | | |
| 14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13) | 1099863 | 1220646 |
| 15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14) | 126561 | -96612 |
| 16. Other Operating Income and Expenses | | |
| 17. State and Local Taxes | | |
| 18. Federal Income Taxes | | |
| 19. Other Taxes | | |
| 20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19) | 45702 | -30071 |
| 21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20) | 80859 | -66541 |
| 22. Interest on Funded Debt | | |
| 23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases | | |
| 24. Other Interest Expense | | |
| 25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction | | |
| 26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25) | 4643 | 19588 |
| 27. Nonoperating Net Income | | |
| 28. Extraordinary Items | | |
| 29. Jurisdictional Differences | | |
| 30. Nonregulated Net Income | | |
| 31. Total Net Income or margins (21+27+28+29+30-26) | 210226 | 5158 |
| 32. Total Taxes Based on Income | | |
| 33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year | | |
| 34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date | | |
| 35. Dividends Declared (Common) | | |
| 36. Dividends Declared (Preferred) | | |
| 37. Other Debits Year-to-Date | | |
| 38. Transfers to Patronage Capital | | |
| 39. Retained Earnings or Margins end-of-Period [(31+33+34)-(35+36+37+38)] | 12590018 | 12361026 |
| 40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year | | |
| 41. Transfers to Patronage Capital | | |
| 42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired | | |
| 43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42) | 0 | 0 |
| 44. Annual Debt Service Payments | | |
| 45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11)/7] | 130431 | 139408 |
| 46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26)/7] | 164315 | 172880 |
| 47. TIER [(31+26)/25] | 46 | 1 |
| 48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11)/44] | 10169 | 5442 |

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| PART C. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS | |
|--|---------|
| 1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund) | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | |
| 2. Net Income | |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities | |
| 3. Add: Depreciation | |
| 4. Add: Amortization | |
| 5. Other (Explain) | |
| Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities | |
| 6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable | |
| 7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory | |
| 8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges | |
| 9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets | |
| 10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable | |
| 11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments | |
| 12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities | |
| 13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations | 878559 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | |
| 14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable | |
| 15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable | |
| 16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits | |
| 17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities) | |
| 18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits | |
| 19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital | |
| 20. Less: Payment of Dividends | |
| 21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired | |
| 22. Other (Explain) | |
| 23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities | 156064 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | |
| 24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment) | |
| 25. Other Long-Term Investments | |
| 26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences | |
| 27. Other (Explain) | |
| 28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities | -322341 |
| 29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash | 712282 |
| 30. Ending Cash | 1377984 |