

Via E-FILE November 27, 2013

Ms. Betty McCauley, Docketing Division Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street, 13th Floor Columbus, OH 43215-0573

Re: United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink Tariff Filing

Case No. 90-5041-TP-TRF and Case No. 13-2272 -TP-ATA

Dear Ms. McCauley:

Enclosed is a tariff filing in the above referenced case numbers for United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink. The following tariff sheet is enclosed:

Section 1, First Revised Sheet 6

The purpose of the filing is to revise the terms and conditions associated with late payment charges by eliminating the minimum dollar amount used as the threshold for the application of late payment charges.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please call me or Gary Baki at (614) 220-8629.

Sincerely,

/s/ Debra A. Levy

Debra A. Levy

**Enclosures** 

cc: Gary Baki Ann Prockish

OH 13-07

#### 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.

n the Matter of the Application of United Telephone  Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink to Modify the Terms of Conditions for Late Payment Charges.  TRF Docket No. 90-5041-TP-TRF  Case No. 13- 2272 -TP-ATA  NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave the "Case No" fields BLANK.
Name of Registrant(s) United Telephone Company of Ohio
DBA(s) of Registrant(s) <u>CenturyLink</u>
Address of Registrant(s) 100 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe, LA 71203
Company Web Address <u>www.centurylink.com</u>
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Gary Baki Phone 614-220-8629 Fax 614-224-3902
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address gary.s.baki@centurylink.com
Contact Person for Annual Report Ken Buchan Phone 318-362-1538
Address (if different from above)100 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe, LA 71203
Consumer Contact Information Donna Powell Phone 866-883-7206
Address (if different from above)
Notion for protective order included with filing?  Yes  No
Notion for waiver(s) filed affecting this case? Tyes 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)
В	The Tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s), reflecting the change, with the change(s) marked in the
	right margin.
С	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  ☑ Other (explain below	7)	For Pro	fit ILEC	Not For I	Profit ILEC	CI	LEC	
Change terms & conditions of existing BLES		ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)		ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)		ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)		
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge, or fee to BLES							ΓΑ <u>1-6-14(H)</u> 30 days)	
Introduce or Increase Late	Payment	ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)		ATA <u>1-6-14(1)</u> (Auto 30 days)			ΓΑ <u>1-6-14(I)</u> 30 days)	
Revisions to BLES Cap.		ZTA <u>1-6-14(F)</u> (0 day Notice)						
Introduce BLES or expand service area (calling area)	l local	ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)		ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)			TTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)	
Notice of no obligation to construct facilities and provide BLES		ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day Notice)		ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day Notice)				
Change BLES Rates		TRF <u>1-6-14(F)</u> (0 day Notice)		TRF <u>1-6-14(F)(4)</u> (0 day Notice)		TRF <u>1-6-14(G)</u> (0 day Notice)		
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility		BLS <u>1-6-14</u> (C)(1)(c) (Auto 30 days)						
Change in boundary		ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)		ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)				
Expand service operation area						RF <u>1-6-08(G)</u> (0 day)		
BLES withdrawal							TA <u>1-6-25(B)</u> Notice)	
Other* (explain) Revise	the terms and	conditions fo	r Late Payme	nt Charges.				
Section I – Part II – Cu	stomer Not	ification Of	ferings Pur	suant to Chapt	er <u>4901:1-6-7</u>	OAC		
Type of Notice	Direc	et Mail	Bill	Insert	Bill Nota	ition	Electronic Mail	
☐ 15-day Notice								
⊠ 30-day Notice								
Date Notice Sent: Messaging began with customer bills issued on November 15, 2013.								
Section I – Part III –IOS Offerings Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-22 OAC								
IOS	Introdu	ice New	Tariff	Change	Price Cha	ange	Withdraw	
□ IOS	Γ				П		П	

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

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

<sup>\*</sup>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		ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)	ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)
Change of Official Name *	ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership *	ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Merger *	AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transfer a Certificate *	ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)

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

#### 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, CenturyLink, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

Debra A. Levy 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 November 27, 2013 at Overland Park, Kansas \* /s/ Debra A. Levy, Tariff Analyst November 27, 2013 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, Debra A. Levy, 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. \* /s/ Debra A. Levy, Tariff Analyst November 27, 2013 \*Verification is required for every filing. It may be signed by counsel or an officer of the applicant, or an authorized agent of

Send your completed Application Form, including all required attachments as well as the required number of copies, to:

the applicant.

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

# **EXHIBIT A**

#### P.U.C.O. NO. 5 GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

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#### **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

#### VII. LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

A late payment charge of one and one-half (1.5%) percent or \$5.00, whichever is greater, will be applied to the current month's residential customer bills which remain unpaid after the due date. The late payment charge will not be applied until the unpaid balance reaches \$32.00 or more on all regulated services. Each residential customer account shall be permitted a one-time waiver of a monthly late payment charge in cases where the customer has already paid the monthly bill for which the late payment charge was applied, and upon the request of the customer.

A late payment charge of one and one-half (1.5%) percent or \$10.00, whichever is greater, will be applied to the current month's business customer bills which remain unpaid after the due date. The late payment charge will not be applied until the unpaid balance reaches \$10.00 or more on all regulated services.

- A. Payments will not be considered delinquent if the account is paid in full by the due date. The due date printed on the bill will not be sooner than nineteen days after the postmark on the bill.
- B. The late payment charge will not be applied to any amount billed as taxes by federal, state or local governments.
- C. The late payment charge will not be applied to any previous late payment charges.
- D. The late payment charge will not apply to any Interexchange Carrier billing to which a late payment fee has already been rendered by an Interexchange Carrier.
- E. The late payment charge will not apply to amounts that are in dispute.
- F. Late payment charges will not apply to service order charges associated with commencement of Lifeline service.

# **EXHIBIT B**

#### P.U.C.O. NO. 5 GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

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(D) (D)

Each residential customer account shall be permitted a one-time waiver of a monthly late payment charge in cases where the customer has already paid the monthly bill for which the late payment charge was applied, and upon the request of the customer.

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- D. The late payment charge will not apply to any Interexchange Carrier billing to which a late payment fee has already been rendered by an Interexchange Carrier.
- E. The late payment charge will not apply to amounts that are in dispute.
- F. Late payment charges will not apply to service order charges associated with commencement of Lifeline service.

Issued: November 27, 2013 Effective: January 1, 2014

### **EXHIBIT C**

The purpose of this tariff filing is to modify the terms and conditions for late payment charges by eliminating the minimum dollar amount threshold for the application of the charges. Today, an unpaid balance on a bill of at least \$10 for business accounts and \$32 for residence accounts will incur late payment charges after the due date of the bill. Effective January 1, 2014, late payment charges will apply to any amount that is unpaid after the due date. The amount of the late payment charge will not change and is calculated as 1.5% of the balance due or \$5, whichever is greater, for residence customers and 1.5% of the balance due or \$10, whichever is greater, for business customers.

# **EXHIBIT D**

## UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF OHIO d/b/a CENTURYLINK CUSTOMER NOTICE

In compliance with OAC 4901:1-6-07 Customer Notice Requirements, United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink sent the following bill messages on customer bills beginning November 15, 2013.

#### **RESIDENCE**

Our goal at CenturyLink is to provide you with the best possible service and timely information regarding changes that impact your account. Effective January 1, 2014, CenturyLink will begin applying a late payment charge to accounts with any unpaid balance after the due date. Currently, a late payment charge applies when the unpaid balance is \$32 or more. The amount of the late payment charge will not change, and is calculated as 1.5% of the balance due or \$5, whichever is greater. If you have any questions, please contact a Customer Care Representative at the telephone number printed on your bill. Thank you for choosing CenturyLink for your communication needs—we value you as our customer.

#### **BUSINESS**

Our goal at CenturyLink is to provide you with the best possible service and timely information regarding changes that impact your account. Effective January 1, 2014, CenturyLink will begin applying a late payment charge to accounts with any unpaid balance remaining after the due date. Currently, a late payment charge applies when the unpaid balance is \$10 or more. The amount of the late payment charge will not change and is calculated as 1.5% of the balance due or \$10, whichever is greater. If you have any questions, please contact a Customer Care Representative at the telephone number printed on your bill. Thank you for choosing CenturyLink for your communication needs—we value you as our customer.

#### CUSTOMER NOTICE AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF: KANSAS

SS:

COUNTY OF: JOHNSON

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

I, Debra A. Levy, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf. I attest that customer notices accompanying this affidavit were sent to affected customers through bill messages beginning November 15, 2013, in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-07 (C), Ohio Administrative Code. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on November 27, 2013, Overland Park, Kansas 66211

Debra A. Lerry

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013</u> (Date)

Deba Babylon

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: /1-2/-2017

Notary Public State of Kansas

Debra Babylon

My Appt. Exp. 11-21-2017

DEBRA BABYLON
Notary Public
State of Kansas
My Commission Expires 11-21-2017

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Summary: Tariff Filing of United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a Centurylink to revise the terms and conditions associated with late payment charges. electronically filed by Ms. Debra A Levy on behalf of United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink