

## **BENTON RIDGE TELEPHONE COMPANY**

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May 1, 2014

Via Electronic Filing

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

RE: In the Matter of the Application of Benton Ridge Telephone Company to Increase its BLES Rates and Related Maximum Rates Case No. 14-0769-TP-ZTA

Attached for filing in the above-mentioned case is our Affidavit regarding the required customer notice that we mailed to our customers on May 1, 2014.

Thank you for your assistance. Please contact me at 419-859-2144 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Martin L. Ellebrock

Martin L. Ellerbrock Office Manager

Attachments

## Affidavit

I, <u>Martin L. Ellerbrock</u>, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, Benton Ridge Telephone Company, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf. I attest that the customer notice accompanying this affidavit was sent to affected customers as a bill message on May 1, 2014, in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-07, Ohio Administrative Code. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: <u>May 1, 2014</u>

At: Benton Ridge, Ohio

Signature: Martin R. Ellerbook



Benton Ridge Telephone Company 140 Main St PO Box 180 Benton Ridge, OH 45816-0180 419-859-2144 ACCOUNT NO: TELEPHONE NO: BILL DATE: 05/01/2014 Page: 4 of 4

The carrier you have chosen for your long distance (IntraLATA) calls is

Effective June 1, 2014, our local telephone rate for residential customers will increase by \$1.25 per month, from \$16.30 to \$17.55. This increase is due to Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") rules. Many rural telephone companies, including ours, receive support from the Federal Universal Service Fund. The FCC's rules will reduce our support if our local rates are below the national average. This \$1.25 increase is required to bring our local rates more in line with the national average and to avoid a reduction in our Federal Universal Service Fund support.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 611 or (419)859-2144.



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Summary: Affidavit of Customer Notice electronically filed by Mr. Martin L Ellerbrock on behalf of Benton Ridge Telephone Company