

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 Vaughnsville Telephone Company to increase Residential and Business Individual Access Line Rates) TRF Docket No. 90-5043-TP-TRF)
) Case No. 14 - 1311 - TP - ATA)
) NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave the "Case No" fields)
) BLANK.

Name of Registrant(s) Vaughnsville Telephone Company
 DBA(s) of Registrant(s) Vaughnsville Communications
 Address of Registrant(s) 187 North Water Street, P.O. Box 127, Vaughnsville, OH 45893
 Company Web Address www.vaughnsvillecomm.com
 Regulatory Contact Person(s) Paul Fletcher Phone 419-646-3431 Fax 419-646-3616
 Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address gmvtelco@bright.net
 Contact Person for Annual Report Marty Kaplan Phone 419-646-3431
 Address (if different from above) _____
 Consumer Contact Information Marty Kaplan Phone 419-646-3431
 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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	Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local	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	Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local
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, Vaughnsville Telephone Company, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

Martha J. Kaplan, Secretary-Treasurer
(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.

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

Executed on (Date) July 29, 2014 at (Location) Vaughnsville, OH

*(Signature and Title) /s/ Martha J. Kaplan (Date) July 29, 2014
Martha J. Kaplan, Secretary-Treasurer

- *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, Martha J. Kaplan 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/ Martha J. Kaplan, Secretary-Treasurer (Date) July 29, 2014

**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

Exhibit A

Existing Affected Tariff Pages

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EXCHANGE RATES

Within the exchange area, subscribers may call, without additional charge, subscribers in the Columbus Grove, Gomer, Rimer, Cairo, Kalida and Lima exchanges;

RATES AND THEIR REGULATIONS

The Base Rate Area is described as follows:

The entire East one-half (1/2) of Section ten (10) and the entire West one-half (1/2) of Section eleven (11) in Sugar Creek Township, County of Putnam, State of Ohio.

<u>BUSINESS</u>	<u>MONTHLY RATE</u>
Individual Access Line	\$10.77
<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>MONTHLY RATE</u>
Individual Access Line	\$9.33
<u>PAYPHONES</u>	<u>MONTHLY RATE</u>
Individual Access Line	\$10.77
Coin Supervision Additive	\$ 7.20

LATE PAYMENT FEE

A late payment fee of \$3.00 will be assessed if all charges are not paid at least nineteen days after the postmark on the customer's bill. The late payment charge will not apply to any portion of the bill that is in bona fide dispute, any previous late payment fees included in the amount due, or to service establishment charges for lifeline services. Late payment fees are to be applied without discrimination. This Late Payment Fee will not be charged unless the unpaid balance on the customer's account exceeds \$20.00.

GRADED SERVICE OUTSIDE THE BASE RATE AREA

Individual Residential and Business service will be furnished outside the Base Rate Area of the exchange at the rate which is provided for such service in the Base Rate Area, plus the following rates for the distance beyond the Base Rate Area assigned by bands or zones surrounding the Base Rate Area:

- Band 1 – Base Rate Area Rate plus \$1.00 per month
- Band 2 – Base Rate Area Rate plus \$2.00 per month
- Band 3 – Base Rate Area Rate plus \$3.00 per month
- Band 4 – Base Rate Area Rate plus \$4.00 per month

EXCHANGE RATES (Continued)

BAND OR ZONE DESCRIPTION

In general each band or zone is a strip approximating one (1) mile in width surrounding the Base Rate Area and/or each preceding zone. Zone perimeters are described as follows:

Band 1

A rectangular shape being approximately two (2) mile on each side. The south boundary is the Putnam-Allen County line. The west boundary line is a line one-hundred fifty (150) feet west of but parallel to Rd. 17. The north line lies one-hundred-fifty (150) feet south of but parallel to Rd. S. The east boundary, a north south line two-thousand feet west of but parallel to the north-south Putnam-Allen County line.

Band 2

As a result of filed boundary lines Band 2 is irregular in shape. The south boundary coincides with the filed exchange boundary with the exception of the seventeen hundred (1700) foot service area on both sides of SR 115 south of Thomas Road that is included in Zone 3. The west boundary coincides with the west exchange boundary. The north boundary is an east-west line parallel to but lying one-hundred fifty feet (150) feet south of Rd. R. The east boundary coincides with the exchange boundary.

Band 3

The south perimeter is inclusive of those customers fronting on SR 115 within the seventeen hundred (1700) foot service area south of Thomas Rd.

The north boundary is an east-west line parallel to but lying one-hundred-fifty (150) feet south of Rd. Q. The east and west boundaries coincide with the filed exchange boundaries.

Band 4

Is represented by the east-west strip adjacent to the north boundary line of Band 3. The service area for Band 4 is defined by the filed Exchange Boundary depicted on the map.

Zone Rates are not applicable for two party or multi-party service outside Base Rate Area.

MISCELLANEOUS RATES AND CHARGES

1. Tele-Tone Touch Calling

a. General

Tele-Tone Touch Calling Service provides for the origination of telephone calls through the use of telephone instruments equipped with push buttons, in place of the standard rotary dial telephone instruments, and special central office equipment.

b. Rates

The monthly rate for Tele-Touch Tone Calling Service is in addition to all other applicable local exchange rates and charges for the facilities and class of service furnished.

Each exchange access line \$1.50/month

c. Conditions

- (1) Tele-Tone Touch Calling Service is furnished subject to the availability of the central office facilities.
- (2) Tele-Tone Touch Calling Service is offered only to one-party access line customers.
- (3) Telephones equipped for Tele-Tone Touch calling will be provided on a detariffed basis.

2. Calling Number Delivery Blocking (Per Call Blocking)

Allows the customer to prevent the disclosure of his telephone number on a per call basis to a called party by dialing *67 from a touch-tone phone or 1167 from a rotary dial phone. 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. This service will be provided on a universal basis, where technically possible, at no monthly charge.

All public and semi-public payphones in the Vaughnsville Telephone Company's service area will be equipped with Per Call Blocking.

3. The Telephone Company furnishes Directory Assistance Service whereby customers may request assistance in determining telephone numbers.

Exhibit B

Proposed Revised Tariff Pages

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RATES AND THEIR REGULATIONS

<u>BUSINESS</u>	<u>MONTHLY RATE</u>
Individual Access Line	\$17.44
<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>MONTHLY RATE</u>
Individual Access Line	\$16.00
<u>PAYPHONES</u>	<u>MONTHLY RATE</u>
Individual Access Line	\$17.44
Coin Supervision Additive	\$ 7.20

LATE PAYMENT FEE

A late payment fee of \$3.00 will be assessed if all charges are not paid at least nineteen days after the postmark on the customer's bill. The late payment charge will not apply to any portion of the bill that is in bona fide dispute, any previous late payment fees included in the amount due, or to service establishment charges for lifeline services. Late payment fees are to be applied without discrimination. This Late Payment Fee will not be charged unless the unpaid balance on the customer's account exceeds \$20.00.

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EXCHANGE RATES (Continued)

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MISCELLANEOUS RATES AND CHARGES

1. Tele-Tone Touch Calling

a. General

Tele-Tone Touch Calling Service, which provides for the origination of telephone calls through the use of telephone instruments equipped with push buttons in place of the standard rotary dial, is included in the Individual Access Line rates set forth in Section 1 of this tariff. Customers with rotary dial service will be grandfathered and will receive a credit of \$1.50 toward their monthly Individual Access Line rate. However, any subsequent change to service made by such a grandfathered customer will result in the loss of the grandfathering exception and will require that customer to upgrade to Tele-Tone Touch Calling service.

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2. Calling Number Delivery Blocking (Per Call Blocking)

Allows the customer to prevent the disclosure of his telephone number on a per call basis to a called party by dialing *67 from a touch-tone phone or 1167 from a rotary dial phone. 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. This service will be provided on a universal basis, where technically possible, at no monthly charge.

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3. The Telephone Company furnishes Directory Assistance Service whereby customers may request assistance in determining telephone numbers.

Exhibit C

Narrative Summarizing Change(s)

Vaughnsville Telephone Company, a not-for-profit ILEC, hereby seeks to (1) increase the monthly rates for individual access lines, (2) integrate its Tele-Tone Touch Calling (touch-tone) rates into its individual access line rates, and (3) eliminate its banded rate structure for individual access lines.

In the recent FCC USF/ICC Reform Order, the FCC states that they want to avoid situations where some customers are subsidizing the cost of service for those that pay local service rates that are significantly lower than the national urban average. The FCC will therefore limit high cost loop support where local end-user rates do not meet an urban rate floor. In order to continue to receive full high cost loop support, Vaughnsville Telephone Company is required to have local rates that are comparable to the national urban average.

Integrating Tele-Tone Touch Calling rates into Individual Access Line rates will eliminate a line item charge on most customers' bills, which results in a simpler bill. Currently, six (6) customers remain on rotary dial service. Those customers will be grandfathered and will receive a credit each month of the Tele-Tone Touch Calling rate that will now be included in all customers' individual access line rates. However, upon any change to service, those customers must upgrade to touch-tone service. The Applicant will inform grandfathered customers at the time they make such a change to their service that the change will result in an upgrade to touch-tone service and of the subsequent loss of the credit.

Eliminating the banded rate structure will eliminate a line item charge on many customers' bills, which results in a simpler bill and a single, exchange-wide rate that is easier to understand. Currently, one hundred twenty-nine (129) customers are located in the banded areas outside the base rate area. Those customers will no longer receive a band charge in addition to the base rate amount. However, because of the proposed rate increase, all customers will experience an increase in rates after the elimination of the banded rate structure.

Exhibit D

Customer Notice and Affidavit

Customer Notice

Effective September 1, 2014, the monthly residential Individual Access Line charge will increase to \$16.00 and the monthly business Individual Access Line charge will increase to \$17.44. At the same time, the current rate band structure will be eliminated and the new exchange-wide rates will become effective.

Many rural telephone companies, including Vaughnsville Telephone Company, receive support from the Federal Universal Service Fund (USF) to help keep rates affordable. New FCC rules reduce such support if a telephone company's local residential rates are below the national urban average. The rate increase for individual access lines is necessary to bring our local service rates more in line with the national average and to avoid a reduction in our USF support.

Also effective September 1, 2014, the charge for Tele-Tone Touch Calling service (touch-tone) will be included in your monthly individual access line rate and will no longer appear as a separate line item on the bill. Customers who have rotary dial service will be "grandfathered" and will receive a credit of \$1.50 for the touch-tone amount. However, any change in service made by a customer who has rotary dial service will result in an upgrade to touch-tone and the loss of the touch-tone credit.

Vaughnsville Telephone Company's last rate increase was 22 years ago.

Since Vaughnsville Telephone Company bills one month in advance, subscribers will see the increase on their September statement. For more information contact Vaughnsville Telephone Company at 419-646-3431.

Affidavit

I, Martha J. Kaplan, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, Vaughnsville Telephone Company, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf. I attest that the customer notice accompanying this affidavit was sent to the affected customers as a bill insert on July 29, 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: July 29, 2014

At: Vaughnsville, Ohio

Signature:

Martha Kaplan
Secretary - Treasurer

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Case No(s). 14-1311-TP-ATA

Summary: Application of Vaughnsville Telephone Company to increase Residential and Business Individual Access Line Rates electronically filed by Richard W. Jordan on behalf of Vaughnsville Telephone Company