

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM

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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 Nova Telephone
Company to

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TRF Docket No. 90-5030-TP-TRF _____

Case No. 16 - 0473 - **TP** - ZTA

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

Name of Registrant(s) Nova Telephone Company

DBA(s) of Registrant(s) _____

Address of Registrant(s) 255 Township Road 791 Nova, Ohio 44859

Company Web Address _____

Regulatory Contact Person(s) Charles D. Mattingly, Jr.

Phone 903-663-0099

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Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address Charlie@kclenterprises.net

Contact Person for Annual Report Charles D. Mattingly, Jr.

Phone 903-663-0099

Address (if different from above) P O Box 733 Judson, Texas 75660

Consumer Contact Information Kimberly Starr

Phone 903-663-0099

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> For Profit ILEC	<input 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 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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	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, Charles D. Mattingly Jr., am an officer/agent of the applicant corporation,
Nova Telephone Company, and I am authorized to make this statement on its

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) 2/18/2016

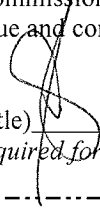
at (Location) Longview, Texas

*(Signature and Title)  (Date) 2/18/2016

- *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, Charles D. Mattingly, Jr. 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)  (Date) 2/18/2016

**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

THE NOVA TELEPHONE COMPANY

ORIGINAL TITLE SHEET

P.U.C.O. NO. 5

THE NOVA TELEPHONE COMPANY

TELEPHONE SERVICE TARIFF

GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICE TARIFF
P.U.C.O. No. 5

SUBJECT	TARIFF	SECTION	SHEET
Exchange Rates	5	1	1
Explanation of Symbols	5	Preface	2
Extended Local Calling Service (ELCS)	5	1	3
General Regulations	5	3	14-15
Installations	5	2	1
IntraLATA Presubscription	5	5	1-3
Liability of Telephone Company	5	3	14
Lifeline/Link-Up Requirements	5	2	2-5
General	5	2	2
Regulations	5	2	2-4
Enrollment Process	5	2	4
Income Eligibility	5	2	4-5
Verification for Continued Eligibility	5	2	5
Line Extensions	5	3	10
Maintenance and Repair	5	3	6
Misuse of Facilities	5	3	4-5
Non-Recurring Service Charges	5	2	1
Obligation & Liability of Telephone Co.	5	3	1-2
Obligation of Customer	5	3	14-15
Ownership and Use of Equipment	5	3	3

PUCO NO. 5
LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFF
NOVA EXCHANGE RATES

The following identified service rates entitle the subscribers of telephone service to call, without additional charge, the subscribers of the Nova Exchange and Sullivan Exchange of The Nova Telephone Company. In addition, the subscribers are authorized two-way, nonoptional, flat-rate extended area service between The Nova Telephone Company and the Ashland Exchange of Verizon North Inc.

The following listed rates for local exchange telephone service shall apply within the exchange area as depicted on The Nova Telephone Company Exchange Map (Section 1, Sheet No. 3 P.U.C.O. No. 4, Local Exchange Tariff).

CLASS OF SERVICE	EXCHANGE ACCESS CHARGE	COIN SUPERVISION CHARGE
One Party Business	\$24.25	
One Party Residence	\$16.80	
One Party Coin Operated Telephone	\$24.25	\$7.20

PUCO NO. 5
LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFF
SULLIVAN EXCHANGE RATES

The following identified service rates entitle the subscribers of telephone service to call, without additional charge, the subscribers of the Sullivan Exchange and Nova Exchange of The Nova Telephone Company and the Polk Exchange of Verizon North Inc. In addition, the subscribers are authorized two-way, nonoptional, flat-rate extended area service between The Nova Telephone Company and the Ashland Exchange of Verizon North Inc.

The following listed rates for local exchange telephone service shall apply within the exchange area as depicted on The Nova Telephone Company Exchange Map (Section 1, Sheet No. 3 P.U.C.O. No. 4, Local Exchange Tariff).

CLASS OF SERVICE	EXCHANGE ACCESS CHARGE	COIN SUPERVISION CHARGE
One Party Business	\$25.25	
One Party Residence	\$16.55	
One Party Coin Operated Telephone	\$25.25	\$7.20

Exhibit B

Proposed Revised Tariff Pages

THE NOVA TELEPHONE COMPANY

ORIGINAL TITLE SHEET

P.U.C.O. NO. 5

THE NOVA TELEPHONE COMPANY
TELEPHONE SERVICE TARIFF

GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICE TARIFF
P.U.C.O. No. 5

SUBJECT	TARIFF	SECTION	SHEET
Exchange Rates	5	1	1 (I)
Explanation of Symbols	5	Preface	2
Extended Local Calling Service (ELCS)	5	1	3
General Regulations	5	3	14-15
Installations	5	2	1
IntraLATA Presubscription	5	5	1-3
Liability of Telephone Company	5	3	14
Lifeline/Link-Up Requirements	5	2	2-5
General	5	2	2
Regulations	5	2	2-4
Enrollment Process	5	2	4
Income Eligibility	5	2	4-5
Verification for Continued Eligibility	5	2	5
Line Extensions	5	3	10
Maintenance and Repair	5	3	6
Misuse of Facilities	5	3	4-5
Non-Recurring Service Charges	5	2	1
Obligation & Liability of Telephone Co.	5	3	1-2
Obligation of Customer	5	3	14-15
Ownership and Use of Equipment	5	3	3

THE NOVA TELEPHONE COMPANY

SECTION NO. 1
 First Revised Sheet No. 1
 Replaces Original Sheet No. 1

PUCO NO. 5
 LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFF
 NOVA EXCHANGE RATES

The following identified service rates entitle the subscribers of telephone service to call, without additional charge, the subscribers of the Nova Exchange and Sullivan Exchange of The Nova Telephone Company. In addition, the subscribers are authorized two-way, nonoptional, flat-rate extended area service between The Nova Telephone Company and the Ashland Exchange of Verizon North Inc.

The following listed rates for local exchange telephone service shall apply within the exchange area as depicted on The Nova Telephone Company Exchange Map (Section 1, Sheet No. 3 P.U.C.O. No. 4, Local Exchange Tariff).

Class of Service	Exchange Access Charge	Maximum Access Charge	Coin Supervision Charge	Anniversary Date
One Party Business	\$24.25	\$25.50		
One Party Residence	\$16.80	\$18.05		April 1, 2016 (l)
One Party Coin Operated Telephone	\$24.25		\$7.20	

ISSUED: February 18, 2016

EFFECTIVE: April 1, 2016

In Accordance with Case No. 11-1911-TP-ATA
 Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
 Charlie Mattingly, President
 Nova, Ohio

THE NOVA TELEPHONE COMPANY

SECTION NO. 1
 First Revised Sheet No. 1
 Replaces Original Sheet No. 1

PUCO NO. 5
 LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFF
 SULLIVAN EXCHANGE
 RATES

The following identified service rates entitle the subscribers of telephone service to call, without additional charge, the subscribers of the Nova Exchange and Sullivan Exchange of The Nova Telephone Company. In addition, the subscribers are authorized two-way, nonoptional, flat-rate extended area service between The Nova Telephone Company and the Ashland Exchange of Verizon North Inc.

The following listed rates for local exchange telephone service shall apply within the exchange area as depicted on The Nova Telephone Company Exchange Map (Section 1, Sheet No. 3 P.U.C.O. No. 4, Local Exchange Tariff).

Class of Service	Exchange Access Charge	Maximum Access Charge	Coin Supervision Charge	Anniversary Date
One Party Business	\$25.25			
One Party Residence	\$16.55	\$17.80		April 1, 2016 (I)
One Party Coin Operated Telephone	\$25.25		\$7.20	

ISSUED: February 18, 2016

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 Charlie Mattingly, President
 Nova, Ohio

Exhibit C

Narrative Summarizing Change(s)

In this application, Nova Telephone Company requests BLES pricing flexibility in order that it may increase its BLES rates for residential customers in the Nova Telephone Company exchanges. The Nova Telephone Company has two exchanges: Nova exchange and Sullivan exchange in which a pricing increasing is requested for both the Nova Exchange and Sullivan Exchange, as summarized in Exhibit B, to individual access line rate.

In the FCC USF/ICC Transformation Order (FCC 11-161), 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, Nova Telephone Company is required to have local rates that are comparable to the national urban average.

Exhibit D

Customer Notice and Affidavit

The following customer notice will be provided to customers on March 1, 2016. This notice was also sent to the Office of Consumers' Counsel and to the Commission's electronic mailbox (Telecomm-Rule07@puc.stte.oh.us) no less than thirty days prior to the rate increase:

Effective July 1, 2016, Nova Telephone Company will implement a revised rate schedule for basic local exchange services as follows:

<u>Nova Exchange</u>	<u>Current Monthly Rate</u>	<u>New Monthly Rate</u>
Residence Primary Access Line	\$16.80	\$18.05

The new rate, which will become effective July 1, 2016, represent an increase of \$1.25 above the current rate for this service.

Many rural telephone companies, including Nova Telephone Company, receive support from the Federal Universal Service Fund. New rules such support if a telephone company's local rates are below the national average. The \$1.25 increase is necessary to bring out local rate more in line with the national average and to avoid a reduction in our Federal Universal Service Fund support.

If you have any questions about the revised rate, please call us at 419-652-3571.

Exhibit E

Customer Notice and Affidavit

The following customer notice will be provided to customers on March 1, 2016. This notice was also sent to the Office of Consumers' Counsel and to the Commission's electronic mailbox (Telecomm-Rule07@puc.stte.oh.us) no less than thirty days prior to the rate increase:

Effective July 1, 2016, Nova Telephone Company will implement a revised rate schedule for basic local exchange services as follows:

<u>Sullivan Exchange</u>	<u>Current Monthly Rate</u>	<u>New Monthly Rate</u>
Residence Primary Access Line	\$16.55	\$17.80

The new rate, which will become effective July 1, 2016, represent an increase of \$1.25 above the current rate for this service.

Many rural telephone companies, including Nova Telephone Company, receive support from the Federal Universal Service Fund. New rules such support if a telephone company's local rates are below the national average. The \$1.25 increase is necessary to bring out local rate more in line with the national average and to avoid a reduction in our Federal Universal Service Fund support.

If you have any questions about the revised rate, please call us at 419-652-3571.

Affidavit

I, Charles D. Mattingly, Jr., am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, Nova Telephone Company, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf. I attest that the customer notice accompanying this affidavit will be sent to the affected customers as a bill insert on March 1, 2016 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: February 18, 2016

At: Nova, Ohio

Signature: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a vertical line and a small flourish at the bottom.

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Summary: Tariff electronically filed by Mrs. Kimberly Starr on behalf of The Nova Telephone Company