

Via E-FILE

April 1, 2016

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 Case No. 90-5041-TP-TRF and Case No. 16-0677-TP-ZTA

Dear Ms. McCauley:

Enclosed for filing is United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink's tariff to increase Residential Individual Line rates for exchanges in competitive Schedules XI, XII, XVI, XVI, XVII, XVIII and XX. This filing also reflects the new maximum rates for these Schedules.

Section 2, Fourth Revised Sheet 3

These tariff sheets are filed with an issued and effective date of April 1, 2016. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please call me or Mr. Joshua Motzer at (614) 221-5354.

Sincerely,

Zarneisha Dixon

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Enclosures

cc: Joshua Motzer, CenturyLink

OH 16-01 (UT)

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM

(Effective: 9-2-2015)

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 United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink to increase the max BLES caps and the Residential Individual Line Service in the Schedule XI, XII, XIII, XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII and XX competitive exchanges	TRF Docket No. <u>90-5041-TP-</u> Case No. <u>16- 0677-TP-ZTA</u> NOTE: Unless you have reserved a fields BLANK.	
Name of Registrant(s) CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc.		
DBA(s) of Registrant(s) CenturyLink		
Address of Registrant(s) 100 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe, LA	71203	
Company Web Address www.centurylink.com/tariffs		
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Josh Motzer	Phone 614-221-5354	Fax 614-224-3902
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address Josh.Motzer@Ce		
Contact Person for Annual Report Ken Buchan		Phone <u>318-362-1538</u>
Address (if different from above)		
Consumer Contact Information Donna Powell		Phone 800-788-3500
Address (if different from above)	-	
Motion for protective order included with filing? ☐ Yes ☐ Motion for waiver(s) filed affecting this case? ☐ Yes ☐ No		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.
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 Other (explain below	▼ For Prof		fit ILEC	☐ Not For I	Profit ILEC	CI	LEC
Change terms & condition existing BLES		ATA <u>1-</u> (Auto 30 da		ATA <u>1-6</u> (Auto 30 day			ΓΑ <u>1-6-14(H)</u> 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring ch surcharge, or fee to BLES	large,						ΓΑ <u>1-6-14(H)</u> 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late	□ ATA 1-0			ATA <u>1-6</u> (Auto 30 day			ΓΑ <u>1-6-14(I)</u> 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap.		ZTA <u>1-0</u> (0 day Notic	ce)				
Introduce BLES or expand service area (calling area)	l local	[ZTA <u>1-0</u> (0 day Notice		TTA <u>1-6-</u> (0 day Notice			TA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> Notice)
Notice of no obligation to facilities and provide BLE		ZTA <u>1-0</u> (0 day Notic		ZTA <u>1-6-</u> (0 day Notice			
Change BLES Rates		TRF <u>1-6</u> (0 day Notic		☐ TRF <u>1-6-14(F)(4)</u>		TRF <u>1-6-14(G)</u> (0 day Notice)	
To obtain BLES pricing fl	exibility	BLS <u>1-6</u> (Auto 30 da	-14 (C)(1)(c) ays)				
Change in boundary		ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)		ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)			
Expand service operation a	area						RF <u>1-6-08(G)</u> (0 day)
BLES withdrawal							TA <u>1-6-25(B)</u> Notice)
Other*							
Section I – Part II – Cust							
Type of Notice	Direc	et Mail	Bill Insert		Bill Notation		Electronic Mail
☐ 15-day Notice							
☐ 30-day Notice							
Date Notice Sent:							
Section I – Part III –IOS Offerings Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-22 OAC							
IOS	Introdu	ice New	Tariff	Change	Price Cha	ange	Withdraw
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Section II - Part I - Carrier Certification - Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-08, 09 & 10 OAC

	ILEC	CLEC	Telecommunications	CESTC	CETC
Certification	(Out of Territory)		Service Provider		
			Not Offering Local		
* See Supplemental	ACE <u>1-6-08</u>	ACE <u>1-6-08</u>	ACE <u>1-6-08</u>	ACE <u>1-6-10</u>	UNC <u>1-6-09</u>
form	* (Auto 30- day)	*(Auto 30 day)	*(Auto 30 day)	(Auto 30 day)	*(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		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)

^{*} 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> (Non-Auto)	ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)	
Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs,	ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 days)	
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	☐ ATA <u>1-3-04</u>		
Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights-	(Auto 30 days)		
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.
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 March 29, 2016 at Monroe, Louisiana
*/s/ Zw Dism , Regulatory Operations Analyst March 29, 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.
<u>VERIFICATION</u>
I, Zarneisha Dixon 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/ Zw Diam , Regulatory Operations Analyst March 29, 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

Make such filing electronically as directed in Case No 06-900-AU-WVR

EXHIBIT A

United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink

Section 2

P.U.C.O. NO. 5 Third Revised Sheet 3 GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF Cancels Second Revised Sheet 3

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

III. **EXCHANGE AREA RATES**

The rates listed below include Touch-Tone Service. The applicable zone rate as found in IV. of this section applies in addition to the appropriate line rate.

FLAT RATE SERVICE

Schedule	RESIDENCE INDIVIDUAL LINE ⁽¹⁾		BUSINESS INDIVIDUAL LINE		PAYPHONE LINE ⁽²⁾	
	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
IV	\$14.95	14.95	\$32.45	\$32.45	\$14.79	\$64.90
V	15.50	15.50	34.65	34.65	14.79	69.30
VI	16.05	16.05	36.80	36.80	14.79	73.60
VII	16.50	16.50	39.05	39.05	14.79	78.10
VIII	17.05	17.05	41.25	41.25	14.79	82.50
IX	17.60	17.60	43.45	43.45	14.79	NA
X [*]	17.60	18.85	43.45	44.70	14.79	NA
XI*	16.50	17.75	39.05	40.30	14.79	NA
XII*	16.50	17.75	39.05	40.30	14.79	NA
XIII*	16.50	17.75	39.05	40.30	14.79	NA
XIV*	17.60	18.85	39.05	40.30	14.79	NA
XV*	16.36	17.61	34.65	35.90	14.79	NA
XVI*	16.36	17.61	36.80	38.05	14.79	NA
XVII*	16.50	17.75	39.05	40.30	14.79	NA
XVIII*	17.05	18.30	41.25	42.50	14.79	NA
XIX*	17.60	18.85	43.45	44.70	14.79	NA
XX*	16.20	17.45	32.45	33.70	14.79	NA

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Issued: March 22, 2016 Effective: March 22, 2016

United Telephone Company Of Ohio By Bill Hanchey, Vice President Wake Forest, North Carolina OH 16-04

In accordance with Case Nos.: 90-5041-TP-TRF and 16-0636-TP-ZTA

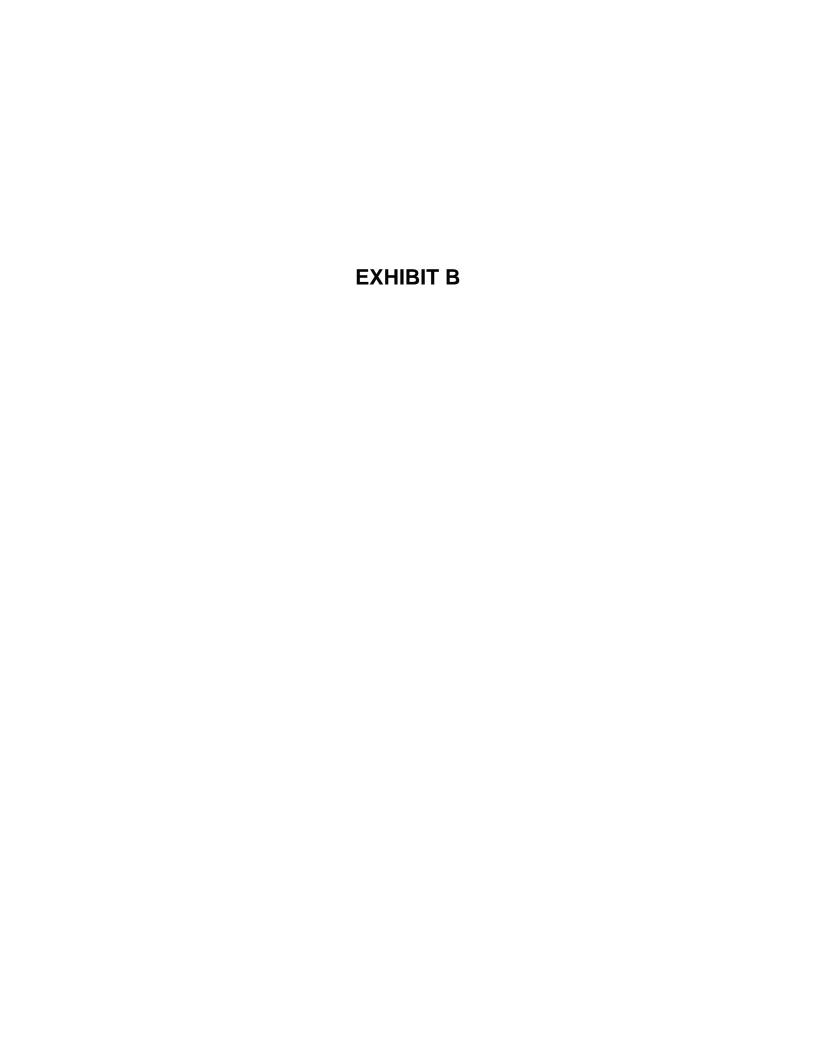
Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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The rates for basic local exchange service (BLES) as defined in OAC 4901:1-6-14 are capped at an annual increase of no more than \$1.25 per line.

The rates and terms for payphones are governed by 96-1310-TP-COI.

Competitive Local Calling Area.



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IV	\$14.95	14.95	\$32.45	\$32.45	\$14.79	\$64.90
V	15.50	15.50	34.65	34.65	14.79	69.30
VI	16.05	16.05	36.80	36.80	14.79	73.60
VII	17.10	16.50	39.05	39.05	14.79	78.10
VIII	17.05	17.05	41.25	41.25	14.79	82.50
IX	17.60	17.60	43.45	43.45	14.79	NA
X [*]	17.60	18.85	43.45	44.70	14.79	NA
XI*	17.10	18.35	39.05	40.30	14.79	NA
XII*	17.10	18.35	39.05	40.30	14.79	NA
XIII*	17.10	18.35	39.05	40.30	14.79	NA
XIV*	17.60	18.85	39.05	40.30	14.79	NA
XV*	17.10	18.35	34.65	35.90	14.79	NA
XVI*	17.10	18.35	36.80	38.05	14.79	NA
XVII*	17.10	18.35	39.05	40.30	14.79	NA
XVIII*	17.10	18.35	41.25	42.50	14.79	NA
XIX*	17.60	18.85	43.45	44.70	14.79	NA
XX*	17.10	18.35	32.45	33.70	14.79	NA

Issued: April 1, 2016 Effective: April 1, 2016

United Telephone Company Of Ohio By Bill Hanchey, Vice President Wake Forest, North Carolina OH 16-01 In accordance with Case Nos.: 90-5041-TP-TRF and 16-0677-TP-ZTA Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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Competitive Local Calling Area.

EXHIBIT C

This filing proposes rate increases for Residential Individual Line Service in the Schedule XI, XII, XIII, XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII and XX competitive exchanges.

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 will send the following bill messages on customer bills beginning March 1, 2016.

RESIDENCE T855 (Bartlett, Chesterhill and Pennsville exchanges)

Effective April 1, 2016, the monthly rate for Economy Pack Bundle and all grandfathered Solutions packages will increase by \$2.00 per line. If you have any questions about these changes or would like to review your account, please contact a Customer Care Representative at 800-943-8809. Thank you for choosing CenturyLink for your communication needs--we value you as our customer.

RESIDENCE T855 (Lebanon, Lima, Mansfield, Adamsville, Alger, Bellville, Bloomdale, Bluffton, Bradford, Bristolville, Butler, Cairo, Crooksville, Croton, De Graff, Delphos, Deshler, Elida, Fredericktown, Gomer, Green Springs, Hartford, Jackson Center, Jefferson, Johnston, Johnsville, Junction City, Kidron, Kinsman, Lafayette, Lexington, Lucas, Mt. Gilead. New Winchester, Newton Falls, Rising Sun, Shelby, Shiloh, Uticahomer, Venedocia, Versailles, Wayland, Waynesfield, Westminister, Windham, Wooster)

Effective April 1, 2016, the monthly rate for one-party residence lines and Practical Solution Bundle will increase by \$0.60. Economy Pack Bundle and all grandfathered Solutions packages will increase by \$2.00 per line per month. If you have any questions about these changes or would like to review your account, please contact a Customer Care Representative at 800-943-8809. Thank you for choosing CenturyLink for your communication needs--we value you as our customer.

RESIDENCE T855 (Ada, Berlin Center, Centerburg, Damascus, Frazeysburg, Hebron)

Effective April 1, 2016, the monthly rate for one-party residence lines and Practical Solution Bundle will increase by \$0.05. Economy Pack Bundle and all grandfathered Solutions packages will increase by \$2.00 per line per month. If you have any questions about these changes or would like to review your account, please contact a Customer Care Representative at 800-943-8809. Thank you for choosing CenturyLink for your communication needs--we value you as our customer.

RESIDENCE T855 (Anna, Apple Creek, Byhalia, Defiance, Dunkirk, Eaton, Florida, Gambier, Gerald, Gettysburg, Hamler, Holgate, Hollansburg, Huntsville, Killbuck, Lyons, Marengo, Marysville, McConnelsville, Napolean, New Madison, Raymond, Ridgeway, Rockford, Rushsylvania, Russells Point, Van Wert, York Center)

Effective April 1, 2016, the monthly rate for one-party residence lines and Practical Solution bundle will increase by \$0.74. Economy Pack Bundle and all grandfathered Solutions packages will increase by \$2.00 per line per month. The monthly rate for local measured service will increase by \$1.25. If you have any questions about these changes or would like to review your account, please contact a Customer Care Representative at 800-943-8809. Thank you for choosing CenturyLink for your communication needs--we value you as our customer.

RESIDENCE T855 (Adario, Andover, Ansonia, Arcanum, Archbold, Beaverdam, Belle Center, Bellefontaine, Big Prairie, Botkins, Bucyrus, Caledonia, Cardington, Chesterville, Cygnet, Danville, East Liberty, Eldorado, Fort Loramie, Fredericksburg, Glouster, Greene, Greenville, Holmesville, Liberty Center, Lykens, Magnetic Springs, Marshallville, Martinsburg, Milford Center, Millersburg, Mount Victory, Mt. Vernon, Nashville, New Lyme, New Paris, North Lewisburg, Old Fort, Orrville, Ottawa, Portage, Rosewood, Rossburg, Shreve, Sidney, Smithville, Sterling, Stryker, Wauseon, West Liberty, West Manchester, West Mansfield)

Effective April 1, 2016, the monthly rate for one-party residence lines and Practical Solution Bundle will increase by \$0.74. Economy Pack Bundle and all grandfathered Solutions packages will increase by \$2.00 per line per month. The monthly rate for local measured service will increase by \$1.10. If you have any questions about these changes or would like to review your account, please contact a Customer Care Representative at 800-943-8809. Thank you for choosing CenturyLink for your communication needs--we value you as our customer.

EXHIBIT D

RESIDENCE T855 (Camden, Chatfield, Glenmont, Grelton Malinta, Jewell, Reinersville Hackney, Stockport)

Effective April 1, 2016, the monthly rate for one-party residence lines and Practical Solution Bundle will increase by \$0.90. Economy Pack Bundle and all grandfathered Solutions packages will increase by \$2.00 per line per month. If you have any questions about these changes or would like to review your account, please contact a Customer Care Representative at 800-943-8809. Thank you for choosing CenturyLink for your communication needs--we value you as our customer.

RESIDENCE T855 (Cortland, Johnstown, Lake Milton, Luckey, Metamora, Moline, Morrow, Mt. Sterling, North Benton, Pataskala, Richfield Center-Berkey, Rittman, South Lebanon, Stony Ridge, Sunbury, Swanton, Waterville, Waynesville, Woodville)

Effective April 1, 2016, the monthly rate for residence local measured service will increase by \$0.15. Economy Pack Bundle and all grandfathered Solutions packages will increase by \$2.00 per line per month. If you have any questions about these changes or would like to review your account, please contact a Customer Care Representative at 800-943-8809. Thank you for choosing CenturyLink for your communication needs--we value you as our customer.

BUSINESS T855 (Bellefontaine, Gerald, Lake Milton, Mt. Vernon, Napoleon Orrville)

Effective April 1, 2016, the monthly rate for measured one-party business lines will increase by \$1.25. If you have any questions about these changes or would like to review your account, 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: LOUISIANA

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PARISH OF: OUACHITA

AFFIDAVIT

I, Zarneisha Dixon, 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 message beginning March 1, 2016 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 March 29, 2016, Monroe, Louisiana, 71203

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

MICHELLE LYN RIVERS

Notary Public - Louisiana Ouachita Parish Notary ID 4642 Notary Public

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Michelle Rivers

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Summary: Tariff Increase of max BLES caps and Residential Individual Line Service in the Schedule XI, XII, XIII, XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII and XX competitive exchanges electronically filed by Mrs. Zarneisha Dixon on behalf of Dixon, Zarneisha Mrs. and United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink