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Via Electronic Filing

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215 – 3793

Re: Windstream Western Reserve, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Filed via electronic submission are revisions to the Windstream Western Reserve's General Exchange Tariff, with an issue date of June 1, 2016 and a requested effective date of July 1, 2016; this filing seeks to increase 1-Party Residential Access Line rates by \$1.00.

The anniversary date of the pricing flexibility afforded each of the company's exchanges have also been updated.

Customers will be notified via bill message a minimum of thirty days in advance of the new rates; a copy of the notice is also being filed.

Thank you for your assistance in processing this filing. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (585) 340-2709 or by email at Katherine.Hoagland@Windstream.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Katherine Hoagland

Katherine Hoagland
Regulatory Analyst

Attachments

Bill message re: OH Access Line Rate Increases

Billing system: CAMS

Audience: OH

Bill cycles: June 1st – June 28th

At Windstream, our goal is to continue to provide the best possible service while keeping the rates for all our customers as low as possible. However, we must occasionally make adjustments to our rates as the cost of doing business increases.

Effective with your next month's bill, your residential access line rate will increase in a range of \$1 per month. Your current access line rate is in a range of \$8.70-\$16.50. Your new residential access line rate will be in a range of \$9.70-\$17.50 per month. For questions regarding this increase, please call us at 800-347-1991. Plus, call to learn how you can bundle services and save!

Even with this adjustment, our rates are still competitive with other communications providers in your area. We will continue our pledge to provide quality service at affordable rates and keep you connected to family and friends.

Thank you for being a valued Windstream customer. We appreciate your business.

GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF
P.U.C.O. No. 9

S7. LOCAL ACCESS LINE SERVICE

S7.5 MONTHLY RATES FOR BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

Price Flexibility

All of the Company's exchanges have been deemed competitive and have been accorded the pricing flexibility defined in 4901:6-14 (C) O.A.C. which caps BLES monthly rates at annual increases of no more than \$1.25 per line. The annual period is defined to begin on the anniversary date of this approval, which became effective June 21, 2015. For detailed exchange specific information, please see Section 7, Sheet Nos. 7.1 → 7.2.

For the purposes of determining exchange service monthly access line rates, exchanges are classified in rate groups according to the total main telephones in a local calling area. The local calling area is the area within which customers make calls without the payment of message toll charges and may include one or more exchange areas.

RATE GROUP CLASSIFICATION AND LIMITS

<u>Rate Schedule Band</u>		<u>Total Main Telephone in Local Calling Area</u>	
Band 1		0	- 192,000
Band 2		192,001	- 384,000
Band 3		384,001	- up
<u>Band 1:</u>	Ashtabula Austinburg Bloomington Centerville Chardon Chester Coolville Cumberland Dorset East Claridon Fairview	Geneva Hiram Hopedale Hudson (653) Huntsburg Kingsville Little Hocking Madison Mesopotamia Middlefield Montville	Morristown Newberry Old Washington Parkman Perry Pierpont Powhatan Point Quaker City Rock Creek Thompson Trumbull
<u>Band 2:</u>	Hudson (650/655)	Peninsula	
<u>Band 3:</u>	Aurora Bainbridge Chardon (EAS)	Hinckley Northfield Richfield	Russell Twinsburg

INDIVIDUAL ACCESS LINE RATES

	<u>Residential Current</u>	<u>Residential Max</u>	<u>Business Current</u>	<u>Business Max</u>	<u>School</u>
<u>Band 1:</u>	\$14.35 (I)	\$14.35 (I)	\$25.55	\$25.55	\$15.15
<u>Band 2:</u>	16.80 (I)	16.80 (I)	30.40	30.40	20.00
<u>Band 3:</u>	17.50 (I)	17.50 (I)	31.80	31.80	21.40

*Business line rate is applicable for customers with 3 or less individual lines that are sold separately. Other services and for customers subscribing to 4 or more lines are provisioned out of the Company pricelist located online at www.windstream.com.

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S7. LOCAL ACCESS LINE SERVICE

S7.5 MONTHLY RATES FOR BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Continued)

S7.5.1 COMPETITIVE EXCHANGES

The exchanges shown below have been deemed competitive. The pricing flexibility accorded to them has been defined in 4901:1-6-14

<u>Competitive Exchanges</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Approval Date</u>	<u>Anniversary Date</u>
Ashtabula	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Aurora	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Austinburg	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Bainbridge	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Bloomington	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Centerville	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Chardon	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Chester	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Coolville	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Cumberland	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Dorset	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
East Claridon	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Fairview	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Geneva	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Hinckley	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Hiram	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Hopedale	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Hudson	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Huntsburg	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Kingsville	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)

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Little Hocking	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Madison	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Mesopotamia	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Middlefield	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Montville	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Morristown	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Newbury	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Northfield	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Old Washington	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Parkman	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Peninsula	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Perry	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Pierpont	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Powhatan Point	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Quaker City	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Richfield	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Rock Creek	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Russell	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Thompson	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Trumbull	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Twinsburg	15-0922-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)

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