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Via Electronic Filing

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

Re: Windstream Ohio, Inc.

## Dear Sir or Madam:

Filed via electronic submission are revisions to the Windstream Ohio'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.

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Effective: July 1, 2016

## GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF P.U.C.O. NO. 2

## S7. BASIC LOCAL ACCESS LINE SERVICE

#### S7.4 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 No. 5.1.

Class of Service

Exchange	Residential <u>Curren</u> t	Residential <u>Max</u>	Business* <u>Curren</u> t	Business <u>Max</u>	School
Chesterfield	\$ 9.70 (I)	\$ 9.70 (I)	\$15.25	\$15.25	\$10.75
Columbus Station	17.60	17.60	36.65	36.65	21.40
2 Party**	16.20	16.20	-	-	-
Covington	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.50
Delta	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15
Elyria	17.05 (I)	17.05 (I)	30.95	30.95	20.00
2 Party**	14.75 (I)	14.75 (I)	-	-	-
Granville	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15
2 Party**	11.90 (I)	11.90 (I)	-	-	-
Gratiot	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15
2 Party **	11.90 (I)	11.90 (I)	-	-	-
Kenton	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15
Marne	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15
Neapolis	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15
Newark	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15
2 Party **	11.90 (I)	11.90 (I)	<u>-</u>	-	
Paulding	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15
2 Party**	11.90 (I)	11.90 (I)	-	-	-
Pleasant Hill	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15
St. Louisville	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15
2 Party**	11.90 (I)	11.90 (I)	-	-	45.45
St. Paris	12.80 (I)	12.80 (I)	22.45	22.45	15.15

<sup>\*</sup>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 <a href="https://www.windstream.com">www.windstream.com</a>.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Party line service is available only to current customers at their current service locations.

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# S7. BASIC LOCAL ACCESS LINE SERVICE

# S7.4 MONTHLY RATES FOR BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Continued)

## S7.4.1 COMPETITIVE EXCHANGES

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

Competitive Exchange	Case <u>Number</u>	Approval <u>Date</u>	Anniversary <u>Date</u>
Chesterfield	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Columbia Station	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Covington	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Delta	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Elyria	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Granville	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Gratiot	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
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Marne	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Neapolis	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Newark	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Paulding	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
Pleasant Hill	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
St. Louisville	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)
St. Paris	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2017 (T)

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