

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 Buckland Telephone Cor)
to Increase its BLES Rates)
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TRF Docket No. 90- 5008-TP-TRF

Case No. 16 - 1451 - **TP - ZTA**

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

Name of Registrant(s) Buckland Telephone Company

DBA(s) of Registrant(s) _____

Address of Registrant(s) 105 South Main Street, Buckland, OH 45819

Company Web Address www.btccom.net

Regulatory Contact Person(s) Douglas G. Place

Phone 419-657-2222

Fax 419-657-2000

Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address doug@ohiolink.net

Contact Person for Annual Report Douglas G. Place

Phone 419-657-2222

Address (if different from above) _____

Consumer Contact Information Douglas G. Place

Phone 419-657-2222

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)	For Profit ILEC	Not For Profit ILEC	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 checked="" 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 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 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 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-7-14 (Auto 30 days)
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"/> ATA 1-3-04 (Auto 30 days)	
Wireless Providers See 4901:1-6-24	<input type="checkbox"/> RCC [Registration & Change in Operations] (0 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG [Interconnection Agreement or Amendment] (Auto 90 days)

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, , and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

Douglas G. Place

(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)

June 22, 2016

at (Location) Buckland, OH

*Signature and
Title

 Douglas G. Place General Manager

Date June 22, 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, , 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

 Douglas G. Place General Manager

Date June 22, 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.*

File document electronically as directed in case number 06-900-AU-WVR

or

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

Exhibit A

Existing Affected Tariff Pages

EXCHANGE RATES

The following identified service rates entitle the subscribers of telephone service to call, without additional charge, the subscribers of Buckland Exchange, the Buckland Telephone Company, the subscribers of the Cridersville and Wapakoneta Exchanges, the Telephone Service Company and the subscribers of Lima Exchange, the United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a Century Link.

The following listed rates for exchange telephone service shall apply within the exchange area:

<u>Business</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Maximum Rate</u>	<u>Anniversary Date</u>	
Individual Access Line, primary line	\$18.47	\$18.47	September 1, 2014	(I)
Semi-Public Paystation	\$20.00			
Coin Supervision	\$ 7.20			
<u>Residence</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Maximum Rate</u>	<u>Anniversary Date</u>	
Individual Access Line, each line	\$12.99	\$12.99	September 1, 2014	(I)

EXPANDED LOCAL CALLING AREA

All rates and charges for services and conditions applicable to the St. Marys, Spencerville and Lima exchanges will be identical to those of the Buckland Exchange. Service will be facilities based and available where facilities permit.

Exhibit B

Proposed Revised Tariff Pages

EXCHANGE RATES

The following identified service rates entitle the subscribers of telephone service to call, without additional charge, the subscribers of Buckland Exchange, the Buckland Telephone Company, the subscribers of the Cridersville and Wapakoneta Exchanges, the Telephone Service Company and the subscribers of Lima Exchange, the United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a Century Link.

The following listed rates for exchange telephone service shall apply within the exchange area:

<u>Business</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Maximum Rate</u>	<u>Anniversary Date</u>
Individual Access Line, primary line	\$19.72 (I)	\$19.72 (I)	July 1, 2016 (C)
Semi-Public Paystation	\$20.00		
Coin Supervision	\$ 7.20		
<u>Residence</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Maximum Rate</u>	<u>Anniversary Date</u>
Individual Access Line, each line	\$14.24 (I)	\$14.24 (I)	July 1, 2016 (C)

EXPANDED LOCAL CALLING AREA

All rates and charges for services and conditions applicable to the St. Marys, Spencerville and Lima exchanges will be identical to those of the Buckland Exchange. Service will be facilities based and available where facilities permit.

Exhibit C

Narrative Summarizing Change(s)

In this filing, Buckland Telephone Company, a for-profit ILEC, increases BLES rates in its service area by \$1.25 per month for both business and residential customers, effective July 1, 2016.

Buckland Telephone Company received BLES pricing flexibility effective September 1, 2014, in Case No. 14-1268-TP-BLS. Its most recent increase in residential and business BLES rates was effective September 1, 2014.

Exhibit D
Customer Notice

The following customer notice appeared on bills that were mailed to customers on May 10, 2016. A copy of this notice was also sent to the Commission (telecomm-Rule07@puc.state.oh.us) on May 6, 2016. This notice was sent to all parties no less than thirty days prior to the rate increase.

Buckland Telephone Company

Customer Notice

Effective July 1, 2016, Buckland Telephone Company will implement a revised rate schedule for basic local exchange service throughout its service area as follows:

	<u>Current</u> <u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>New</u> <u>Monthly Rate</u>
Business Primary Access Line	\$18.47	\$19.72
Residence Primary Access Line	\$12.99	\$14.24

The new rates, which will become effective on July 1, 2016, represent an increase of \$1.25 above the current rates for those services.

If you have any questions about the revised rates, please call us at 419-657-2222.

Exhibit E
Affidavit

CUSTOMER NOTICE AFFIDAVIT

AFFIDAVIT

I, Douglas G. Place, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, Buckland Telephone Company, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf. I attest that the customer notice(s) accompanying this affidavit were sent to affected customers through printed bill insert on May 10, 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: June 22, 2016

At: Buckland, Ohio

Signature



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Summary: Application of Buckland Telephone Company to Increase its BLES Rates,
electronically filed by Richard W. Jordan on behalf of Buckland Telephone Company