

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 The Benton Ridge Telephone Company to Revise Lifeline Terms and Conditions)
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TRF Docket No. 90- 5007-TP-TRF

Case No. - - **TP** -

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

Name of Registrant(s) The Benton Ridge Telephone Company
 DBA(s) of Registrant(s) _____
 Address of Registrant(s) 1805 North Dixie Highway, Lima, OH 45801-3255
 Company Web Address www.brtelco.com
 Regulatory Contact Person(s) William A. Aams Phone 614.229.3278 Fax 614.221.0479
 Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address wadams@baileycav.com
 Contact Person for Annual Report Martin Ellerbrock, General Manager Phone 419.859.2245
 Address (if different from above) _____
 Consumer Contact Information Martin Ellerbrock, General Manager Phone 419.859.2245
 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	For Profit ILEC	Not For Profit ILEC	CLEC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)			
Change terms & conditions of existing BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ATA 1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ATA 1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ATA 1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge, or fee to BLES			<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ATA 1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late Payment	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ATA 1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ATA 1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ATA 1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap.	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ZTA 1-6-14(F)</u> (0 day Notice)		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ZTA 1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ZTA 1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ZTA 1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)
Notice of no obligation to construct facilities and provide BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ZTA 1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ZTA 1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	
Change BLES Rates	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>TRF 1-6-14(F)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>TRF 1-6-14(F)(4)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>TRF 1-6-14(G)</u> (0 day Notice)
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>BLS 1-6-14(C)(1)(c)</u> (Auto 30 days)		
Change in boundary	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ACB 1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ACB 1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	
Expand service operation area			<input type="checkbox"/> <u>TRF 1-6-08(G)(0 day)</u>
BLES withdrawal			<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ZTA 1-6-25(B)</u> (0 day Notice)
Other* (explain)	To update tariffed Lifeline provisions as directed by the PUCO in Case No. 16-116-TP-COI to align with the federal Lifeline provisions.		

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 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 <u>1-6-08</u> * (Auto 30- day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> *(Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> *(Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-10</u> (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-6-09</u> *(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 <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)
Change of Official Name *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Merger *	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transfer a Certificate *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 an approved agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG <u>1-7-07</u> (Auto 90 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG <u>1-7-07</u> (Auto 90 day)
Request for Arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)
Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs,	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 days)
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-04 or 05</u> (Non-Auto)	
Changes in rates, terms & conditions to Pole Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights-of-Way.	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-3-04</u> (Auto 30 days)	
Wireless Providers See <u>4901:1-6-24</u>	<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.

Martin Ellerbrock, General Manager
(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) November 29, 2016 at (Location) Lima, Ohio

*Signature and Title *Martin L. Ellerbrock* Date November 29, 2016
General Manager

**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 *William A. Adams* Date 11/29/16
William A. Adams, Attorney for Benton Ridge Telephone Company

**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
(Current Tariff Sheet)

LIFELINE REQUIREMENTS

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The Company shall provide Lifeline service as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.401 (a) on a non-discriminatory basis to all qualifying low-income customers. The Company's Lifeline service offering shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, including, but not limited to, 47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart E; the FCC's Lifeline reform order (Report and Order released February 6, 2012, WC Docket No, 11-42, et. al) and any subsequent clarifying orders; Section 4927.13, Revised Code; Rule 4901:1-6-19, Ohio Administrative Code; and, the Commission's nontraditional Lifeline service order (Finding and Order adopted May 23, 2012, Case No. 10-2377-TP-COI) and any subsequent entries and/or orders.

(N)

EXHIBIT B
(Proposed Tariff Sheet)

P.U.C.O. NO. 8

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The Company shall provide Lifeline services as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.401 (a) on a non-discriminatory basis to all qualifying low-income customers. The Company's Lifeline service offering shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, including, but not limited to 47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart E; The FCC's Lifeline reform order (Report and Order released February 6, 2012, WC Docket No. 11-42, *et.al.*), the FCC's Lifeline Modernization Order (Third Report and Order released on April 27, 2016, WC Docket No. 11-42, FCC 16-38, *et.al.*) and any subsequent clarifying orders; Section 4927.13, Ohio Revised Code; Rule 4901:1-6-19, Ohio Administrative Code; and, the Commission's nontraditional Lifeline service order (Finding and Order adopted May 23, 2012, Case No. 10-2377-TP-COI) and any subsequent entries and/or orders. (N)
(N)

Issued: November 29, 2016

Effective: December 2, 2016

In Accordance with Case No. 90-5007-TP-TRF
Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Ken Williams, President and CEO
Benton Ridge, Ohio

EXHIBIT C

The Applicant hereby modifies its BLES tariff in accordance with the Commission's Entry issued November 3, 2016 in Case No. 16-1116-TP-COI in order to be consistent with the FCC's Lifeline Modernization Order (Third Report and Order released on April 27, 2016 in WC Docket No. 11-42) by incorporating language provided by the Commission Staff.

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Summary: Application of The Benton Ridge Telephone Company to Revise Lifeline Terms and Conditions electronically filed by Mr. William A. Adams on behalf of Benton Ridge Telephone Company