



525 JUNCTION RD.
Madison, WI 53717

January 3, 2017

By Electronic Filing

Ms. Barcy McNeal
Docketing Division
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Continental Telephone Company: TRF Docket No. 90-5016
Increase BLES Rates

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Continental Telephone Company submits a Notice of Tariff Filing for electronic filing.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Regards,

/s/ Rachelle A. Ladwig
TDS Telecom
Sr. Administrator – Tariffs
Phone 608-664-4169
Fax 608-830-5519
Email rachelle.ladwig@tdstelecom.com

Enclosure

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 Continental Telephone
Company to Change its Basic Local Exchange Rates

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TRF Docket No. 90-5016-TP-TRF

Case No. 17 - 0001 -TP - ZTA

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

Name of Registrant(s) Continental Telephone Company

DBA(s) of Registrant(s) TDS Telecom

Address of Registrant(s) 525 Junction Road, Madison, WI 53717

Company Web Address www.tdstelecom.com

Regulatory Contact Person(s) Rachelle Ladwig

Phone 608-664-4169

Fax 608-830-5519

Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address rachelle.ladwig@tdstelecom.com

Contact Person for Annual Report Bruce Mottern

Phone 865-671-4753

Address (if different from above) 10025 Investment Drive, Suite 200, Knoxville, TN 37932

Consumer Contact Information Bruce Mottern

Phone 865-671-4753

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).

ISSUED:

Section I – Part I - Common Filings

Carrier Type <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For Profit ILEC	<input type="checkbox"/> Not For Profit ILEC	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 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 type="checkbox"/> 30-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date Notice Sent: December 7, 2016				

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 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-7-14 (Auto 30 day)
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, Continental Telephone Company, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.
(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) 01-03-17 at (Location) Madison, WI 53717

*(Signature and Title) /s/ Rachelle Ladwig, Sr. Administrator - Tariffs (Date) 01-03-17

- *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, Rachelle A. Ladwig 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)/s/Rachelle A. Ladwig, Sr. Administrator – Tariffs/Authorized Agent (Date) 01-03-17

**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 No 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 SCHEDULE SHEETS

CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE COMPANY
OHIO
P.U.C.O. NO. 9

Section 1
First Revised Sheet 2
Cancels Original Sheet 2

EXCHANGE RATES

APPROVED

A. EXCHANGE RATES AND THEIR APPLICATIONS

1. Exchange Name: Continental

EAS TO: Ayersville, Cloverdale, Kalida, Miller City, North Creek, Oakwood, &
Ottawa

	Monthly Rate ^{1/}		<u>Anniversary Date</u>	
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Maximum</u>		
Business Service Single Party	\$45.54	\$46.79 (I)	August 8, 2013	(A) (A)
Residence Service Single Party	\$21.25	\$22.50 (I)	August 8, 2013	(A)

^{1/} Includes Touch-Call Service. Effective August 6, 2007, the rates for Residential and Business customers who do not have Touch-Call Service will be grandfathered and will see no change in their monthly rate. Any subsequent change to service made by such a grandfathered customer, however, will result in the loss of the grandfathering exception and will require that customer to upgrade to Touch Call Service.

ISSUED: July 9, 2013

EFFECTIVE: July 9, 2013

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CASE NO. 90-5016-TP-TRF and 13-1592-TP-BLS
ISSUED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
Joel Dohmeier, Vice-President
CONTINENTAL, OHIO

EXCHANGE RATES

A. EXCHANGE RATES AND THEIR APPLICATIONS (Continued)

2. Exchange Name: Grover Hill

EAS TO: Oakwood, Ottoville, & Scoot

<u>Business Service</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u> ^{1/}	
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Single Party	\$45.54	\$45.54
 <u>Residence Service</u>		
Single Party	\$21.25	\$21.25

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ISSUED: May 19, 2011

EFFECTIVE: May 19, 2011

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CASE NO. 10-1010-TP-ORD and 11-3020-TP-ATA
ISSUED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
Joel Dohmeier, Vice-President
CONTINENTAL, OHIO

EXCHANGE RATES

A. EXCHANGE RATES AND THEIR APPLICATIONS (Continued)

3. Exchange Name: Miller City

EAS TO: Continental, Glansdorf, Leipsic, New Bavaria, North Creek, Ottawa

<u>Business Service</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Single Party	\$ 45.54	\$45.54
<u>Residence Service</u>		
Single Party	\$21.25	\$21.25

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EXHIBIT B
PROPOSED SCHEDULE SHEETS

EXCHANGE RATES

A. EXCHANGE RATES AND THEIR APPLICATIONS

1. Exchange Name: Continental

EAS TO: Ayersville, Cloverdale, Kalida, Miller City, North Creek, Oakwood, & Ottawa

	Monthly Rate ^{1/}		<u>Anniversary Date</u>	
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Maximum</u>		
Business Service Single Party	\$45.54	\$46.79	August 8, 2017	(T)
Residence Service Single Party	\$22.25 (I)	\$22.50	August 8, 2017	(T)

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ISSUED: January 3, 2017

EFFECTIVE: January 7, 2017

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CASE NO. 90-5016-TP-TRF and 17-0001-TP-ZTA
ISSUED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
Joel Dohmeier, Vice-President
CONTINENTAL, OHIO

EXCHANGE RATES

A. EXCHANGE RATES AND THEIR APPLICATIONS (Continued)

1. Exchange Name: Grover Hill

EAS TO: Oakwood, Ottoville, & Scoot

<u>Business Service</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u> ^{1/}		<u>Anniversary Date</u>	(T)
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Maximum</u>		
Single Party	\$45.54	\$45.54	August 8, 2017	—
<u>Residence Service</u>				
Single Party	\$22.25 (I)	\$22.25 (I)	August 8, 2017	(T)

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ISSUED: January 3, 2017

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Joel Dohmeier, Vice-President
CONTINENTAL, OHIO

EXCHANGE RATES

A. EXCHANGE RATES AND THEIR APPLICATIONS (Continued)

1. Exchange Name: Miller City

EAS TO: Continental, Glansdorf, Leipsic, New Bavaria, North Creek, Ottawa

<u>Business Service</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>		<u>Anniversary Date</u>	(T)
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Maximum</u>		
Single Party	\$ 45.54	\$45.54	August 8, 2017	
<u>Residence Service</u>				
Single Party	\$22.25 (I)	\$22.25 (I)	August 8, 2017	(T)

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Joel Dohmeier, Vice-President
CONTINENTAL, OHIO

EXHIBIT C
(Description of the Changes)

In this application, Continental Telephone Company requests a change in its Basic Local Exchange Rates (BLES). The company requests an increase for residential customers of \$1.00 per month, effective January 7, 2017. Obtaining increases at this time is essential for the Company in order to support its ongoing operations and to provide its customers with excellent telecommunications service.

With this filing, the Company will also update its' BLES Anniversary Date.

EXHIBIT D

(Customer Notice and Affidavit)

The following customer notices appeared on bills that were mailed to Continental Telephone Company customers on December 7, 2016. These notices were sent to the Office of Ohio Consumers' Counsel and to the Commission's electronic mailbox (Telecomm-Rule07@puc.state.oh.us) prior to the rate increase:

Continental OHIO Continental 55

2017 Rate Adjustment Notice

Beginning in January 2017, the Internet modem/gateway fee will increase \$2.00/mo. The rate for basic residential telephone service will increase \$1.00, impacting the following services: Basic residential service will be \$22.25/mo., No touch tone line will be \$20.75/mo., Measured service will be \$16.30/mo., Total Talk package will be \$37.05/mo., Smart Pack Lite package will be \$26.05/mo. A different calling package may save you money. To find out, call 1-888-225-5837 and request an account review.

Continental OHIO Grover Hill Miller City 56 57

2017 Rate Adjustment Notice

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AFFIDAVIT

The following affidavit was prepared and filed with the Commission after the customer notice was provided to customers on December 7, 2016:

I, Rachelle A. Ladwig, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, Continental Telephone Company, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

I attest that the customer notice accompanying this affidavit was sent to affected customers as a bill message on December 7, 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 (date) January 3, 2017 at (Location) Madison, Wisconsin

Signature: /s/ Rachelle A. Ladwig, Sr. Administrator-Tariffs

Rachelle A. Ladwig

Sr. Administrator-Tariffs/Authorized Agent
for Continental Telephone Company

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Case No(s). 90-5016-TP-TRF, 17-0001-TP-ZTA

Summary: Tariff Filing to increase BLES Rates electronically filed by Ms. Rachelle A Ladwig
on behalf of CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE COMPANY