

January 27, 2017

Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Barcy McNeal, Docketing Division Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street, 13th Floor Columbus, OH 43215-0573

Re: CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink

Case No. 90-5010-TP-TRF and Case No. 17-0227-TP-ATA

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Enclosed for filing is CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink's tariff. This filing proposes to remove the *Returned Check Handling Charge* section from the tariff to the CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink *Non-Bles Price List.* During deregulation, this section was inadvertently left in the tariff.

The following revisions are included in this filing:

Preface, 1st Revised Sheet 1 Section 3, 3rd Revised Sheet 6

These tariff sheets are filed with a January 27, 2017 issue date and an effective date of March 1, 2017.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please call me or Mr. Joshua Motzer at (614) 221-5354.

Sincerely,

Zarneisha Dixon

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cc: Joshua Motzer, Centurylink

OH 16-11 (CT)

EXHIBIT A

CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink

Preface

P.U.C.O. NO. 12 GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

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P.U.C.O. NO. 12 GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

SERVICE CHARGES

3.6 Restoration Charges

When the service of a customer has been temporarily denied for non-payment in accordance with Section 1.2.9 but the contract has not been terminated or the order to remove service has not been issued and completed, such service will be restored upon payment of \$10.00. In case service has been denied for non-payment of charges due, in addition to the restoration of service charge, the customer will be required to pay all the last past due current exchange bill at the time of restoration of service.

3.7 Late Payment Charge

A late payment charge of **\$7.00** or **4%**, whichever is greater, applies to each residence customer and \$11.00 or **4%**, whichever is greater, applies to each business customer when the previous month's bill has not been paid in full, leaving an unpaid balance carried forward. The charge is applied to the total unpaid amount carried forward and is included in the total amount due on the current bill.

If payment for a current bill is received by the Company before the bill's due date, but for technical or other reasons the payment is not applied to the customer's account prior to the issuance of a subsequent bill, the customer shall not be liable for that portion of any unpaid balance attributable to a Late Payment Charge.

A customer shall not be liable for any Late Payment Charge applicable to a disputed portion of that customer's bill, so long as the customer pays the undisputed portion of the bill and enters into bona fide negotiations to resolve the dispute.

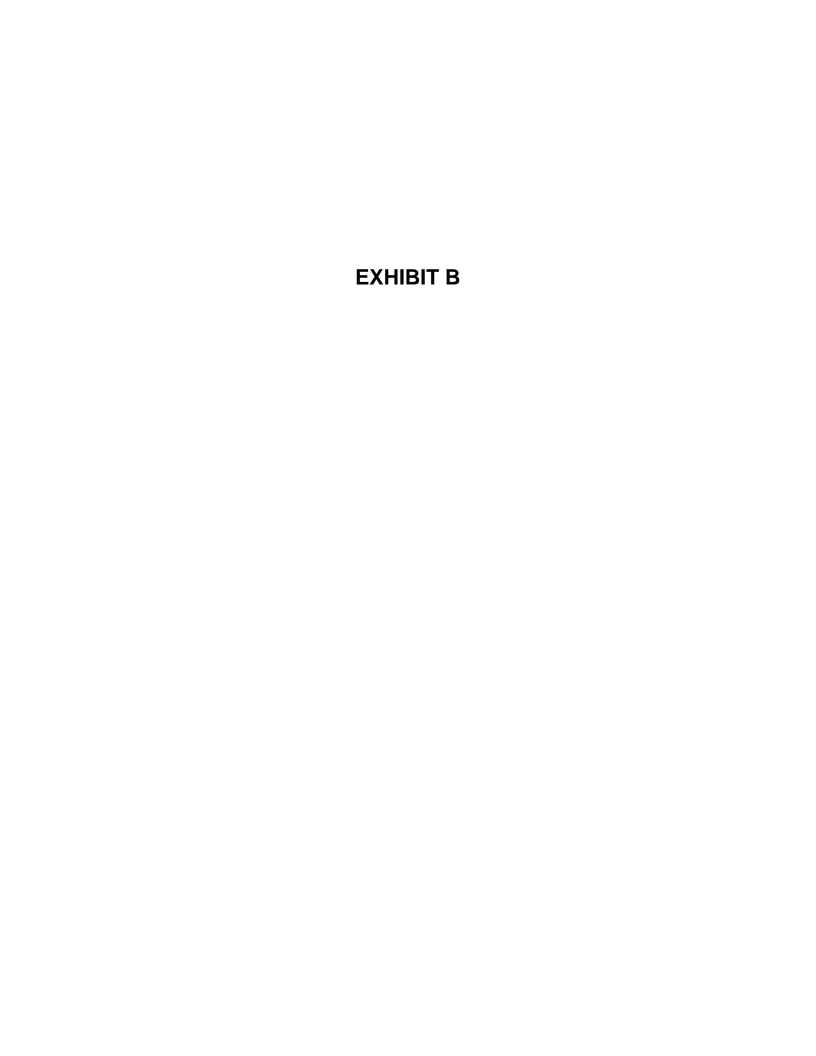
Agencies of the Federal government are exempt from the Late Payment Charge.

3.8 Returned Check Handling Charge

Current/Max Nonrecurring <u>Charge</u>

Charge per check returned \$ 25.00

Issued: May 1, 2015 CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink By Bill Hanchey, Vice President Wake Forest, North Carolina OH 15-07v2 (CT) Effective: May 1, 2015
In accordance with Case Nos.: 90-5010-TP-TRF
and 15-0602-TP-ATA
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P.U.C.O. NO. 12 GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

Section 3
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Issued: January 27, 2017 Effective: March 1, 2017

EXHIBIT C

This filing proposes to remove the Returned Check Handling Charge section from the P.U.C.O No. 12 General Exchange Tariff to the CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink *Non-Bles Price List*.

EXHIBIT D

CENTURYTEL OF OHIO, INC. d/b/a CENTURYLINK CUSTOMER NOTICE

In compliance with OAC 4901:1-6-07 Customer Notice Requirements, CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink will send the following bill messages on customer bills beginning January 1, 2017.

CenturyLink of Ohio Residential Notice - Removal of Returned Check Charge from Tariff RESIDENCE: Subject to approval by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), effective March 1, 2017, the Returned Check Charge assessed by your local service provider when payment is rejected by the customer's banking institution will be located in the CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink *Non-Bles Price List* which may be found at www.centurylink.com/tariffs. No action is required of you. The amount of the charge is not changing at this time. You will be notified of any changes in the future. If you have any questions, please contact a Customer Care Representative at the telephone number printed on your bill. Thank you for choosing CenturyLink for your communication needs—we value you as our customer.

Residential customers: 17112 Bill Message #: 1252116

CenturyLink of Ohio Business Notice - Removal of Returned Check Charge from Tariff BUSINESS: Subject to approval by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), effective March 1, 2017, the Returned Check Charge assessed by your local service provider when payment is rejected by the customer's banking institution will be located in the CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink *Non-Bles Price List* which may be found at www.centurylink.com/tariffs. No action is required of you. The amount of the charge is not changing at this time. You will be notified of any changes in the future. If you have any questions, please contact a Customer Care Representative at the telephone number printed on your bill. Thank you for choosing CenturyLink for your communication needs—we value you as our customer.

Business customers: 8401 Bill Message #: 1252216

CUSTOMER NOTICE AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF: LOUISIANA

SS:

PARISH OF: OUACHITA

AFFIDAVIT

I, Ashley B. Douglas, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf. I attest that customer notices accompanying this affidavit were sent to affected customers through bill message beginning January 1, 2017 in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-07 (C), Ohio Administrative Code. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on December 28, 2016, Monroe, LA 71203

Ashley Douglas
Tariff Analyst

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _

__day of

December, 2016

Notary Public State of Louisiana

My Appointment Expires: __

MICHELLE LYN RIVERS Notary Public - Louisiana Ouachita Parish Notary ID 4642

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 CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink to remove Returned Check Charge from Tariff to Non-Bles Price List.)))	TRF Docket No. <u>90-5010-TP-</u> Case No. <u>17-0227-TP-ATA</u>	
)	NOTE: Unless you have reserved a fields BLANK.	Case #, leave the "Case No"
Name of Registrant(s) CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc.			
DBA(s) of Registrant(s) CenturyLink			
Address of Registrant(s) 100 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe, LA	71203		
Company Web Address <u>www.centurylink.com/tariffs</u>			
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Josh Motzer		Phone 614-221-5354	Fax 614-224-3902
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address Josh.Motzer@C	<u>enturyLinl</u>	c.com_	
Contact Person for Annual Report Ken Buchan			Phone <u>318-362-1538</u>
Address (if different from above)			
Consumer Contact Information Donna Powell			Phone 800-788-3500
Address (if different from above)			
Motion for protective order included with filing? ☐ Yes ☒	No		
Motion for waiver(s) filed affecting this case? \square Yes \boxtimes N	o [Note: V	Vaivers may toll any automatic	c 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)
В	The Tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s), reflecting the change, with the change(s) marked in the
	right margin.
С	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 Other (explain below)	⊠ For Pro	fit ILEC	Not For I	Profit ILEC	CI	LEC
Change terms & conditions of existing BLES		ATA 1-		ATA <u>1-6</u> (Auto 30 days			ΓΑ <u>1-6-14(H)</u> 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring ch surcharge, or fee to BLES	arge,						ΓΑ <u>1-6-14(H)</u> 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late	Payment	ATA <u>1</u> - (Auto 30 day		ATA <u>1-6</u> (Auto 30 days			ΓΑ <u>1-6-14(I)</u> 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap.		ZTA <u>1-0</u> (0 day Notic					
Introduce BLES or expand service area (calling area)	local	ZTA <u>1-0</u> (0 day Notic		ZTA <u>1-6-</u> (0 day Notice			TA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> Notice)
Notice of no obligation to facilities and provide BLE.		ZTA <u>1-0</u> (0 day Notice		ZTA <u>1-6-</u> (0 day Notice			
Change BLES Rates		☐ TRF <u>1-6-14(F)</u>		TRF <u>1-6-14(F)(4)</u> (0 day Notice)		TRF <u>1-6-14(G)</u> (0 day Notice)	
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility		BLS <u>1-6-14 (C)(1)(c)</u> (Auto 30 days)					
Change in boundary		ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)		ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)			
Expand service operation area				`	,		RF <u>1-6-08(G)</u> (0 day)
BLES withdrawal							TA <u>1-6-25(B)</u> Notice)
Other*		X					
Section I – Part II – Custon Type of Notice		cation Offeri		nt to Chapter 4	901:1-6-7 OA		Electronic Mail
☐ 15-day Notice							
30-day Notice							
Date Notice Sent:							
Section I – Part III –IO	S Offering	s Pursuant to	Chapter 490)1:1-6-22 OAC	2		
IOS	Introdu	ice New	Tariff Change		Price Cha	ange	Withdraw
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Section II - Part I - Carrier Certification - Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-08, 09 & 10 OAC

	ILEC	CLEC	Telecommunications	CESTC	CETC
Certification	(Out of Territory)		Service Provider		
			Not Offering Local		
* See Supplemental	ACE <u>1-6-08</u>	ACE <u>1-6-08</u>	ACE <u>1-6-08</u>	ACE <u>1-6-10</u>	UNC <u>1-6-09</u>
form	* (Auto 30- day)	*(Auto 30 day)	*(Auto 30 day)	(Auto 30 day)	*(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		ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)	ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)
Change of Official Name *	ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership *	ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Merger *	AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transfer a Certificate *	ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	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	☐ NAG <u>1-7-07</u>	☐ NAG <u>1-7-07</u>	
an approved agreement	(Auto 90 day)	(Auto 90 day)	
Request for Arbitration	ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)	ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)	
Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs,	ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 days)	
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier	UNC <u>1-7-04</u> or 05		
suspension or modification	(Non-Auto)		
Changes in rates, terms & conditions to Pole	☐ ATA <u>1-3-04</u>		
Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights-	(Auto 30 days)		
of-Way.			
	RCC	□NAG	
Wireless Providers See 4901:1-6-24	[Registration &	[Interconnection	
	Change in Operations]	Agreement or	

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, CenturyLink, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.
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 filing do not imply Commission approval and that the Commission's rules as modified and clarified from time to time, supersed 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 January 24, 2017 at Monroe, Louisiana
*/s/ Fur Diam , Regulatory Operations Analyst January 24, 2017 • 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.
<u>VERIFICATION</u>
I, Zarneisha Dixon 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.
*/s/ Zw Diam , Regulatory Operations Analyst January 24, 2017
*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.
Send your completed Application Form, including all required attachments as well as the required number of copies, to:
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Attention: Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Make such filing electronically as directed in Case No 06-900-AU-WVR

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Summary: Tariff This filing proposes to remove the Returned Check Handling Charge section from the tariff to the CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a

Non-Bles Price List. electronically filed by Mrs. Zarneisha Dixon on behalf of CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink