



March 20, 2017

Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Barcy McNeal, Commission Secretary
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

RE: The Chillicothe Telephone Company
Case No. 90-5012-TP-TRF and Case No. 17-0709-TP-ATA

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Enclosed for filing is The Chillicothe Telephone's tariff to increase Late Fee.

Section 4, Second Revised Sheet No. 3

If you have any questions regarding this letter, I can be reached at 740-772-8327 or via email to jeff.blevins@horizontel.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB", written over a horizontal line.

Jeff Blevins
Manager Financial Operations & Carrier Relations
Horizon Chillicothe Telephone
68 E. Main St.
Chillicothe, OH 45601

Enclosures

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 The Chillicothe Telephone Company) TRF Docket No. 90 - 5012-TP-TRF
to increase Late Fee Charge) Case No. 17 - 0709 - **TP - ATA**
NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave the
"Case No" fields BLANK.

Name of Registrant(s) The Chillicothe Telephone Company
DBA(s) of Registrant(s) The Chillicothe Telephone Company
Address of Registrant(s) P.O. Box 480, Chillicothe, OH 45601
Company Web Address www.horizontel.com
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Jeff Blevins Phone 740-772-8327 Fax 740-775-5562
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address jeff.blevins@horizontel.com
Contact Person for Annual Report Don Barnhart Phone 740-772-8348
Address (if different from above) _____
Consumer Contact Information Jeff Blevins Phone 740-772-8327
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 <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge, or fee to BLES			<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late Payment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap.	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(F)</u> (0 day Notice)		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)
Notice of no obligation to construct facilities and provide BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	
Change BLES Rates	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-14(F)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-14(F)(4)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-14(G)</u> (0 day Notice)
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	<input type="checkbox"/> BLS <u>1-6-14(C)(1)(c)</u> (Auto 30 days)		
Change in boundary	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	
Expand service operation area			<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-08(G)(0 day)</u>
BLES withdrawal			<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-25(B)</u> (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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date Notice Sent: Bill messages will begin March 27				

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.

Pete Holland

(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.

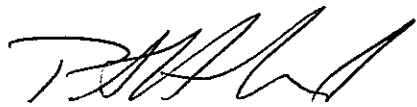
Executed on

(Date)

March 10, 2017

at (Location) 68 E. Main St., Chillicothe OH 45601

*Signature and
Title



CFO

Date March 10, 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.*

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



CFO

Date March 10, 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.*

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

TARIFF P.U.C.O. NO. 15

SERVICE CONNECTIONS, MOVES AND CHANGES (cont'd.)

C. Service Connection Charges (1)

	Service Connection Charge	
	Business Current/Maximum	Residence Current/Maximum
1. Installation Charge		
a. Initial, per occasion	39.95	29.95
2. Service Order Change Charge		
a. Carrier Change Charge	5.50	5.50
b. Touch Call Change Charge	6.55	5.95
3. Temporary Disconnect Reconnect Charge	20.65/ 20.65	20.65/20.65
4. Late Fees		

A late fee of \$8.00 or 1.5%, whichever is greater, will be levied on any balance remaining on the 19th day after the bill is rendered. This charge will appear on the customer's next invoice. (I)

Late fees will not be assessed on residential accounts until the balance exceeds a threshold of \$20.00.

Each residential customer will be granted, upon request, a one-time waiver of the late fee in cases where the customer has already paid the monthly invoice for which the late fee was assessed.

Late fees do not apply to following:

- (a) Any portion of the bill that is in a bona fide dispute.
- (b) Any previous late payment fees included in the amount due.

Issued: May 12, 2015

Effective: July 1, 2015

Issued by William McKell, President
In accordance with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Case filed on May 12, 2015 in Case No. 15-0921-TP-ATA

EXHIBIT B

TARIFF P.U.C.O. NO. 15

SERVICE CONNECTIONS, MOVES AND CHANGES (cont'd.)

C. Service Connection Charges (1)

	Service Connection Charge	
	Business Current/Maximum	Residence Current/Maximum
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a. Initial, per occasion	39.95	29.95
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Late fees do not apply to following:

- (a) Any portion of the bill that is in a bona fide dispute.
- (b) Any previous late payment fees included in the amount due.
- (c) Service establishment charges for lifeline services.

Issued: March 20, 2017

Effective: May 1, 2017

Issued by William McKell, President
In accordance with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Case filed on March 20, 2017 in Case No. 15-0921-TP-ATA

EXHIBIT C

This filing proposes to increase the late fee charge. Currently, the amount of the late fee charge is calculated as 1.5% of the unpaid balance or \$8.00, whichever is greater. Effective May 1, 2017, The amount of the late fee charge will be calculated as 1.5% of the unpaid balance or \$8.95, whichever is greater.

EXHIBIT D

CUSTOMER NOTICE

In compliance with OAC 4901:1-6-07 Customer Notice Requirements, The Chillicothe Telephone Company will send the following bill message on customer bills beginning March 27, 2017.

Late Fee Charge – Residential and Business

Effective May 1, 2017, the late fee charge assessed on unpaid balances for local service will increase to the greater of 1.5% or \$8.95. If you have any questions regarding this change, please call Customer Care at 740-772-8331 or toll free at 1-866-436-7163.

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Summary: Application Increase Late Fee electronically filed by Mr. Jeff A Blevins on behalf of The Chillicothe Telephone Company