

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
MIDDLE POINT HOME TELEPHONE
COMPANY TO AMEND ITS BASIC LOCAL
EXCHANGE SERVICE TARIFF AND TO
AUTHORIZE A MECHANISM TO CHANGE
ITS RESIDENTIAL BLES.

CASE NO. 14-191-TP-UNC

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on April 5, 2017

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission dismisses this matter without prejudice pursuant to Middle Point Home Telephone Company's motion to dismiss.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Middle Point Home Telephone Company (Middle Point) is a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) as defined in R.C. 4927.01(A)(5) and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 3} On May 28, 2013, in *In re Middle Point Home Telephone Company*, Case No. 13-1249-TP-BLS, Middle Point filed an application seeking basic local exchange service (BLES) pricing flexibility in order to increase BLES rates for both business and residential customers in its Middle Point Exchange pursuant to R.C. 4927.12. The application was approved effective June 28, 2013.

{¶ 4} On February 3, 2014, as amended on March 25, 2014, and May 12, 2014, Middle Point filed an application in the current case. Pursuant to its amended application, Middle Point seeks authority to increase all BLES rates, residential and business, by \$3.00 per month. Additionally, Middle Point seeks to eliminate the optional extended area service calling plan and expand the local calling area for all customers as part of BLES and to eliminate mileage charges for those customers receiving BLES outside the base rate area.

{¶ 5} The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, AT&T Corp., Teleport Communications America LLC, and New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC (collectively, the AT&T Entities) and the office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel were granted intervention and filed comments in this case. Comments were also filed by Middle Point and The Ohio Telecom Association.

{¶ 6} On March 14, 2017, Middle Point filed a motion to dismiss this matter without prejudice. Middle Point explains that it has determined that further prosecution of its application is not warranted at this time. Further, it represents that it has contacted counsel for OCC and AT&T Entities and neither objects to the dismissal of the application without prejudice.

{¶ 7} The Commission finds that the motion to dismiss this matter without prejudice should be granted.

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the motion to dismiss this matter without prejudice be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon the parties and all interested persons of record.

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