



## BENTON RIDGE TELEPHONE COMPANY

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April 7, 2017

Via Electronic Filing

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

RE: In the Matter of the Application of Benton Ridge Telephone Company to  
Increase its BLES Rates and Related Maximum Rates  
Case No. 17-0795-TP-ZTA

Attached for filing in the above-mentioned case is our Affidavit regarding the required customer notice that we mailed to our customers on April 1, 2017.

Thank you for your assistance. Please contact me at 419-859-2245 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Martin L. Ellerbrock  
General Manager

Attachments

## Affidavit of Customer Notice

I, Martin L. Ellerbrock, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, Benton Ridge 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 April 1, 2017, 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: April 7, 2017

At: Lima, Ohio

Signature: Martin L. Ellerbrock



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ACCOUNT NO:  
TELEPHONE NO:  
BILL DATE: 04/01/2017  
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Effective June 1, 2017, our local telephone rate for residential customers will increase by \$1.25 per month, from \$20.05 to \$21.30. This increase is due to Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") rules. Many rural telephone companies, including ours, receive support from the Federal Universal Service Fund. The FCC's rules will reduce our support if our local rates are below the national average. This \$1.25 increase is required to bring our local rates more in line with the national average.

Also, effective June 1, 2017, our local telephone rates for business customers will increase by \$1.25 per month, from \$29.20 to \$30.45, and our business mileage charge for each quarter-mile outside the base rate area will decrease by \$0.40, from \$0.75 to \$ 0.35. If you have any questions, please call our office at 611 or (419)859-2144.



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