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**The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM**  
 (Effective: 9-2-2015)

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In the Matter of the Application of Minford Telephone Company

) TRF Docket No. 90 - 5028-TP-TRF

) Case No. - - **TP** -

to provide notice of an increase in BLES rates

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

Name of Registrant(s) Minford Telephone Company

DBA(s) of Registrant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Registrant(s) P.O. Box 181, Minford, OH. 45653

Company Web Address www.falcon1.net

Regulatory Contact Person(s) Paula McGraw Phone 740-820-2151 Fax 740-820-2222

Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address pmcgraw@falcon1.net

Contact Person for Annual Report Paula McGraw Phone 740-820-2151

Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Consumer Contact Information Paula McGraw Phone 740-820-2151

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).

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## Section I – Part I - Common Filings

<b>Carrier Type</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)	<b>For Profit ILEC</b>	<b>Not For Profit ILEC</b>	<b>CLEC</b>
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 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 checked="" 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)
<b>Other*</b> (explain)			

## Section I – Part II – Customer Notification Offerings Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-7 OAC

<b>Type of Notice</b>	<b>Direct Mail</b>	<b>Bill Insert</b>	<b>Bill Notation</b>	<b>Electronic Mail</b>
<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"/>
<b>Date Notice Sent:</b> May 1, 2017				

## Section I – Part III –IOS Offerings Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-22 OAC

<b>IOS</b>	<b>Introduce New</b>	<b>Tariff Change</b>	<b>Price Change</b>	<b>Withdraw</b>
<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)	
<b>Wireless Providers</b> 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.

Kathy E. Hobbs  
(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)

May 31, 2017

at (Location) Columbus, Ohio

\*Signature and  
Title

Kathy E. Hobbs, CONSULTANT/AUTHORIZED  
Agent

Date May 31, 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

Kathy E. Hobbs, CONSULTANT  
AUTHORIZED AGENT

Date May 31, 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**

**(Current Tariff Sheet)**

P.U.C.O. NO. 6

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EXCHANGE RATES

A. Service Offerings.

1. The rates below entitle subscribers in the Minford-Stockdale Exchange and in the Clarktown, Rubyville, and other limited areas of Frontier North Inc.'s Portsmouth Exchange to make local calls (i.e., without additional toll charges) to others in the Minford-Stockdale Exchange and anywhere in the Portsmouth Exchange. Calls to South Shore, Kentucky are toll calls.

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>MONTHLY RATES</u>	
		<u>Residence</u>	<u>Payphone</u>
One-Party Access Line	\$23.40	\$17.00	\$23.40
Coin Supervision Additive	---	---	\$ 7.20

Service will be available where facilities exist.

2. The rates, terms and conditions for all services provided to subscribers in the Clarktown, Rubyville, and other limited areas of Frontier North Inc.'s Portsmouth Exchange will be identical to those provided to subscribers in the Minford-Stockdale Exchange.

B. Membership Fee.

1. There shall be a non-refundable fee of \$15.00 charged each member, to be paid prior to connection of service.
2. Membership standing shall remain in full force and effect unless and until the member terminates his service or is suspended by the Board of Trustees for non-payment of any amounts due for local service within 5 working days of date due.
3. No second membership fee will be charged a former member who re-applies for service within One year of his prior termination of membership.
4. All subscribers must be members of the Minford Telephone Company.

**EXHIBIT B**  
**(Proposed Tariff Sheet)**

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MONTHLY RATES

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Payphones</u>
One-Party Access Line	\$24.40	\$18.00	\$23.40
Coin Supervision Additive	---	---	\$ 7.20

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4. All Subscribers must be members of the Minford Telephone Company.



## **EXHIBIT C**

### **Description of the Changes**

In this application, Minford Telephone Company increases its BLES rates for residential and business customers by \$1.00 per month, effective June 1, 2017. By doing so, the Company will move toward the revised universal service "urban rate floor" set in accordance with the FCC's Report and Order and Further Notice of Rulemaking, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et.al, FCC 11-161 (released November 18, 2011) and the FCC Order on May 18, 2017, adopting a frozen rate floor of \$18 which will apply to support reductions for the period July 2017 through June 2018.

## **EXHIBIT D**

### **(Customer Notice and Affidavit)**

The following customer notice appeared on bills that were mailed to Minford Telephone Company customers on May 1, 2017. This notice was sent to the Office of Consumers' Counsel and to the Commission's electronic mailbox ([Telecomm-Rule07@puc.state.oh.us](mailto:Telecomm-Rule07@puc.state.oh.us)) prior to the rate increase:

Effective June 1, 2017, your *residential/business* local service rate will increase from the current \$17.00 (residential) per month and \$23.40 (business) per month to \$18.00 (residential) per month and \$24.40 (business) per month. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) previously issued an order requiring local phone service providers to keep pace with minimum rate floor amounts to avoid forfeiture of certain universal service amounts.

If you are having trouble paying your monthly phone bill, you may qualify for the Federal Lifeline Program which provides discounts to low income customers. For more details on this program, contact our business office at 740-820-2151.

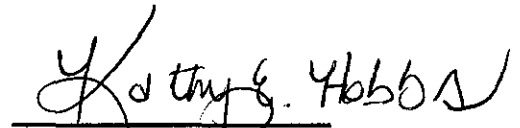
### **AFFIDAVIT**

I, Kathy E. Hobbs, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, Minford 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 May 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 (Date) May 3, 2017 at (Location) Columbus, Ohio.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Kathy E. Hobbs  
Consultant/Authorized Agent  
For Minford Telephone Company