

*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 Conneaut Telephone Company ) TRF Docket No. 90 - 5015-TP-TRF  
 ) Case No. 17 - 1627 - **TP - ZTA**  
to Increase BLES Rate and Related Maximum Business & Residential Local )  
Rates ) **NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave the**  
 ) **"Case No" fields BLANK.**

Name of Registrant(s) Conneaut Telephone Company  
DBA(s) of Registrant(s) d/b/a GreatWave Communications  
Address of Registrant(s) PO Box 579; 224 State St.; Conneaut, OH 44030-0579  
Company Web Address https://greatwavecom.com/  
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Debra A Thelen Phone 605-990-7305 Fax 866-372-5733  
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address dthelen@consortiaconsulting.com  
Contact Person for Annual Report Christian Siebeneck Phone 440-593-7140  
Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_  
Consumer Contact Information Christian Siebeneck Phone 440-593-7140  
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](http://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

<b>Carrier Type</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> (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 <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge, or fee to BLES			<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late Payment	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-6-14(I)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-6-14(I)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-6-14(I)</a> (Auto 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-14(F)</a> (0 day Notice)		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (0 day Notice)
Notice of no obligation to construct facilities and provide BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-27(C)</a> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-27(C)</a> (0 day Notice)	
Change BLES Rates	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <a href="#">1-6-14(F)</a> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <a href="#">1-6-14(F)(4)</a> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <a href="#">1-6-14(G)</a> (0 day Notice)
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	<input type="checkbox"/> BLS <a href="#">1-6-14(C)(1)(c)</a> (Auto 30 days)		
Change in boundary	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB <a href="#">1-6-32</a> (Auto 14 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB <a href="#">1-6-32</a> (Auto 14 days)	
Expand service operation area			<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <a href="#">1-6-08(G)</a> (0 day)
BLES withdrawal			<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-25(B)</a> (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 type="checkbox"/> 30-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Date Notice Sent:</b>				

## 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 <a href="#">1-6-08</a> * (Auto 30- day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <a href="#">1-6-08</a> *(Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <a href="#">1-6-08</a> *(Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <a href="#">1-6-10</a> (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <a href="#">1-6-09</a> *(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 <a href="#">1-6-26</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <a href="#">1-6-26</a> (Auto 30 days)
Change of Official Name *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <a href="#">1-6-29(B)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <a href="#">1-6-29(B)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <a href="#">1-6-29(C)</a> (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <a href="#">1-6-29(E)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <a href="#">1-6-29(E)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <a href="#">1-6-29(C)</a> (0 day Notice)
Merger *	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <a href="#">1-6-29(E)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <a href="#">1-6-29(E)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <a href="#">1-6-29(C)</a> (0 day Notice)
Transfer a Certificate *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <a href="#">1-6-29(B)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <a href="#">1-6-29(B)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <a href="#">1-6-29(C)</a> (0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR <a href="#">1-6-29(B)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR <a href="#">1-6-29(B)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <a href="#">1-6-29(C)</a> (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 <a href="#">1-7-07</a> (Auto 90 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG <a href="#">1-7-07</a> (Auto 90 day)
Request for Arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB <a href="#">1-7-09</a> (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB <a href="#">1-7-09</a> (Non-Auto)
Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs,	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-7-14</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-7-14</a> (Auto 30 days)
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <a href="#">1-7-04</a> or 05 (Non-Auto)	
Changes in rates, terms & conditions to Pole Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights- of-Way.	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-3-04</a> (Auto 30 days)	
<b>Wireless Providers</b> See <a href="#">4901:1-6-24</a>	<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.

Christian Siebeneck

(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)

7-19-17

at (Location)

224 State St Conneaut OH 44030

\*Signature and  
Title

 CEO

Date

7-19-17

*\*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

 CEO

Date

7-19-17

*\*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 Sheets**



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EXCHANGE RATES

The local calling area embraces all calls between stations bearing the designations of Conneaut, Kingsville and Pierpont.

The classification and rates provided in this section apply at any point within the Base Rate Area which is defined as all territory in the exchange lying north of Route Interstate 90.

	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Max. Rate</u>	<u>Anniversary</u> <u>Date</u>
Business – Primary Line .....	\$ 20.65 (C)	\$ 20.65 (C)	Aug. 1, 2015
Residence – Individual Line .....	\$15.55 (C)	\$ 15.55 (C)	Aug. 1, 2015
Payphone: .....			
Coin Operated Telephone Service Access Line .....	\$ 12.15		
Coin Supervision Additive .....	\$ 7.20		

The classifications and rates following apply at any point within Zone A which is defined as all territory in the exchange lying south of Route Interstate 90.

	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Max. Rate</u>	<u>Anniversary</u> <u>Date</u>
Business – Primary Line .....	\$ 23.65 (C)	\$ 23.65 (C)	Aug. 1, 2015
Residence – Individual Line .....	\$ 18.55 (C)	\$ 18.55 (C)	Aug. 1, 2015
Payphone: .....			
Coin Operated Telephone Service Access Line .....	\$ 15.15		
Coin Supervision Additive .....	\$ 7.20		

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Issued: July 1, 2015

Effective: August 1, 2015

In Accordance with Case No. 90-5015-TP-TRF  
Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Christian Siebeneck, Chief Executive Officer  
Conneaut, Ohio

## **Exhibit B**

### **Proposed Tariff Sheets**

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EXCHANGE RATES

The local calling area embraces all calls between stations bearing the designations of Conneaut, Kingsville and Pierpont.

The classification and rates provided in this section apply at any point within the Base Rate Area which is defined as all territory in the exchange lying north of Route Interstate 90.

	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Max. Rate</u>	<u>Anniversary</u> <u>Date</u>
Business – Primary Line .....	\$ 20.65 (C)	\$ 21.60 (C)	Aug. 1, 2017
Residence – Individual Line .....	\$15.55 (C)	\$ 16.50 (C)	Aug. 1, 2017
Payphone: .....			
Coin Operated Telephone Service Access Line.....	\$ 12.15		
Coin Supervision Additive.....	\$ 7.20		

The classifications and rates following apply at any point within Zone A which is defined as all territory in the exchange lying south of Route Interstate 90.

	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Max. Rate</u>	<u>Anniversary</u> <u>Date</u>
Business – Primary Line .....	\$ 23.65 (C)	\$ 24.60 (C)	Aug. 1, 2017
Residence – Individual Line .....	\$ 18.55 (C)	\$ 19.50 (C)	Aug. 1, 2017
Payphone:.....			
Coin Operated Telephone Service Access Line.....	\$ 15.15		
Coin Supervision Additive.....	\$ 7.20		



## **EXHIBIT C**

### **Description of the Changes**

In this filing, Conneaut Telephone Company increased its BLES rate and related maximum business and residential local rate by \$.95 per month in its Conneaut, Kingsville and Pierpont exchanges effective September 1, 2017.

Conneaut Telephone Company received BLES pricing flexibility in Case No. 11-3596-TP-BLS. Conneaut Telephone Company's last local rate increase was effective on August 1, 2015.

## **EXHIBIT D**

### **Customer Notice and Affidavit**

The attached Customer Notice will appear on bills to be mailed to customers on August 1, 2017 and will be sent to the Office of Ohio Consumers' Counsel and to the Commission's electronic mailbox ([Telecomm-Rule07@puc.state.oh.us](mailto:Telecomm-Rule07@puc.state.oh.us)) no less than thirty (30) days prior to the rate increase.

### **Customer Notice**

Effective September 1, 2017, local telephone rates for business and residential customers in the Conneaut, Kingsville and Pierpont exchanges will increase by \$.95 per month as listed in the table below. Many rural telephone companies, including Conneaut Telephone Company, receive support from the Federal Universal Service Fund. New rules reduce such support if a telephone company's local rates are below the national average. The \$.95 increase is necessary to bring our local rates more in line with the national average and to avoid reduction in our Federal Universal Service Fund support.

<b><u>Base Rate Area</u></b>	<b><u>Current Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Rate as of September 1, 2017</u></b>
Business – Primary Line	\$20.65	\$21.60
Residence – Individual Line	\$15.55	\$16.50
<b><u>Zone A</u></b>		
Business – Primary Line	\$23.65	\$24.60
Residence – Individual Line	\$18.55	\$19.50

Our last increase in business and residential local rates was August 1, 2015.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 440-593-7140.

## Affidavit

I, Christian Siebeneck, authorized agent of the applicant corporation, Conneaut Telephone Company, am authorized to make this statement on its behalf. I attest that the customer notices accompanying this Affidavit were sent to affected customers as a bill message on August 1, 2017 in accordance with rule 4901:1-6-07, Ohio Administrative Code.

I declare under perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: 7-12-17

At: Conneaut, Ohio

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

CEO



**KAREN RAE ARCARO**

NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF OHIO

My Commission Expires  
November 16, 2020

*Karen Rae Arcaro*

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Summary: Tariff to increase BLES Rate and Related Maximum Business & Residential Local Rates electronically filed by Debra A Thelen on behalf of Conneaut Telephone Company