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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM  
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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 Arthur Mutual Telephone Company ) TRF Docket No. 90 - 5004-TP-TRF  
to provide notice of a decrease in BLES rates ) Case No. - - TP -  
) NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave the  
) "Case No" fields BLANK.

Name of Registrant(s) The Arthur Mutual Telephone Company  
DBA(s) of Registrant(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Registrant(s) 21980 S.R. 637, Defiance, Ohio 43512  
Company Web Address www.artelco.net  
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Eric W. Roughton Phone 419-393-2233 Fax 419-393-2255  
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address www.artelco.net  
Contact Person for Annual Report Eric W. Roughton Phone 419-393-2233  
Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_  
Consumer Contact Information Eric W. Roughton Phone 419-393-2233  
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 <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 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 checked="" 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)</u> (0 day)
BLES withdrawal			<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-25(B)</u> (0 day Notice)
<b>Other* (explain)</b>			

**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> June 28, 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) August 1, 2017 at (Location) Columbus, Ohio

\*Signature and Title Kathy E. Hobbs, CONSULTANT/AUTHORIZED AGENT Date August 1, 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 August 1, 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 Sheets**

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The following identified service rates entitle the subscribers of telephone service to call, without additional charge, the subscribers of Ayersville, Oakwood, Paulding and Defiance Exchanges, in addition to other subscribers of the Arthur Exchange.

The following listed rates for local exchange telephone service shall apply within the exchange area as depicted on the Arthur Exchange Map herein.

<u>CLASS OF SERVICE</u>	<u>EXCHANGE</u>	
	<u>ACCESS</u>	
One Party Business Access Line Charge	\$27.65	(C)
Payphones		
Coin Operated Telephone Service Access Line	\$23.10	
Coin Supervision Additive	\$ 7.20	
One Party Residence Access Charge	\$20.00	(C)

# **EXHIBIT B**

## **Proposed Tariff Sheets**

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The following identified service rates entitle the subscribers of telephone service to call, without additional charge, the subscribers of Ayersville, Oakwood, Paulding and Defiance Exchanges, in addition to other subscribers of the Arthur Exchange.

The following listed rates for local exchange telephone service shall apply within the exchange area as depicted on the Arthur Exchange Map herein.

<u>CLASS OF SERVICE</u>	<u>EXCHANGE</u>	
	<u>ACCESS</u>	
One Party Business Access Line Charge	\$26.40	(C)
Payphones		
Coin Operated Telephone Service Access Line	\$23.10	
Coin Supervision Additive	\$ 7.20	
One Party Residence Access Charge	\$18.00	(C)

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In Accordance with Case No. 90-5004-TP-TRF  
Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Eric Roughton, General Manager  
Defiance, Ohio



## **EXHIBIT C**

### **(Description of Changes)**

In this application, Arthur Mutual Telephone Company decreases its BLES rates for residential customers by \$2.00 per month and business customers by \$1.25 per month, effective August 1, 2017. Recent action by the FCC to freeze the current universal service urban rate floor by Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 17-61), allows the company, as a benefit to its customers, to lower local voice services to that minimum rate without incurring a reduction in its Federal Universal Service Fund.

## EXHIBIT D

### (Customer Notice and Affidavit)

The following customer notice appeared as a bill message that was mailed to Arthur Mutual Telephone Company customers on June 28, 2017. This notice was also sent to the Commission's electronic mailbox ([Telecomm-Rule07@puc.state.oh.us](mailto:Telecomm-Rule07@puc.state.oh.us)) and to the Office of Consumers' Counsel ([occtelco@occ.state.oh.us](mailto:occtelco@occ.state.oh.us)).

Effective August 1, 2017, our local rates for residential telephone service will decrease from \$20.00 to \$18.00 and from \$27.65 to \$26.40 for business service. Recent action by the Federal Communications Commission to freeze the current universal service urban rate floor by Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 17-61), allows us, as a benefit to our customers, to lower our local voice services to that minimum rate without incurring a reduction in our Federal Universal Service Fund.

We appreciate your business. If you have any questions, please call our office at (419) 393-2233.

### AFFIDAVIT

I, Eric W. Roughton, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, Arthur Mutual 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 June 28, 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) June 28, 2017 at (location) Defiance, Ohio.

Signature:     /s/      
Eric W. Roughton  
General Manager  
Arthur Mutual Telephone Company