

January 9, 2018

Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Re: Case No. 18-0071-TP-ACN – Request for Name Change; Docket 90-5021-TP-TRF

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Please accept this letter for filing with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") as a request by The Germantown Independent Telephone Company ("Company") for approval to effectuate a name change in the Company's d/b/a from FairPoint Communications to Consolidated Communications/Germantown.

FairPoint Communications, Inc. previously advised the Commission of the acquisition by Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. of FairPoint Communications, Inc., including Ohio operating subsidiaries:

The Columbus Grove Telephone Company
The Germantown Independent Telephone Company
The Orwell Telephone Company

The Company requests an Order from the Commission approving a change in the Company's certificated name from The Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications to The Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications/Germantown, with an effective date of February 19, 2018, and without the necessity of a hearing. This request does not involve any change to the current ownership, management, finances, personnel or telecommunications operations of the Company.

The Company, operating as a local incumbent in the state of Ohio, will continue to be the holder of the operating authorities in Ohio, will continue providing the services, and will be the entity responsible for all regulatory issues. The only change to the corporation as previously certificated by the Commission is to reflect the change in the d/b/a to "Consolidated Communications/Germantown." This new d/b/a is to be reflected in all company references, including all operating authorities granted to the Company by the Commission.

The Company is hereby filing updated Title Pages, bearing the name The Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications/Germantown with an effective date of February 19, 2018. This change will not affect the corporate entity actually providing service, any of the terms and conditions of service or any of the service offerings of the Company. There will be no further revisions to the tariff at this time. Customer notice has been provided by Consolidated Communications in advance of the effective date of the revised Title Page, explaining the change in the Company's business name.

As always, thank you in advance for your courtesies in this matter. Please direct any questions regarding this matter to my office.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,



Carole J. Williamson
Director - Regulatory
Office: (207) 797-1190

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM

(Effective: 10-11-2017)

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 Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications) TRF Docket No. 90 - 5021-TP-TRF
to Change name to The Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications/Germantown) Case No. 18 - 0071 - **TP - ACN**
NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave the "Case No" fields BLANK.

Name of Registrant(s) The Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications
DBA(s) of Registrant(s) Consolidated Communications/Germantown
Address of Registrant(s) 1 Davis Farm Road, Portland, Maine 04103
Company Web Address www.fairpoint.com
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Carole Williamson Phone 207-797-1190 Fax 207-797-1258
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address carole.williamson@fairpoint.com
Contact Person for Annual Report Sandy Richardson Phone 620-227-4400
Address (if different from above) 908 West Frontview, Dodge City, KS 67801
Consumer Contact Information Victoria Gronquist Phone 716-326-1263
Address (if different from above) 30 E Main ST., Westfield, NY 14787

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 Ohio Administrative Code [4901:1-6](#).

Section III – Carrier to Carrier is Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code [4901:1-7](#), and Wireless is Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code [4901:1-6-24](#).

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 Adm.Code Chapter 4901 and/or the supplemental application form noted.

(3) Information regarding the number of copies required by the PUCO may be obtained from the PUCO's website 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 PUCO.

(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

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

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

Type of Notice	Direct Mail	Bill Insert	Bill Notation	Electronic Mail
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
Date Notice Sent: Bill insert in bills issued on January 1st.				

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

IOS	Introduce New	Tariff Change	Price Change	Withdraw
<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 1-6-08 * (Auto 30- day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE 1-6-08 *(Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE 1-6-08 *(Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE 1-6-10 (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC 1-6-09 *(Non-Auto)

*Supplemental Certification forms can be found on the PUCO webpage.

Section II – Part II – Certificate Status & Procedural

Certificate Status	ILEC	CLEC	Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local
Abandon all Services		<input type="checkbox"/> ABN 1-6-26 (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN 1-6-26 (Auto 30 days)
Change of Official Name *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACN 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO 1-6-29(E) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO 1-6-29(E) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0 day Notice)
Merger *	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT 1-6-29(E) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT 1-6-29(E) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0 day Notice)
Transfer a Certificate *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (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 PUCO's webpage](#) 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 1-7-07 (Auto 90 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG 1-7-07 (Auto 90 day)
Request for Arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB 1-7-09 (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB 1-7-09 (Non-Auto)
Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-7-14 (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-7-14 (Auto 30 days)
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC 1-7-04 or 05 (Non-Auto)	
Changes in rates, terms & conditions to Pole Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights-of-Way. (13-579-AU-ORD 11/30/16 Entry)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-3-04 (Auto 60 days)	
Wireless Providers See 4901:1-6-24	<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, The Germantown, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.
Carole J Williamson
(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 Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-7.

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

Executed on
(Date) January 9, 2018 at (Location) 1 Davis Farm Road, Portland Maine, 04103

*Signature and
Title Carole J Williamson Director - Regulatory Date January 9, 2018

**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 Carole J Williamson Director - Regulatory Date January 9, 2018

**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 PAGE(S)

Germantown Independent Telephone Company,
d/b/a FairPoint Communications

ORIGINAL TITLE SHEET

P.U.C.O. NO. 1

GERMANTOWN INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY
ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF

ISSUED: September 25, 2003

Effective: November 10, 2003

In Accordance with Case No
Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Jane E. Valik, President
Columbus Grove, Ohio

THE GERMANTOWN INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY
BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE TARIFF

NOTE: This Tariff P.U.C.O. No. 8 cancels and supersedes The Germantown Independent Telephone Company Tariff P.U.C.O. No. 7.

THE GERMANTOWN INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY
D/B/A FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS
POLE ATTACHMENT AND CONDUIT OCCUPANCY TARIFF
P.U.C.O. NO. 10

POLE ATTACHMENT AND CONDUIT OCCUPANCY TARIFF

This tariff contains the following listed pages, each of which is effective on the date shown thereon.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Revision</u>	<u>Sheet</u>
Title Sheet	Original	1
Checklist	Original	1
Table of Contents	Original	1
1	Original	1
1	Original	2
1	Original	3

Exhibit B

PROPOSED TARIFF PAGE(S)

Germantown Independent Telephone Company, The
d/b/a Consolidated Communications/Germantown

First Revised TITLE SHEET
Canceling Original TITLE SHEET

P.U.C.O. NO. 1

THE GERMANTOWN INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY

ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF

All references throughout this tariff to The Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a
FairPoint Communications, "the Telephone Company", or "the Company", shall be read as
The Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a Consolidated
Communications/Germantown

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ISSUED: January 9, 2018

Effective: February 19, 2018

In Accordance with Case No 18-0071-TP-ACN
Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Carole J. Williamson, Director Regulatory
Columbus Grove, Ohio

P.U.C.O. NO. 8

THE GERMANTOWN INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY
BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE TARIFF

All references throughout this tariff to The Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a
FairPoint Communications, "the Telephone Company", or "the Company", shall be read as
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Communications/Germantown

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Issued: January 9, 2018

Effective: February 19, 2018

In Accordance with Case No. 18-0071-TP-ACN
Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Carole J. Williamson, Director - Regulatory
Germantown, Ohio

THE GERMANTOWN INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY
D/B/A CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS/GERMANTOWN
POLE ATTACHMENT AND CONDUIT OCCUPANCY TARIFF
P.U.C.O. NO. 10

(C)

All references throughout this tariff to The Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a
FairPoint Communications, "the Telephone Company", or "the Company", shall be read as
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Communications/Germantown

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POLE ATTACHMENT AND CONDUIT OCCUPANCY TARIFF

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1	Original	2	
1	Original	3	

Exhibit C

DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES

The purpose of this filing is to change the name of the company from The Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications to The Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications/Germantown.

Exhibit D

SUPPLEMENTAL

The Secretary of State filing supporting this change is currently in process and a copy will be provided at a future date, when available.

Exhibit E

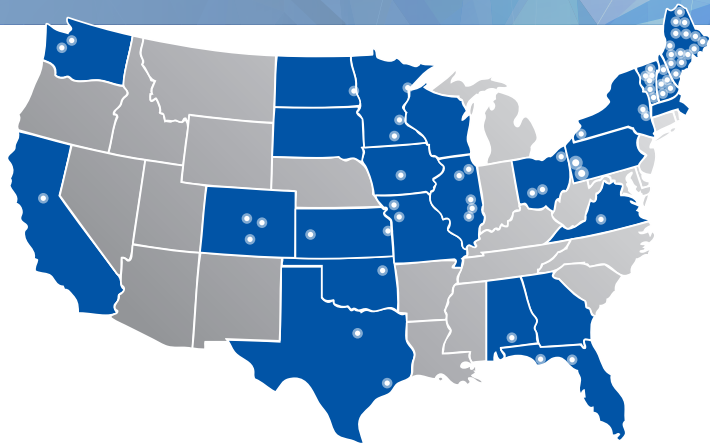
CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

FairPoint will soon be Consolidated Communications.

As promised, we have some exciting updates to share...a new name, new features and new benefits are coming soon!

FairPoint

A Consolidated Communications Company



Our New Name

We're excited to introduce you to **Consolidated Communications**. We will change our name in mid-February. When you search for us online, see us in the community or when we come to your home or business, you'll notice our new website, vehicle signage, and much more.

New Website and Portals

Our new website will be **consolidated.com**. You will also notice a new look to our residential and business portals. Your usernames and passwords will not change.

Chat with us online!

You'll have a new way to communicate with us during business hours via online chat after we move to **consolidated.com**. We're excited about this opportunity to improve your experience as a customer.

What to expect

We are committed to providing you quality service and support. There are no system cutovers or changes to your services, bill, email address or support. We'll keep you informed along the way.

**We appreciate and value your
continued business, thank you!**



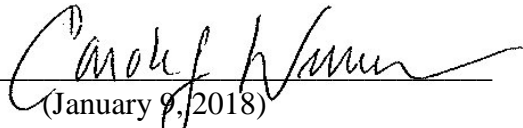
A Consolidated Communications Company

CUSTOMER NOTICE AFFIDAVIT

AFFIDAVIT

I, Carole J. Williamson, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, The Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf. I attest that the customer notice(s) accompanying this affidavit were sent to affected customers through a bill insert in the customer's January 2018 bill statement in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-07, Ohio Administrative Code. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature


(January 9, 2018)

This foregoing document was electronically filed with the Public Utilities

Commission of Ohio Docketing Information System on

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in

Case No(s). 18-0071-TP-ACN

Summary: Request In the Matter of the Application of The Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications to change its name to The Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications/Germantown electronically filed by Mrs. Beth Westman on behalf of Germantown Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications