

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 _____

to _____

) TRF Docket No. 90 -
) Case No. - **TP** -
) **NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave the**
) **“Case No” fields BLANK.**

Name of Registrant(s) _____
DBA(s) of Registrant(s) _____
Address of Registrant(s) _____
Company Web Address _____
Regulatory Contact Person(s) _____ Phone _____ Fax _____
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address _____
Contact Person for Annual Report _____ Phone _____
Address (if different from above) _____
Consumer Contact Information _____ Phone _____
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).

Section I – Part I - Common Filings

Carrier Type Other (explain below)	For Profit ILEC	Not For Profit ILEC	CLEC
Change terms & conditions of existing BLES	ATA 1-6-14(H) (Auto 30 days)	ATA 1-6-14(H) (Auto 30 days)	ATA 1-6-14(H) (Auto 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge, or fee to BLES			ATA 1-6-14(H) (Auto 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late Payment	ATA 1-6-14(I) (Auto 30 days)	ATA 1-6-14(I) (Auto 30 days)	ATA 1-6-14(I) (Auto 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap.	ZTA 1-6-14(F) (0 day Notice)		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	ZTA 1-6-14(H) (0 day Notice)	ZTA 1-6-14(H) (0 day Notice)	ZTA 1-6-14(H) (0 day Notice)
Notice of no obligation to construct facilities and provide BLES	ZTA 1-6-27(C) (0 day Notice)	ZTA 1-6-27(C) (0 day Notice)	
Change BLES Rates	TRF 1-6-14(F) (0 day Notice)	TRF 1-6-14(F)(4) (0 day Notice)	TRF 1-6-14(G) (0 day Notice)
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	BLS 1-6-14(C)(1)(c) (Auto 30 days)		
Change in boundary	ACB 1-6-32 (Auto 14 days)	ACB 1-6-32 (Auto 14 days)	
Expand service operation area			TRF 1-6-08(G) (0 day)
BLES withdrawal			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
15-day Notice				
30-day Notice				
Date Notice Sent:				

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

IOS	Introduce New	Tariff Change	Price Change	Withdraw
IOS				

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

(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)

at (Location)

*Signature and

Title

Date

**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

/s/William A. Adams

Date

**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**

LIST OF EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT A:	Existing Tariff Sheets
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EXHIBIT G:	Description of and Rationale for the Transaction
EXHIBIT H:	Contacts and Verifications

EXHIBIT A

Existing Tariff Sheets

The cover pages of the following existing tariffs are attached:

- The Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications/Germantown
 - PUCO 8 Basic Local Exchange Service
 - PUCO 10 Pole Attachment and Conduit Occupancy
 - PUCO 1 Access
- The Columbus Grove Telephone Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications/Columbus Grove
 - PUCO 8 Basic Local Exchange Service
 - PUCO 10 Pole Attachment
 - PUCO 1 Access Service
- The Orwell Telephone Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications/Orwell
 - PUCO 8 Basic Local Exchange Service
 - PUCO 10 Pole Attachment and Conduit Service

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

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

First Revised Title Sheet
Canceling Original Title Sheet

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 (C)
The Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a Consolidated (C)
Communications/Germantown (C)

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

Issued: January 9, 2018

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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

Title Sheet
First Revised Sheet No. 1
Canceling Original Sheet No. 1

P.U.C.O. No. 10

THE GERMANTOWN INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY

D/B/A CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS/GERMANTOWN

(C)

POLE ATTACHMENT AND CONDUIT OCCUPANCY TARIFF

P.U.C.O. NO. 10

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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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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Columbus Grove, Ohio

The Columbus Grove Telephone Company
d/b/a Consolidated Communications/Columbus Grove

Columbus Grove Telephone Company, The
d/b/a Consolidated Communications/Columbus Grove

First Revised TITLE SHEET
Cancels Original TITLE SHEET

P.U.C.O. NO. 8

THE COLUMBUS GROVE TELEPHONE COMPANY
BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE TARIFF

All references throughout this tariff to The Columbus Grove Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications, "the Telephone Company", or "the Company", shall be read as The Columbus Grove Telephone Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications/Columbus Grove (C)
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NOTE: This Tariff P.U.C.O. No. 8 cancels and supersedes The Columbus Grove Telephone Company Tariff P.U.C.O. No. 6.

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The Columbus Grove Telephone Company
d/b/a Consolidated Communications/Columbus Grove

Title Sheet
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THE COLUMBUS GROVE TELEPHONE COMPANY
D/B/A CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS/COLUMBUS GROVE
POLE ATTACHMENT AND CONDUIT OCCUPANCY TARIFF
P.U.C.O. NO. 10

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

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Columbus Grove Telephone Company, The
d/b/a Consolidated Communications/Columbus Grove

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THE COLUMBUS GROVE TELEPHONE COMPANY

ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF

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

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Columbus Grove, Ohio

The Orwell Telephone Company
d/b/a Consolidated Communications/Orwell

Orwell Telephone Company, The
d/b/a Consolidated Communications/Orwell

First Revised TITLE SHEET
Canceling Original TITLE SHEET

P.U.C.O. NO. 8

THE ORWELL TELEPHONE COMPANY
BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE TARIFF

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

NOTE: This Tariff P.U.C.O. No. 8 cancels and supersedes The Orwell Telephone
Company Tariff P.U.C.O. No. 6, General, and P.U.C.O. No. 7, Local.

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In Accordance with Case No. 18-0072-TP-ACN
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Orwell, Ohio

The Orwell Telephone Company
d/b/a Consolidated Communications/Orwell

Title Sheet
First Revised Sheet No. 1
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P.U.C.O. No. 10

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

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

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EXHIBIT B
Proposed Revised Tariff Sheets

The proposed new tariffs are attached. *See* Exhibit G for more information.

P.U.C.O. NO. 1

This tariff, P.U.C.O. NO. 1, Issued by Consolidated Communications of Ohio Company, LLC, Cancels and Replaces P.U.C.O. NO. 8 Issued by The Columbus Grove Telephone Company, P.U.C.O. NO. 8 Issued by The Germantown Independent Telephone Company, and P.U.C.O. NO. 8 Issued by The Orwell Telephone Company in Their Entirety.

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OF OHIO COMPANY, LLC

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE TARIFF

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1.1 TARIFF DESCRIPTION

This Basic Local Exchange Service (BLES) Tariff applies to residential single-line customers and to the primary access line of business customers.

BLES is provided by Consolidated Communications of Ohio LLC (The “Company” or “Company”) in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-12, Ohio Administrative Code.

Basic local exchange service, as defined in Section 4927.01, Revised Code, means residential end-user access to, and usage of, telephone-company-provided services over a single line, or small-business-end-user access to and usage of telephone-company-provided services over the business’s primary access Line of Service, which in the case of residential and small-business access and usage is not part of a bundle or package of services. BLES enables a customer to originate or receive voice communications within a local service area and consists of the following services:

- (i) Local dial tone service;
- (ii) For residential end users, flat-rate telephone exchange service;
- (iii) Touch tone dialing service;
- (iv) Access to and usage of 9-1-1 services, where such services are available;
- (v) Access to operator services and directory assistance;
- (vi) Provision of a telephone directory in any reasonable format for no additional charge and a listing in that directory, with reasonable accommodations made for private listings;
- (vii) Per call, caller identification blocking services;
- (viii) Access to telecommunications relay service; and
- (ix) Access to toll presubscription, interexchange or toll providers or both, and networks of other telephone companies.

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1.2 EXCHANGE RATES

- A. Unless otherwise specified, the charges quoted in this Tariff are for periods of one month, and are payable in advance.

ORWELL, WINDSOR AND COLEBROOK EXCHANGE AREAS

Within the Colebrook Exchange Area; within the Orwell Exchange Area; and within the Windsor Exchange Area:

Individual Access Line				
<u>Monthly Business</u>	<u>Max. Rate</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Max. Rate</u>	<u>BLES Anniversary</u>
<u>Rates</u>		<u>Residence Rates</u>		<u>Date</u>
\$28.14	\$28.14	\$17.90	\$17.90	January 31, 2018

NORTH BLOOMFIELD EXCHANGE

Within the North Bloomfield Exchange Area:

Individual Access Line				
<u>Monthly Business</u>	<u>Max. Rate</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Max. Rate</u>	<u>BLES Anniversary</u>
<u>Rates</u>		<u>Residence Rates</u>		<u>Date</u>
\$34.30	\$34.30	\$21.73	\$21.73	January 31, 2018

MT. CORY EXCHANGE

Within the Mt. Cory Exchange Area:

Individual Access Line				
<u>Monthly Business</u>	<u>Max. Rate</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Max. Rate</u>	<u>BLES Anniversary</u>
<u>Rates</u>		<u>Residence Rates</u>		<u>Date</u>
\$31.42	\$31.42	\$19.68	\$19.68	January 31, 2018

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1.2 EXCHANGE RATES (Continued)

BELMORE, GILBOA, LEIPSIC AND PANDORA EXCHANGE AREAS

Within the Belmore, Gilboa, Leipsic and Pandora Exchange Areas:

Individual Access Line

<u>Monthly Business</u> <u>Rates</u>	<u>Max. Rate</u>	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Residence Rates</u>	<u>Max. Rate</u>	<u>BLES Anniversary</u> <u>Date</u>
\$28.14	\$28.14	\$17.90	\$17.90	January 31, 2018

For the Belmore, Colebrook, Gilboa, Leipsic, Mt. Cory, North Bloomfield, Orwell and Windsor Exchanges:

The semi-public paystation subscriber will be charged a monthly rate of forty-one and 25/100 (\$41.25) plus all of the long distance charges and taxes.

The standard, one party business rate currently in effect in each exchange area, or its equivalent, shall be the proper rate to be applied to the furnishing of COCOT Service.

GERMANTOWN

Within the Germantown Exchange Areas:

Individual Access Line

<u>Monthly Business</u> <u>Rates</u>	<u>Max. Rate</u>	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Residence Rates</u>	<u>Max. Rate</u>	<u>BLES Anniversary</u> <u>Date</u>
\$37.67	\$37.67	\$20.20	\$20.20	January 31, 2018

<u>Other Lines:</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
<u>Public Pay Phone</u>	\$36.42
<u>COCOT</u>	\$19.50
<u>Coin Supervision</u> <u>Additive</u>	\$7.20

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1.2 EXCHANGE RATES (Continued)

COLUMBUS GROVE

Within the Columbus Grove Exchange Area:

Individual Access Line

Within the Base Rate Area*

<u>Monthly Business</u> <u>Rates</u>	<u>Max. Rate</u>	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Residence Rates</u>	<u>Max. Rate</u>	<u>BLES Anniversary</u> <u>Date</u>
\$20.85	\$20.85	\$13.05	\$13.05	January 31, 2018

Individual Access Line

Outside the Base Rate Area**

<u>Monthly Business</u> <u>Rates</u>	<u>Max. Rate</u>	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Residence Rates</u>	<u>Max. Rate</u>	<u>BLES Anniversary</u> <u>Date</u>
\$23.45	\$23.45	\$15.65	\$15.65	January 31, 2018

Basic Coin Transmission Rate

Within the Base Rate Area*

<u>Element</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Smart Payphone Line	\$19.60
Dumb Payphone Line	\$19.60
Coin Supervision Additive	\$7.20

Basic Coin Transmission Rate

Outside the Base Rate Area**

<u>Element</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Smart Payphone Line	\$22.20
Dumb Payphone Line	\$22.20
Coin Supervision Additive	\$7.20

* As defined on the map shown in Section 1, Sheet No. 5

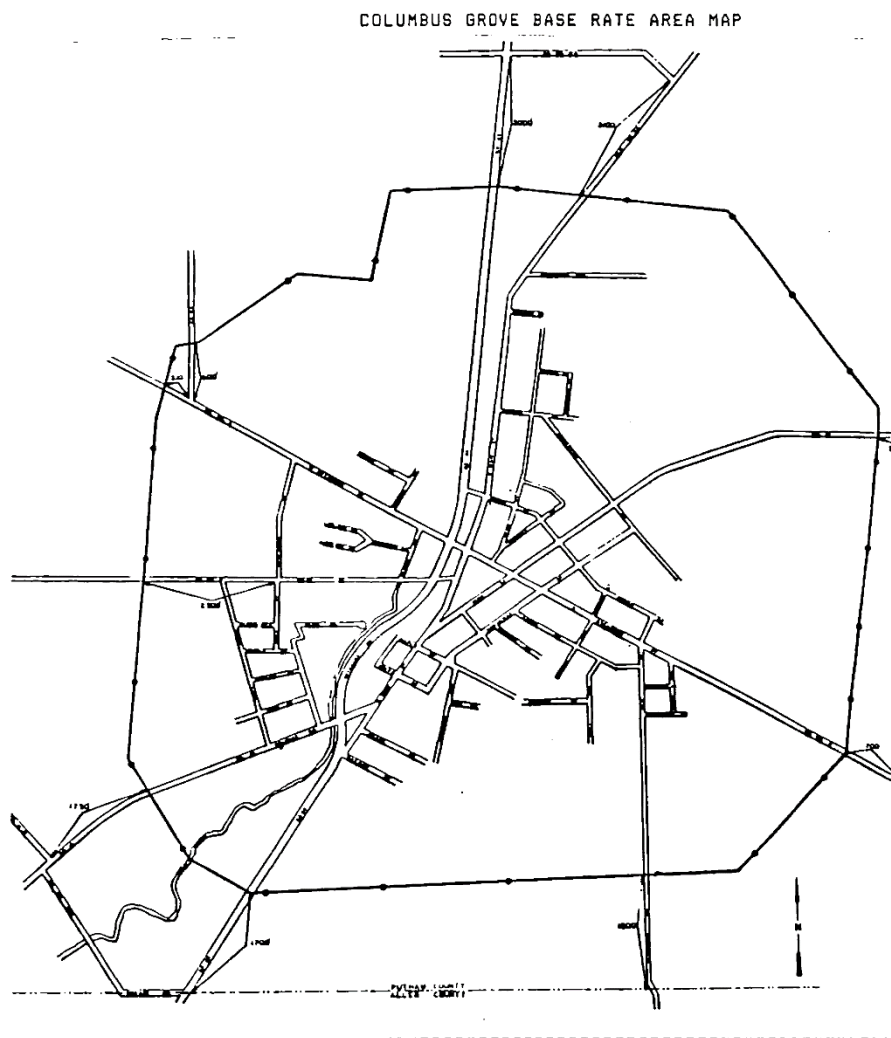
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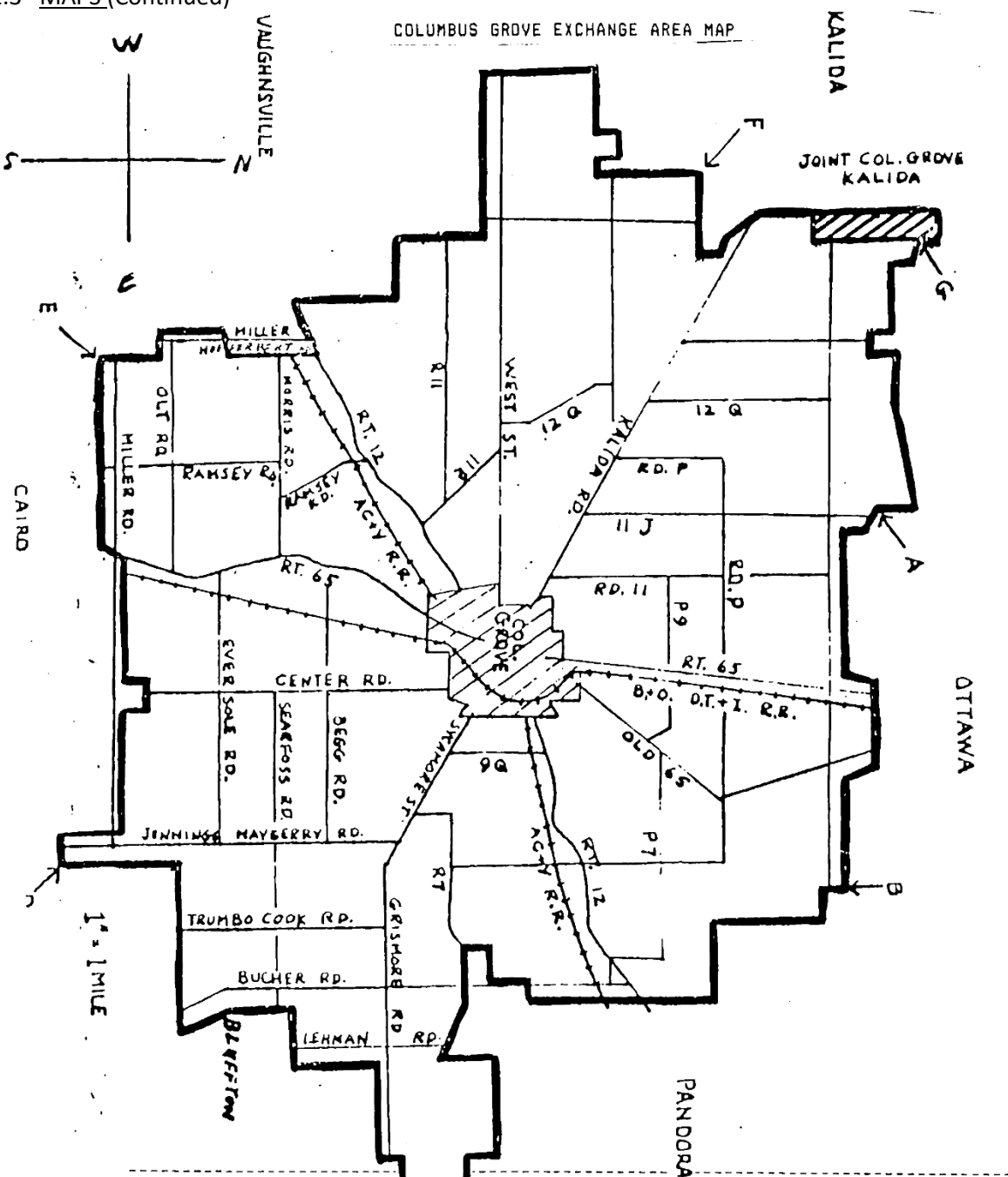
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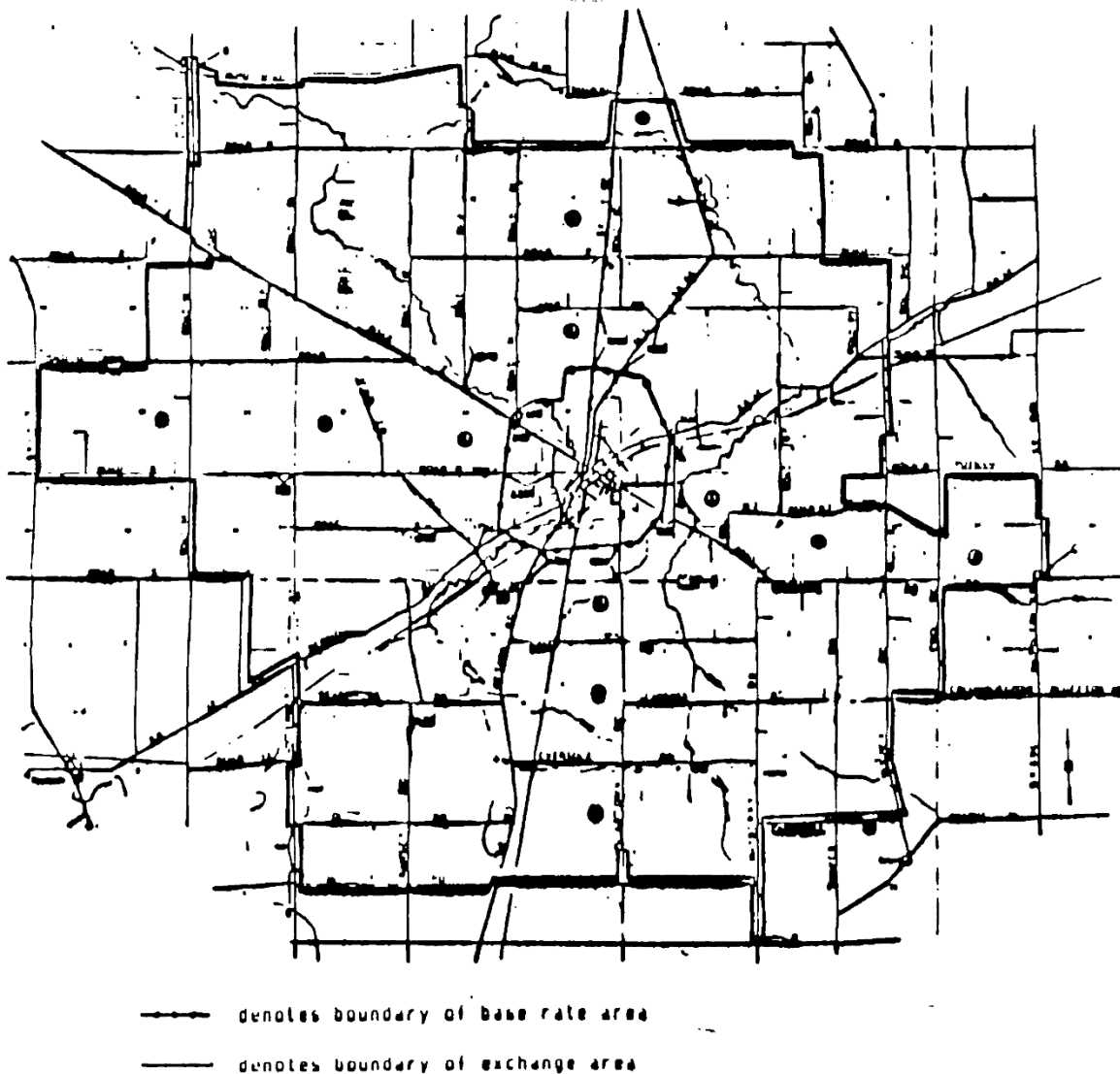
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1.3 MAPS (Continued)

COLUMBUS GROVE ZONE RATE AREAS MAP



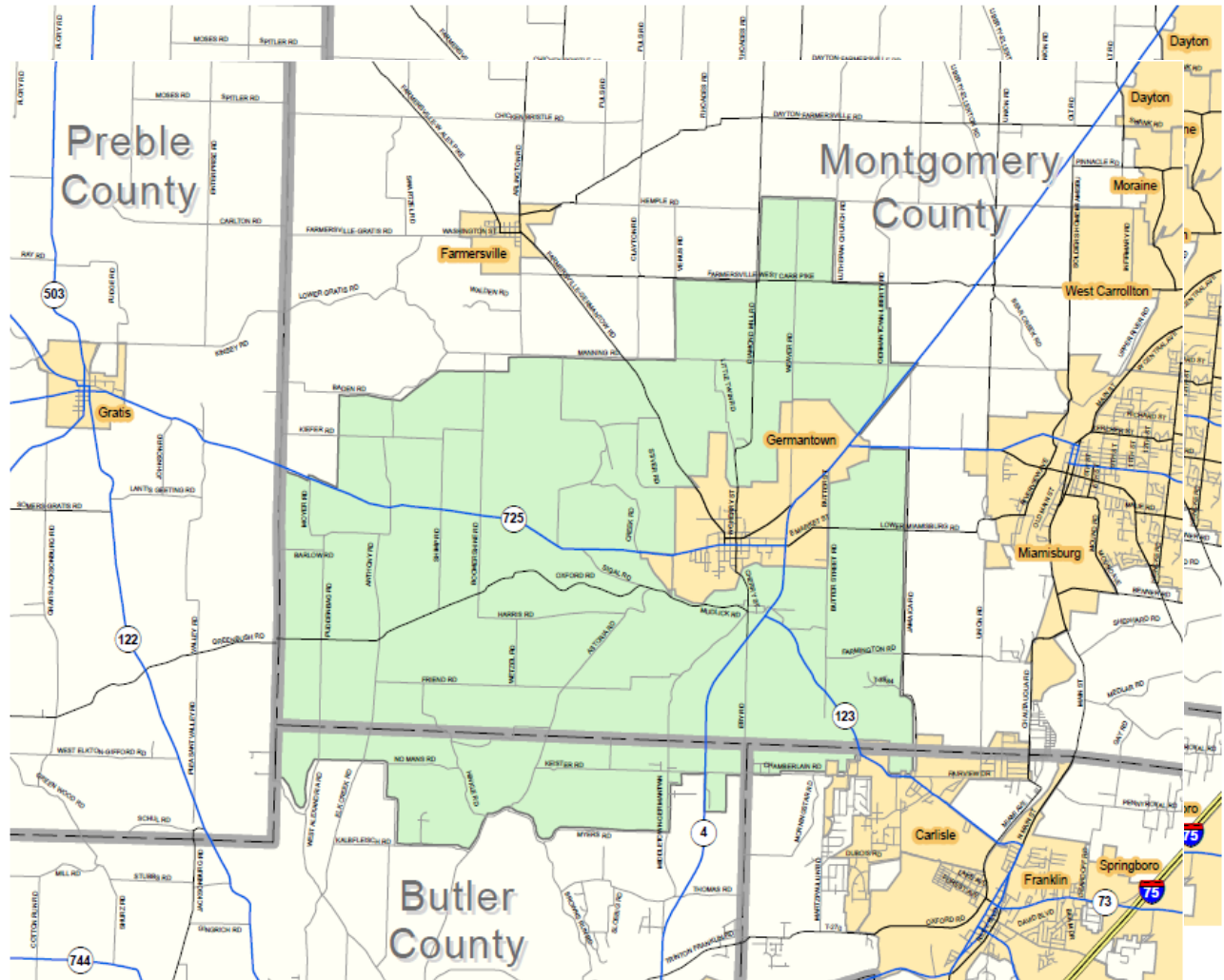
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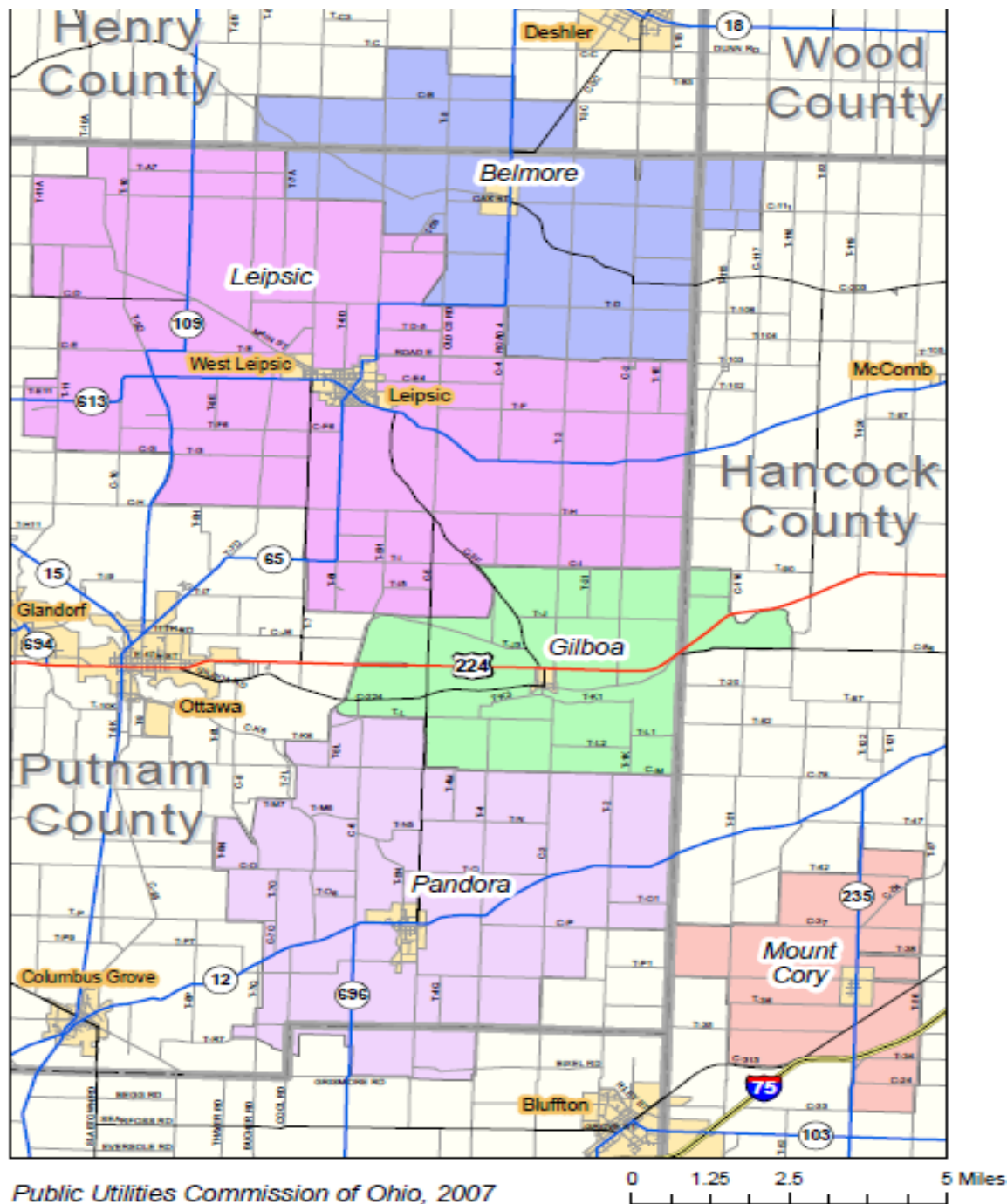
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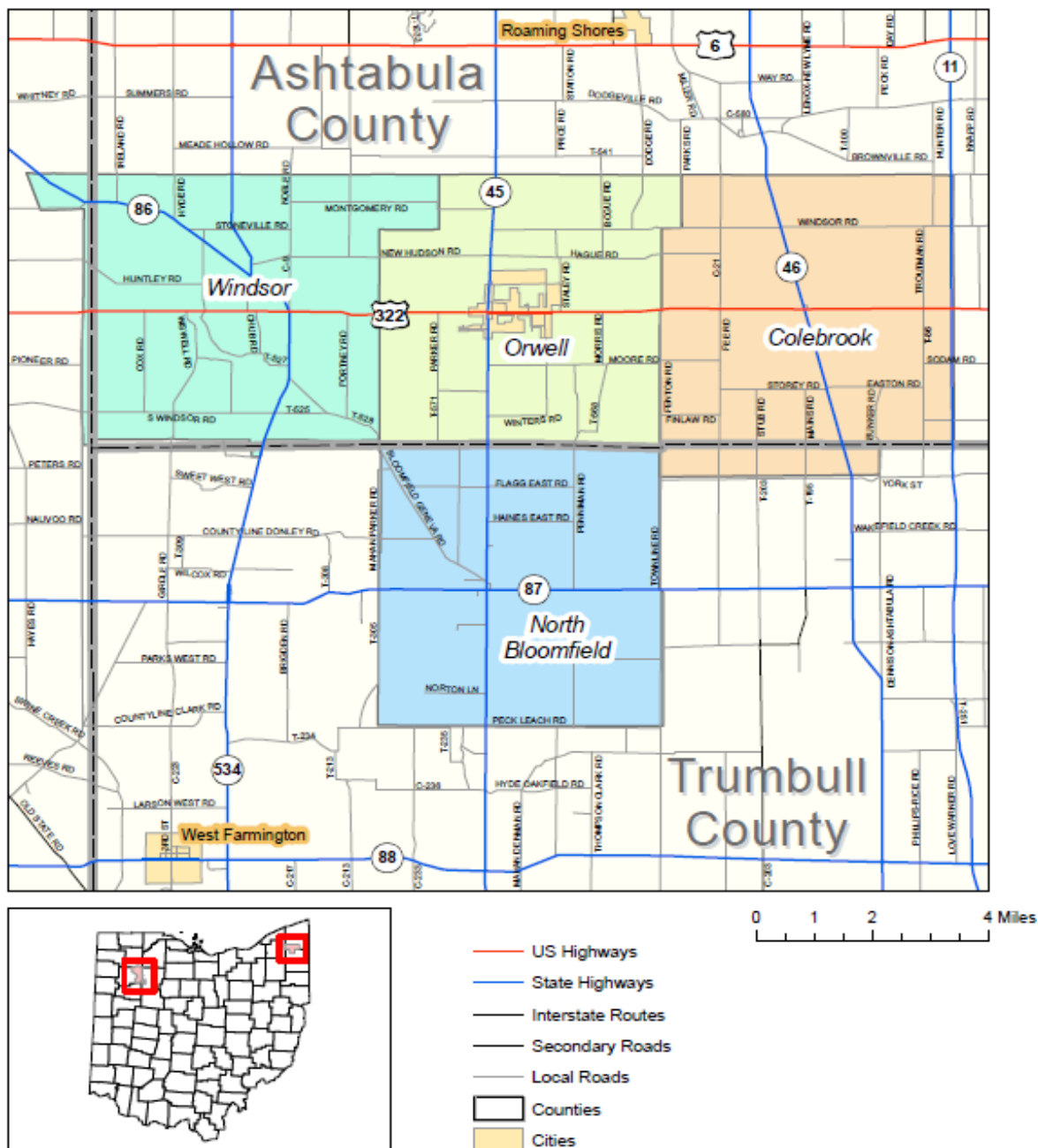


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1.4 EXTENDED AREA SERVICE

The rates quoted herein also entitle the subscribers of these exchanges to call, without additional charge, subscribers in the following groups of exchange service areas:

From Belmore Exchange	EAS to	Deshler, Hamler, Gilboa and Leipsic Exchanges
From Colebrook Exchange	EAS to	New Lyme, Orwell, Andover, Windsor, North Bloomfield, Cherry Valley, Wayne, and Williamsfield Exchanges
From Columbus Grove	EAS to	Glandorf, Kalida, Vaughnsville, Cairo, Ottawa and Pandora Exchanges
From Germantown	EAS to	Franklin, Middletown, Dayton, Miamisburg-West Carrollton, Gratis and Farmersville Exchanges
From Gilboa Exchange	EAS to	Benton Ridge, Ottawa, Belmore, Pandora and Leipsic Exchanges
From Leipsic Exchange	EAS to	Miller City, Glandorf, New Bavaria, Hamler, Ottawa, Belmore, Gilboa and Pandora Exchanges
From Mt. Cory	EAS to	Benton Ridge, Pandora and Findlay Exchanges
From North Bloomfield Exchange	EAS to	Colebrook, Bristolville, Greene, Mesopotamia, Middlefield, Orwell, Warren and Windsor Exchanges

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1.4 EXTENDED AREA SERVICE (Continued)

The rates quoted herein also entitle the subscribers of these exchanges to call, without additional charge, subscribers in the following groups of exchange service areas: (Continued)

From Orwell Exchange	EAS to	Colebrook, North Bloomfield, Rock Creek, Windsor, Trumbull, and Hartsgrove Exchanges
From Pandora	EAS to	Benton Ridge, Bluffton, Columbus Grove, Ottawa, Gilboa, Leipsic and Mt. Cory Exchanges
From Windsor Exchange	EAS to	Claridon, Huntsburg, Colebrook, Mesopotamia, Middlefield, Orwell, Trumbull, North Bloomfield and Hartsgrove Exchanges

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1.5 SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES

BELMORE, COLEBROOK, GILBOA, LEIPSIC, MT. CORY, NORTH BLOOMFIELD, ORWELL AND
WINDSOR EXCHANGES

A. Service Charges

1. A residential service charge consisting of more of the charges shown in this section is applicable for the following activities undertaken at customer request:
 - a. Connections
2. Residential service charges are in addition to all other applicable rates and charges associated with the service being provided. All business service charges are based on time and material and are calculated on actual cost of the installation.
3. Payment of Service Charges: Service charges for the initial establishment of residential or business service are due and payable in advance or on the first billing cycle after installation date of the equipment.
4. The charges specified herein do not contemplate work being performed by Company employees at a time when overtime wages apply due to the request of the subscriber nor do they contemplate work begun being interrupted by the subscriber. If the subscriber requests overtime labor being performed or interrupts work once begun, a charge in addition to the specified charges will be made equal to the additional cost involved.
5. Service Charges are the following:
 - a. Service Ordering Charge: Applicable for work done in receiving, recording, and processing information necessary to execute a customer's request for connection of service or moves, changes, or additions to existing service.
 - b. Line Connection Charge: Applicable to work done in the Central Office and elsewhere in association with providing an access line or making changes thereto.
 - c. Premises Visit Charge: Applicable if a Company employee must visit the customer's premises to complete requested work.
6. Service charges are not applicable to the upgrading of basic service, when done in conjunction with a general upgrading of facilities.
7. Service charges are not applicable to removal of service or equipment.

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1.5 SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES (Continued)

BELMORE, COLEBROOK, GILBOA, LEIPSIC, MT. CORY, NORTH BLOOMFIELD, ORWELL
AND WINDSOR EXCHANGES (Continued)

A. Service Charges (Continued)

8. Application of Charges

a. Service Ordering Charge

Service order activity is classified as either initial (establishment of service) or subsequent (modification to an existing service).

1. One initial service ordering charge is applicable to each order for connection of the service.
2. One subsequent service order charge is applicable to each order for move, change, or addition and the following:
 - a. Change of telephone number requested by subscriber.
 - b. Only one charge is applicable per order if more than one change is requested on the order.

b. Line Connection Charge

1. One line connection charge is applicable to the provision of each access line in association with Individual or Multi-party Residence Service.
2. Line connection charges are not applicable when service responsibility is assumed by a customer prior to discontinuance by another customer (supersedure) and there is no change of telephone number.
3. A line connection is applicable to each change in telephone number made at the request of the customer.

c. Premises Visit Charge

1. One premise visit charge is applicable whenever a Company employee is dispatched to the customer's premises to complete a customer's request.
2. A premise visit charge is not applicable for subsequent visits required to complete an order to which a visit charge has been applied.
3. The premises visit charge is applicable on a per visit basis.

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1.5 SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES (Continued)

BELMORE, COLEBROOK, GILBOA, LEIPSIC, MT. CORY, NORTH BLOOMFIELD, ORWELL
AND WINDSOR EXCHANGES (Continued)

A. Service Charges (Continued)

9. Charges for Residence Services

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| a. Service Ordering*: | |
| 1. Initial Order, each | \$20.00 |
| 2. Subsequent Order, each | 15.00 |
| b. Line Connection*, each | 20.00 |
| Premise Visit | 15.00 |
| Reconnect Charge for Disconnect, for non-payment of telephone bill | 25.00 |
| Reconnect charge for a left-in station or an account which has been disconnected for 90 days or more | 40.00 |

*The Service Ordering and Line Connection charges will be waived for all former customers who reconnect their service with the Company after having previously disconnected and ported their telephone number to either a provider of digital or wireless phone service.

10. Charges for Business Services

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|--|---------|
| a. Service Ordering*: | |
| All Orders, each | \$25.00 |
| b. Line Connection*, each | T&M* |
| * T&M or Time and Material is the actual cost of installation including direct labor, transportation, indirect labor and overhead costs. | |
| c. Reconnect Charge for disconnect, for non-payment of telephone bill | \$25.00 |
| d. Reconnect charge for a left-in station or an account which has been disconnected for 90 days or more | \$45.00 |

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1.5 SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES (Continued)

GERMANTOWN EXCHANGE

B. Service Charges

1. Residential and business service connection charges are in addition to all other applicable rates and charges associated with the service being provided.
2. The service connection charges specified herein do not contemplate work being performed by Company employees at a time when overtime wages apply due to the request of the subscriber nor do they contemplate work begun being interrupted by the subscriber. If the subscriber requests overtime labor being performed or interrupts work once begun, a charge in addition to the specified charges will be made equal to the additional cost involved.
3. Service charges are not applicable to removal of service or equipment.
4. Service connection charges apply to the following (see below for charges.):
 - a. Service Ordering Charge: Receiving, recording and processing information necessary to execute a customer's request for service, including digital switching services.
 - b. Central Office Charge: Performing all or part of the work associated with the connection of a central office line. This includes connections or changes in the central office, cable, or drop wire up to the house protector.
5. Application of Service Connection Charges
 - a. Service Ordering Charge (Business and Residence Services)

Service order activity for establishment of service or for modification to an existing service.

 - 1) One service ordering charge is applicable to each order for connection of the service, or changes to the service made at the same time.
 - 2) One service ordering charge is applicable to each order for change or addition and the following:
 - a) Reconnect of service for nonpayment.
 - b) The establishment of digital switching services.

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1.5 SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES (Continued)

GERMANTOWN EXCHANGE (Continued)

B. Service Charges (Continued)

5. Application of Service Connection Charges (Continued)

b. Central Office Charge (Business and Residence Services)

1) One central office charge is applicable to each access line as well as to:

- a) Move to different premises
- b) Off-premise extension

c. All residence and business service connection charges except Service Ordering and Central Office charges shall be based on time and material or the actual cost of direct labor, indirect labor, overheads and materials.

6. For all telephone service connections ordered by a subscriber for installation at the same time and considered standard by the Company, the following nonrecurring charges will apply:

a. Residence and Business

1) Service Ordering Charge

Receiving, recording and processing information necessary to execute a customer's request for service.....\$6.60

2) Central Office Charge

Performing all or part of the work associated with the connection of a central office line. This includes connections or changes in the central office cable or drop wire up to house protector.\$63.50

(Same as above with drop in place)\$45.00

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1.5 SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES (Continued)

GERMANTOWN EXCHANGE (Continued)

B. Service Charges (Continued)

6. (Continued)

a. Residence and Business (Continued)

3) Reconnect Charge

When service is disconnected for non-payment of charges, the service will be restored upon payment of past-due charges and a Reconnect Charge will be applied.....\$20.00

The Reconnect Charge will be waived for all former customers who reconnect their service with the Company after having previously disconnected and ported their number to either a provider of digital or wireless phone service.

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1.5 SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES (Continued)

GERMANTOWN EXCHANGE (Continued)

B. Service Charges (Continued)

6. (Continued)

a. Residence and Business (Continued)

3) Reconnect Charge

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1.5 SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES (Continued)

COLUMBUS GROVE EXCHANGE

C. Service Charges

1. A service charge consisting of one or more of the charges shown in this section is applicable for the following activities undertaken at customer request:
 - (a) Connections
2. Service charges are in addition to all other applicable rates and charges associated with the service being provided.
3. Payment of Service charges: Service charges for the initial establishment of residential or business service are due and payable in advance or on the first billing cycle after installation date of the equipment.
4. The charges specified herein do not contemplate work by Company employees at a time when overtime wages apply due to the request of the subscriber nor do they contemplate work begun being interrupted by the subscriber. If the subscriber requests overtime labor being performed or interrupts work once begun, a charge in addition to the specified charges will be made equal to the additional cost involved. (To include but not be limited to labor, material, supervision, travel, meals, overhead, or other related expenses).
5. Service Charges are the following:
 - a. Service Ordering Charge: Applicable for work done in receiving, recording, and processing information necessary to execute a customer's request for connection of service or moves (e.g. from one address to another), changes (e.g. from one class of service to another), or additions to existing service.
 - b. Line Connection Charge: Applicable to work required to provide the access line. This is inclusive of central office wiring, cable facilities, and drop wire, up to and including protector equipment.
6. Service charges are not applicable to the upgrading of basic service, when done in conjunction with a general upgrading of facilities.
7. Service charges are not applicable to removal of service or equipment.

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1.5 SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES (Continued)

COLUMBUS GROVE EXCHANGE

C. Service Charges

1. A service charge consisting of one or more of the charges shown in this section is applicable for the following activities undertaken at customer request:
 - (a) Connections
2. Service charges are in addition to all other applicable rates and charges associated with the service being provided.
3. Payment of Service charges: Service charges for the initial establishment of residential or business service are due and payable in advance or on the first billing cycle after installation date of the equipment.
4. The charges specified herein do not contemplate work by Company employees at a time when overtime wages apply due to the request of the subscriber nor do they contemplate work begun being interrupted by the subscriber. If the subscriber requests overtime labor being performed or interrupts work once begun, a charge in addition to the specified charges will be made equal to the additional cost involved. (To include but not be limited to labor, material, supervision, travel, meals, overhead, or other related expenses).
5. Service Charges are the following:
 - a. Service Ordering Charge: Applicable for work done in receiving, recording, and processing information necessary to execute a customer's request for connection of service or moves (e.g. from one address to another), changes (e.g. from one class of service to another), or additions to existing service.
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1.5 SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES (Continued)

COLUMBUS GROVE EXCHANGE (Continued)

C. Service Charges (Continued)

8. Application of Charges

a. Service Ordering Charge

Service order activity is classified as either initial (establishment of service) or subsequent (modification to an existing service).

1. One initial service ordering charge is applicable to each order for connection of the service.
2. One subsequent service ordering charge is applicable to each order for move, change, or addition and the following:
 - a. Change of telephone number requested by subscriber
 - b. Only one charge is applicable per order if more than one change is requested on the order.

b. Line Connection Charge

1. One line connection charge is applicable to the provision of each access line in association with Residence or Business Service.
2. Line connection charges are not applicable when service responsibility is assumed by a customer prior to discontinuance by another customer (supersedure) and there is no change of telephone number.
3. A line connection is applicable to each change in telephone number made at the request of the subscriber.

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1.5 SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES (Continued)

COLUMBUS GROVE EXCHANGE (Continued)

C. Service Charges (Continued)

8. Application of Charges (Continued)

c. Charges	<u>Non-Recurring Charge</u>
1. Service Ordering	
(a) Initial Order, each	\$20.00 *
(b) Subsequent Order, each	\$15.00
2. Line Connection, each	\$20.00*
3. Re-Establish Suspended Service	\$13.00**

* When two residential lines are ordered at the same time, the customer will be charged the full amount of the initial order charge and line connection charge for the first line and half price for the initial order charge and line connection charge for the second line.

** This charge is in addition to the Line Connection Charge of \$20.00.

The Service Ordering and Line Connection charges will be waived for all former customers who reconnect this service with the Company after having previously disconnected and ported their telephone number to either a provider of digital or wireless phone service.

	<u>Rate</u>
d. Maintenance and Service Time Charge	
1. First 1/2 hour, or part thereof	\$25.00
2. In excess of First 1/2 hour (per 1/4 hour)	\$8.75
3. Material Charge	Company Cost

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1.5 SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES (Continued)

D. Miscellaneous Access Line Charges

1. TouchTone Service

This service, more commonly known as pushbutton dialing, will be offered to subscribers.

Monthly Charge

Belmore, Colebrook, Gilboa, Leipsic, Mt. Cory,
North Bloomfield, Orwell and Windsor Exchanges: \$2.95/main line

Germantown and Columbus Grove Exchanges: No additional charge, included in
basic service charge

2. Per Call Blocking

Per Call Blocking enables customers to prevent the disclosure of their telephone number on a per call basis to the called party. The disclosure of the calling party's number can be prevented on a per call basis by dialing a preassigned access code before making a call. This action must be repeated each time a call is made to prevent the disclosure of the calling party's telephone number. If the called party has a display device, a privacy indication will appear instead of the calling party's telephone number. Per Call Blocking is provided according to the availability of facilities, features, and central office equipment in locations determined by the Company. The features described will only operate on call originating and terminating within suitably-equipped offices, or similarly equipped offices of interconnecting Local Exchange Companies. Per Call Blocking will be provided to all eligible customers at no charge.

3. Late Payment Charge

A late payment charge of 1.5% per month shall apply to amounts that exceed \$50.00 that remain unpaid after the date due. A late payment charge is not applicable to subsequent rebilling of any amount to which a late payment charge has already been applied. Late charges are to be applied without discrimination.

4. Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Charge

Customers may be assessed an annual charge per line to fund the telecommunications Relay Services for the State of Ohio in accordance with section 4905.84 of the Revised Code. This charge shall in no event exceed the per end user line (or equivalent) assessment of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio levied upon the Company.

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1.6 APPLICATION OF BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE RATES

A. Business rates apply at the following locations:

1. In offices, stores, factories, and all other places of a strictly business nature.
2. In boarding houses, except as noted herein, offices of hotels, halls, and offices of apartment buildings; quarters occupied by Clubs or Lodges; public, private or parochial schools or colleges, hospitals, libraries, churches, and other similar institutions.
3. At residence locations when the subscriber has no regular business telephone and the use of the service either by himself, members of his household, or his guests, or parties calling him can be considered as more of a business than of a residence nature, which fact might be indicated by advertising either by business cards, newspapers, handbills, billboards, circulars, motion pictures, screens, or other advertising matters, such as on vehicles, etc., or when such business use is not such as commonly arises and passes over to residence telephone during the intervals when, in compliance with the law or established custom, business places are ordinarily closed.
4. At residence locations, when an extension station or extension bell is located in a shop, office, or other place of business.
5. In any location where the listing of service at that location indicates a business, trade or profession, except as specified below.

B. Residence rates apply at the following locations:

1. In private residences where business listings are not provided.
2. In private apartments of hotels, rooming houses, or boarding houses where service is confined to the subscriber's use, and elsewhere in rooming and boarding houses which are not advertised as a place of business or which have less than five rooms for roomers or which furnish meals to less than ten boarders, provided business listings are not furnished.
3. In the place of residence of a clergyman or nurse, and in the place of residence of a physician, surgeon or other medical practitioner, dentist or veterinary, provided the subscriber does not maintain an office in the residence.

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4. When it is determined that a customer of residential service is using the service in such a manner that it should be classified and charged as a business service under the above provisions, the Company will discontinue the service of such customer in the event he refuses to permit his service to be classified as business service and pay the applicable business rates.

1.7 ASHTABULA COUNTY LOCAL CALLING PLAN

A. Description

1. This plan is restricted to the areas hereinafter described within Ashtabula County.
2. This plan provides for a measured rate or optional flat rate service between specific Ashtabula County intrastate exchanges listed below.
3. This is a local service offering; therefore, any stimulation to calling volumes between exchanges that occur after is implementation may not be used as a basis for any flat rate alternative besides the flat rate additives as listed in this section.
4. This plan is available to residence and business customers in the exchanges and routes as listed below.
5. This plan is restricted to customer dialed, station to station calls and does not include operator assisted calls.

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1.8 CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES

A. General

1. Under certain conditions, as hereinafter set forth, construction charges are applied to cover all or a portion of the unusual expense incurred by the Company in the establishment of service, in addition to the rate for the class and type of service furnished and to any mileage charges or other charges that may apply in accordance with this tariff. Deposits or advance payments covering construction charges may be required at the time the application for service is made and are based on an estimate of the expense to be incurred by the Company in providing the construction required. Material and labor, which may be furnished by the applicant, are subject to the approval of the Company. All telephone plant construction on private property must be in accordance with Company standard specifications.
2. Where a Company constructs permanent facilities on public highways, in order to furnish service to an applicant or applicants, in the territory where no facilities are available, the maximum construction charges applicable shall be determined in the following manner, regardless of the actual route to be followed by such construction.
 - (a) Where only one applicant is to be furnished service, the length of construction required to reach the point of entrance of the applicant's private property, measured along the public highway either from the nearest existing distributing plant of the Company or the nearest point to which the Company plans to extend its facilities under an approved construction program, whichever is closer, shall be determined by the Company.

For the length thus determined, the applicant may be required to pay construction charges in excess of the cost of one-half (1/2) mile of standard pole line in place.

A credit against the cost of excess construction charges may be given where an applicant performs the labor of digging holes or trimming or removing trees in the right-of-way, in accordance with Company specifications.

- (b) Where more than one applicant is to be furnished service along the same route, the length of construction required to reach the point of entrance of each applicant's private property, measured along the public highway either from the nearest existing distributing plant of the Company or from the nearest point to which the Company plans to extend its facilities under an approved construction program, whichever is closer, shall be determined. For the length thus determined, the applicants as a group may be required to pay construction charges in excess of the cost of one-half (1/2) mile of standard pole line in place, multiplied by the number of applicants.

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1.8 CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES (Continued)

A. General (Continued)

2. (Continued)

- (c) If the Company elects to attach its facilities to poles of other utility companies in lieu of providing standard pole line construction, the Company will place one-half (1/2) mile of circuit for each subscriber without construction charges. For placing facilities in excess of one-half (1/2) mile on other utility companies' poles, the excess construction charges to be applied shall not exceed those which would have been applied if standard pole line construction had been provided by the Company.
- 3. The total amount of construction charges to be paid by the applicants as a group shall be apportioned among them in such manner as the group may determine. The necessary construction need not be started, however, until satisfactory arrangements have been made for the payment of such construction charges. In the event the applicants fail to agree upon an apportionment of construction charges within sixty (60) days of the Company's quotation of charges, then the Company may suggest pro-rated distribution of charges, based on relative distances of extension of pole lines among the applicants involved. If this suggestion is unacceptable to all applicants, then the Company may handle each applicant separately, in accordance with the provisions herein.
- 4. In case the Company has on file other applications for service, from applicants located along the route to be used to serve the applicants referred to above, the Company shall combine the construction projects for the current applicants and the applicants who previously applied for service in accordance with and subject to the provisions herein, if such action will serve to reduce the amount of construction charges to be paid by either of such groups.
- 5. If the application of the rules and regulations stated herein result in unusual hardship to the Company, application will be made to the Commission requesting relief from the afore stated rules and regulations and requesting the authority to apply construction charges in excess of those allowed by said rules and regulations.

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1.8 CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES (Continued)

B. Poles on Private Property

1. Poles on private property to be used in serving an individual subscriber will be furnished by the Company at a charge to the subscriber of an actual cost of time and material, including engineering, supervision and general administrative overheads, for each such pole. All poles and wires constructed on private property are to be under the control of the Company as long as they are connected with the system of the Company. The maintenance and renewal of poles and wires on private property shall be at the expense of the subscriber but under the control and direction of the Company.
2. Poles on private property to be used as a part of the standard distributing plan serving subscribers in general are furnished, maintained and owned by the Company, subject to such construction charge as may be applicable.
3. Circuits on poles on private property are furnished, owned and maintained by the Company.
4. When an applicant is so located that it is necessary to use a private right-of-way to furnish service, and the Company is unable to obtain the required right-of-way without additional expense, the applicant may be required to pay the expense (or rental) incurred by the Company in securing and retaining such right-of-way.
5. When the Company attaches its facilities to poles of other companies in lieu of providing pole line construction, the charges to be applied are the same as those which would have been applied if pole line construction had been provided by the Company.
6. For underground service entrance the Company will place the necessary duct, cable, or wire in the street to the curblin; on private property, the Company will make a charge based on time and material or the actual cost of direct labor, indirect labor, overheads and materials. Such underground extensions on private property shall be made under control and direction of the Company. The maintenance and renewal of duct, cable or wire on private property shall be at the expense of the subscriber, but under the control and direction of the Company. The Company will not place its cables or wires in the same duct with electric light or other high tension lines.

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1.8 CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES (Continued)

C. Special Type of Construction

1. When underground service connections are desired by customers as initial installations in places where aerial drop wires would ordinarily be used to reach the customer's premises, or when aerial facilities are used to provide service or channels to a customer and subsequently the customer desires that such facilities be placed underground, the following regulations apply:
 - a. Where cable is laid in conduit, the underground conduit shall be constructed and maintained by or at the expense of the customer and in addition the customer shall pay the cost of the underground cable—including the cost of installing—less the estimated cost to the Company of installing such aerial facilities as would be (or are) required to furnish the same service. The underground conduit shall be constructed in accordance with plans and specifications furnished by the Company.
 - b. The duct or ducts required in the underground conduit by the Company to furnish service shall be reserved for its exclusive use.
 - c. Where armored cable or direct burial cable is laid in a trench, the trench shall be constructed and back-filled by or at the expense of the customer. In addition, the customer shall pay the cost of the cable—including the cost of installing it—less the estimated cost to the Company of installing such aerial drop as would be (or is) required to furnish the same service.
 - d. Cable installed in conduit will be maintained and replaced at the expense of the Company where the conduit has been inspected in place by the Company and approved, but repairs or replacements of cable in conduit not so inspected and approved, or repairs or replacements of cable in conduit or trench made necessary by damages caused by the customer or his representative will be made only at the customer's expense.
 - e. Where facilities are changed from aerial to underground, in addition to the above, the customer is charged the cost of dismantling and removing the aerial facilities.
 - f. The above charges do not apply where underground facilities are installed at the Company's option, but only where such service is demanded by the subscriber and aerial construction is standard practice.

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1.8 CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES (Continued)

C. Special Type of Construction (Continued)

2. Special charges in the form of installation charges, monthly charges, or both, are applied in addition to the usual service connection charges and monthly rates, when the nature of the service is sporadic or occasional or there is unusual investment or expense. Examples include but are not limited to:
 - a. The facilities are provided in remote or undeveloped sections within the Exchange Area.
 - b. Conditions require the provisions of special equipment or unusual methods of plant construction, installation or maintenance.
 - c. The customer's location requires the use of costly private right-of-way.
3. When an applicant for a service installation, move, or other change to their service, revises or cancels his original service request before completion of the work involved, any additional cost experienced by the Company as a result of this change will be charged to the applicant.

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2.1 N11 SERVICE

A. 211 Service for Information and Referral Services

1. General

- a. In Order No. 93-1799-TP-COI, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("P.U.C.O.") locally assigned the three digit 211 abbreviated dialing code to the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider for use in providing community information and referral services to the public by way of voice grade facilities. The P.U.C.O. ordered incumbent local exchange carriers in each local calling area to make the 211 abbreviated dialing code available to the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider as a tariffed, local calling area based service (the "211 Service").
- b. The 211 Service allows a Company subscriber to access an Approved Information and Referral Service Provider call center by dialing only the 211 abbreviated dialing code. Subject to other terms and conditions of this Tariff, Company subscribers shall be able to make and the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall be able to receive calls using the 211 Service as part of their local exchange services. The 211 Service is supplemental to and is not a replacement for either party's local exchange service.
- c. All 211 abbreviated dialing code calls shall be local in nature and shall not result in any expanded local calling area ("ELCA"), intraLATA toll, interLATA long distance or pay-per-call charges to Company subscribers. However, 211 Service calls may result in local measured service charges where Company subscribers' service plans include such charges as part of home and EAS exchange calling.
- d. The 211 Service is not available for the following classes of service:
 1. Hotel/motel/hospital service
 2. Inmate service
 3. 1+ and 0+ calling
 4. O-operator assisted calling
 5. 101XXXXX calling

2. Obligations of the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider

- a. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall make written application for 211 Service to the Company at the local exchange level. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider may establish 211 Service in all, part or none of the Company's local exchanges.

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2.1 N11 SERVICE (Continued)

A. 211 Service for Information and Referral Services (Continued)

2. Obligations of the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider (Continued)

- b. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider's written application to establish 211 Service in a Company local exchange shall include the following:
 - 1. The local, foreign exchange or toll free telephone number into which the Company is to translate the dialed 211 abbreviated code. If the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider desires to change the telephone number into which the 211 abbreviated dialing code is translated in an exchange, then the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall make a new application.
 - 2. A location description of the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider call center where 211 calls made from the Company local exchange will be routed.
 - 3. For network sizing and protection, an estimate of annual call volumes, the expected busy hour and holding time for each call to the 211 Service.
 - 4. An acknowledgment of the possibility that the Commission's assignment of the 211 abbreviated dialing code may be recalled at any time.
- c. Local Calling for Company Subscribers
 - 1. The Company, in cooperation with the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider, shall assure that all 211 Service calls are local in nature and do not generate ELCA, intraLATA toll, interLATA long distance or pay-per-call charges for Company subscribers.
 - 2. When the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider makes application for 211 Service in a Company local exchange, the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall supply the Company with a seven (7) or ten (10) digit telephone number that terminates within the Company local exchange or one of the local exchange's EAS exchanges. The Company's exchange facilities will translate the dialed 211 dialing code into the telephone number the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider provides once 211 Service is established in the local exchange.

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2.1 N11 SERVICE (Continued)

A. 211 Service for Information and Referral Services (Continued)

2. Obligations of the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider (Continued)

c. Local Calling for Company Subscribers (Continued)

3. When the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider makes application for 211 Service in a Company local exchange and an Approved Information and Referral Service Provider call center is not located within the local exchange or one of the local exchange's EAS exchanges, then the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall establish foreign exchange service or supply the Company with a toll free telephone number so that Company subscribers' 211 Service calls remain local in nature.

d. The liability language in Section 3 of this Tariff applies to 211 Service.

e. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall develop an appropriate method for responding to 211 calls directed to it out of confusion or in error by Company subscribers.

f. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider must be prepared to receive all calls to the 211 Service during normal business hours. To this end, the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider agrees to subscribe to termination facilities and lines in sufficient quantities to provide adequate service to the public.

g. The 211 Service is provided on the condition that the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider subscribes to termination facilities and lines in sufficient quantities to adequately handle calls to the 211 Service without interfering with or impairing any service offered by the Company. For each line subscribed to by the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider, there will be one path available.

h. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall comply with all present and future rules pertaining to abbreviated dialing codes adopted by the Federal Communications Commission, in rulemaking proceeding CC Docket No. 92-105, CC Docket No. 00-256, and otherwise, including any and all requirements to relinquish the 211 abbreviated dialing code in the event of a national assignment contrary to that made by the P.U.C.O.

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- i. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider is responsible for obtaining all necessary permissions, licenses, written consents, waivers and releases and all other rights from all persons whose work, statements or performances are used in connection with the 211 Service, and from all holders of copyrights, trademarks and patents used in connection with the said service.

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2.1 N11 SERVICE (Continued)

A. 211 Service for Information and Referral Services (Continued)

2. Obligations of the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider (Continued)

- j. If requested by the Company, the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall assist the Company in responding to complaints made to the Company concerning the 211 Service.
- k. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall not promote the 211 Service with the use of an autodialer or broadcasting of tones that dial the 211 abbreviated dialing code.
- l. The Company can only make 211 Service available to end users located in Company local exchanges. To establish 211 calling to end users in non-Company local exchanges, the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider must make appropriate arrangements with the companies serving those local exchanges, even where Company subscribers may make local calls to the non-Company local exchanges.
- m. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider should work separately with competitive local exchange carriers ("CLEC") operating and serving customers in the Company's local exchanges to ascertain whether 211 abbreviated dialing will be available to their end users.

3. Obligations of the Company

- a. The Company shall provision 211 Service no later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of its tariff.
- b. When a 211 Service call is placed by the calling party via interconnection with an interexchange carrier, the Company cannot guarantee the completion of said 211 Service call, the quality of the call or any features that may otherwise be provided with 211 Service.
- c. The Company does not undertake to answer and forward 211 Service calls but furnishes the use of its facilities to enable the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider to respond to such calls at the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider established call centers.

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2.1 N11 SERVICE (Continued)

A. 211 Service for Information and Referral Services (Continued)

4. Liability

The Company's entire liability to any person or entity for interruption or failure of the 211 Service shall be limited to the terms set forth in Section 3.

5. Other Terms and Conditions

- a. The 211 Service will not provide calling number information in real time to the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider. If this type of information is required, the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider must subscribe to compatible Caller ID service.
- b. The 211 Service is provided solely for the benefit of the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider. The provision of the 211 Service by the Company shall not be interpreted, constructed or regarded, either expressly or implied, as being for the benefit of or creating any Company obligation toward any third person or legal entity other than the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider.
- c. A written notice will be sent to the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider following oral notification when its 211 Service unreasonably interferes with or impairs other services rendered to the public by the Company or by other subscribers of abbreviated dialing codes. If after notification the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider makes no modification in method of operation or in the service arrangements that are deemed service-protective by the Company, or if the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider is unwilling to accept the modifications, or if the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider continues to cause service impairment, the Company reserves the right, at any time, without further notice, to institute protective measures, up to and including termination of service.
- d. In an emergency situation as determined by the Company, the Company reserves the right, at any time, without notice, to institute protective measures, up to and including termination of service.

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2.1 N11 SERVICE (Continued)

A. 211 Service for Information and Referral Services (Continued)

6. Rates and Charges

- a. Subject to other terms and conditions of this Tariff, Company subscribers shall be able to make and the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall be able to receive calls using the 211 Service as part of both parties' local exchange service. The 211 Service is supplemental to and is not a replacement for either party's local exchange service.
- b. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall pay the normal tariffed charges for the local exchange access arrangements used for transporting and terminating messages at the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider's designated premises.
- c. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall pay a nonrecurring Central Office Charge for each Company host central office out of which 211 Service is established.
 1. Some Company local exchanges are served by more than one host central office. In order to establish 211 Service in such an exchange, the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall pay a Central Office Charge for each host central office in the Company local exchange.
 2. Some host central offices serve more than one Company local exchange. If the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider makes applications to establish 211 Service in multiple Company local exchanges served by the same host central office, then only one Central Office Charge shall apply. However, the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall pay the full Central Office Charge whether or not it requests 211 Service in all the Company local exchanges served by the host central office.
- d. Where applicable, the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall pay a nonrecurring Exclusion Charge.
 1. When the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider does not make contemporaneous applications to establish 211 Service in every Company local exchange served by a host central office, the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall pay an Exclusion Charge for each Company local exchange served by the host central office where 211 Service is not established.

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2. When a Company local exchange is once excluded, but the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider later makes application to establish 211 Service in the Company local exchange, then an Exclusion Charge shall again apply.

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2.1 N11 SERVICE (Continued)

A. 211 Service for Information and Referral Services (Continued)

6. Rates and Charges (Continued)

- e. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall pay a nonrecurring Number Change Charge of \$20.00 when it makes application to change the telephone number into which the 211 abbreviated dialing code is translated. The Number Change Charge shall be applied on a per telephone number, per host central office basis.

f. Rates

	<u>Non-Recurring Charge</u>
Central Office Charge* (per host Central Office)	\$115.00
Exclusion Charge (per Exchange)	\$225.00
Number Change Charge (per telephone number)	\$20.00
Service Order Charge – Germantown and Columbus Grove Exchanges	\$20.00
Service Order Charge – All Other Exchanges	\$25.00

* The Central Office Charge is applied at the host Central Office only, and covers all offices that are part of that host complex with a single translated number. This charge applies for each translated number if multiple numbers are required.

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2.1 N11 SERVICE (Continued)

B. 811 Service for “One Call” Notification Systems

1. General

- a. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) assigned the 811 dialing code for nationwide access to One Call Notification Systems. The 811 dialing code (“811 Service”) is a nationwide toll-free number to be used by state “One Call” notification systems for providing advanced notice of excavation activities to underground facility operators.
- b. The three digit 811 abbreviated dialing One Call Notification code is assigned to the approved “811 Provider” for use in providing One Call notification services to the public by way of voice grade facilities.
- c. 811 Service is available from the Company within its services area only. To provide access to 811 to end users in another company’s service area or to Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) end users within the local calling area, the 811 Provider must make appropriate arrangements with the other company or CLEC serving that territory. The 811 Provider should work separately with competing local providers to ascertain that its end user customers will be able to reach one-call services provided by dialing 811.
- d. All 811 abbreviated dialing code calls must be local in nature and will not result in any expanded local calling area (ELCA), intraLATA toll, interLATA long distance, or pay-per-call charges to Company subscribers. However, 811 Service calls may result in local measured service charges where Company subscribers’ service plans include such charges.
- e. The 811 Service is not available for the following classes of service: inmate service, 1+ and 0+ calling, 0- operator assisted calling and 101XXXX calling. 811 Service is otherwise available wherever local service is accessible.

2. Obligations of the Approved “One Call” Notification Systems Provider

- a. The 811 Provider must submit a written application for 811 Service to the Company. The 811 Provider may establish 811 Service in all or part of the Company’s exchanges. The Company will make switch translations on an exchange basis only. The Company has no obligation to translate 811 to different numbers within an exchange. There may be only one 811 Provider per exchange.
- b. The 811 Provider’s written application to establish 811 Service in a Company local exchange must include the following:
 1. The local, foreign exchange, or toll free telephone number into which the Company should translate the dialed 811 abbreviated code. If the 811 Provider desires to change the telephone number into which the 811 abbreviated dialing code is translated, the 811 Provider must pay a Number Change Charge as set forth in Section 6.c below.

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2.1 N11 SERVICE (Continued)

B. 811 Service for "One Call" Notification Systems (Continued)

2. Obligations of the Approved "One Call" Notification Systems Provider (Continued)

b. (Continued)

2. For network sizing and protection, an estimate of annual call volumes and holding time for calls to the 811 Service.
3. An acknowledgement of the possibility that the Commission's assignment of the 811 abbreviated dialing code may be recalled at any time.

c. Local Calling for Company Subscribers

1. The 811 Provider, in cooperation with the Company, will assure that all 811 Service calls are local and do not generate ELCA, intraLATA toll, interLATA long distance, or pay-per-call charges for Company subscribers.
 2. When the 811 Provider applies for 811 Service from the Company, the 811 Provider must supply the Company with a toll free number. The Company will translate the 811 digits into the telephone number provided by the 811 Provider.
- d. The 811 Provider is liable for and will indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless the Company against all suits, actions, claims, demands and judgments, plus any expenses and counsel fees incurred by the Company on account thereof, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by the 811 Provider or any other party or person, for any personal injury to or death of any person or persons, or for any loss, damage, or destruction of any property, whether owned by the 811 Provider or others, arising out of or resulting directly from the 811 Service.
- e. The 811 Provider must develop an appropriate method of responding to 811 calls directed to it out of confusion or in error by Company subscribers.
- f. The 811 Provider must subscribe to termination facilities and lines in sufficient quantities to provide adequate service to the public, and enable the 811 Provider to receive calls to the 811 Service during normal business hours.
- g. The 811 Service is provided on the condition that the 811 Provider subscribes to termination facilities and lines in sufficient quantities to adequately handle calls to the 811 Service without interfering with or impairing any services offered by the Company.
- h. The 811 Provider must comply with all present and future state and federal rules pertaining to abbreviated dialing codes.

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2.1 N11 SERVICE (Continued)

B. 811 Service for "One Call" Notification Systems (Continued)

2. Obligations of the Approved "One Call" Notification Systems Provider (Continued)

- i. The 811 Provider is responsible for obtaining all necessary permissions, licenses, written consents, waivers and releases and all other rights from all persons whose work, statements or performances are used in connection with the 811 Service. The 811 Provider is also responsible for obtaining all necessary permissions, licenses, written consents, waivers, and releases and all other rights from all holders of copyrights, trademarks and patents used in connection with the 811 Service.
- j. The 811 Provider must respond promptly to all complaints lodged with any regulatory authority against the 811 Service. If requested by the Company, the 811 Provider must assist the Company in responding to complaints made to the Company concerning the 811 Service.
- k. The 811 Provider shall not promote the 811 Service with the use of any auto dialer or broadcasting of tones that dial the 811 abbreviated dialing code.
- l. The 811 Provider must work separately with CLECs operating and serving customers in the Company's exchange(s) to ascertain whether 811 abbreviated dialing will be available to their end users.

3. Obligations of the Company

- a. The Company will establish the 811 Service within ninety days after receipt of the 811 Provider's completed application(s) for service or the effective date of this Tariff, whichever is later.
- b. When an 811 Service call is placed by the calling party via interconnection with an interexchange carrier, the Company cannot guarantee the completion of said 811 Service call, the quality of the call or any features that may otherwise be provided with the 811 Service.
- c. The Company will route 811 calls originating from end users on the Company's local exchange network whether they purchase service directly from the Company or from another provider reselling Company service. Otherwise, the Company is not responsible for establishing 811 Service for calls originating from other telecommunications providers.
- d. The Company does not undertake to answer and forward 811 Service calls but furnishes the use of its facilities to enable the 811 Provider to respond to such calls at the 811 Provider-established call centers.

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- e. The rates charged for 811 Service, if applicable, do not contemplate the inspection or constant monitoring of facilities to discover errors, defects, and malfunctions in service, nor does the Company undertake such responsibility. The 811 Provider must conduct such operational tests as, in the judgment of the 811 Provider, are required to determine whether the Company's facilities are functioning properly for its use. The 811 Provider must promptly notify the Company in the event the Company's facilities are not functioning properly.

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2.1 N11 SERVICE (Continued)

B. 811 Service for "One Call" Notification Systems (Continued)

4. Liability

- a. The liability of the Company for losses or damages of any kind arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in transmission, or failure or defects in any facility furnished by the Company, occurring in the course of furnishing 811 Service, or of the Company in failing to maintain proper standards of maintenance and operation or to exercise reasonable supervision, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the 811 Provider for the 811 Service and local exchange services for the period of service during which such mistake, omission, interruption, delay, error or defect in transmission or defect of failure in facilities occurs.
- b. The Company is not liable for any losses or damages caused by the negligence of the 811 Provider.
- c. The Company's entire liability to any person for interruption or failure of the 811 Service is limited to the terms set forth in this and other sections of this Tariff.
- d. The Commission's local assignment and the 811 Provider's use of the 811 abbreviated dialing code are subject to preemption by the Federal Communications Commission. The Company shall not be liable to the 811 Provider for any damages the 811 Provider may incur that result from a national assignment of the 811 abbreviated dialing code.
- e. The Company will make every effort to route 811 calls to the appropriate 811 Provider call center. However, the Company will not be held responsible for routing mistakes or errors.

5. Other Terms and Conditions

- a. The 811 Service will not provide calling number information in real time to the 811 Provider. If this type of information is required, the 811 Provider must subscribe to compatible Caller ID service as described elsewhere in this Tariff.
- b. The 811 Service is provided for the benefit of the 811 Provider. The provision of the 811 Service by the Company shall not be interpreted, constructed or regarded, either expressly or implied, as being for the benefit of or creating any Company obligation toward any third person or legal entity other than the 811 Provider.
- c. A written notice will be sent to the 811 Provider following oral notification when its 811 Service unreasonably interferes with or impairs other services rendered to the public by the Company or by other subscribers of abbreviated dialing codes. If, after such notification, the 811 Provider makes no modification in method of operation or in the service arrangements that are deemed service-protective by the Company, or if the 811 Provider is unwilling to accept the modifications, or if the 811 Provider continues to cause service impairment, the Company reserves the right, at any time, without further notice, to institute protective measures, up to and including termination of service.

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B. 811 Service for "One Call" Notification Systems (Continued)

5. Other Terms and Conditions (Continued)

- d. In an emergency situation as determined by the Company, the Company reserves the right, at any time, without notice, to institute protective measures, up to and including termination of service.

6. Rates and Charges

- a. A Central Office Charge applies for each Company host central office out of which the 811 Provider orders 811 Service, as follows:
 - 1. When a Company exchange is served by more than one host central office, a Central Office Charge is applicable for each host central office in that exchange.
 - 2. If the 811 Provider establishes 811 Service in multiple Company exchanges serviced by the same host central office, only one Central Office Charge applies.
- b. Where applicable, the 811 Provider shall pay a nonrecurring Exclusion Charge.
 - 1. When the 811 Provider does not make contemporaneous applications to establish 811 Service in every Company local exchange served by a host central office, the 811 Provider shall pay an Exclusion Charge for each Company local exchange served by the host central office where 811 Service is not established.
 - 2. When a Company local exchange is once excluded, but the 811 Provider later makes application to establish 811 Service in the Company local exchange, then an Exclusion Charge shall again apply.
- c. A Number Change Charge applies when the 811 Provider establishes service or applies to change the telephone number into which the 811 abbreviated dialing code is translated. The Number Change Charge is applied on a per telephone number, per host central office basis.
- d. When translating the seven or ten digit number to the 811 abbreviated dialing code, applicable Service Order Charges will apply.

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2.1 N11 SERVICE (Continued)

B. 811 Service for "One Call" Notification Systems (Continued)

6. Rates and Charges (Continued)

e. Rates:

	Nonrecurring <u>Charge</u>
Central Office Charge* (per host Central Office)	\$115.00
Exclusion Charge (per Exchange)	\$225.00
Number Change Charge (per Telephone Number)	\$20.00
Service Order Charge – Columbus Grove and Germantown Exchanges	\$20.00
Service Order Charge – All Other Changes	\$25.00

*The Central Office Charge is applied at the host central office only, and covers all offices that are part of that host complex with a single translated number. This charge applies for each translated number if multiple numbers are required.

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3.1 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. Application

The rules and regulations specified herein apply to the provisions of BLES as defined in Section 1, Sheet No. 1 herein.

In the event of a conflict between any rates, rules, regulation or provision contained in these General Rules and Regulations and any rate, rule regulation or provision contained in the other section of this BLES Tariff, the rate, rule, regulation or provision contained in the specific section of this Tariff shall prevail.

B. Obligations and Liability of Company

1. Availability of Facilities

The Company's obligation to furnish exchange service is dependent upon its ability to secure and retain, without unreasonable expense, suitable facilities and rights in the construction and maintenance of the necessary pole lines, circuits and equipment.

2. Transmitting Messages

The Company does not transmit messages but offers the use of its facilities for communications between patrons. If because of transmission difficulties, the operator, in order to accommodate the subscriber, repeats messages, she is deemed to be acting as the agent of the persons involved and no liability shall attach to the Company because of any errors made by the operator or misunderstanding that may arise between subscribers because of the errors.

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3.1 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

B. Obligations and Liability of the Company (Continued)

3. Use of Connecting Company Lines

When suitable arrangements can be made, lines of other telephone companies may be used in establishing wire connections to points not reached by this Company's lines. In establishing connections with the lines of other companies, the Company is not responsible for any action of the Connecting Company.

4. Defacement of Premises

The Company shall exercise due care in connection with all work done on subscriber's premises. No liability shall attach to the Company by reason of any defacement or damage to the subscriber's premises resulting from the existence of the Company's instruments, apparatus and associated wiring on such premises, or by the installation or removal thereof, unless such defacement or damage is the result of the sole negligence of the Company.

5. Disclaimer

Approval of the above tariff language by the PUCO does not constitute a determination by the Commission that the limitation of liability imposed by the Company should be upheld in a court of law. Approval by the Commission merely recognizes that since it is a court's responsibility to adjudicate negligence and consequent damage claims, it is also the court's responsibility to determine the validity of the exculpatory clause.

C. Use of Service and Facilities

1. Ownership and Use of Equipment

- a. Except as expressly provided for herein, equipment, instruments, and lines (not including inside wiring) furnished by the Company, on the premises of a subscriber are the property of the Company. The Company, its agents and employees, shall have the right to enter said premises at any reasonable hour for the purpose of installing, inspecting, maintaining or repairing the equipment, instruments and lines, or for the purpose of making collections from coin boxes, or upon termination of the service for the purpose of removing such equipment, instruments and lines. Such equipment, instruments and lines are not to be used for performing any part of the work of transmitting, delivering or collecting any message where any toll or consideration has been or is to be paid any party other than the Company, without the written consent of the Company.

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3.1 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

C. Use of Service and Facilities (Continued)

1. Ownership and Use of Equipment (Continued)

- b. If the installation and maintenance of service are requested at locations which are or may be hazardous or dangerous to the Company's employees or to the public or to property, the Company may refuse to install and maintain such service, and, if such service is furnished, may require the subscriber to install and maintain such service, and may also require the subscriber to indemnify and hold the Company harmless from any claims, loss or damage by reason of the installation and maintenance of such service.
- c. If visitation to the customer's premise is sought for any purpose, such visitation shall preferably be prearranged by telephone, however, if such permission is not feasible, the Company' agent or employee seeking entrance to the subscriber's premises shall approach a responsible adult member of the household, shall identify himself to such person's satisfaction, and shall state the reason for his proposed visitation. Entrance shall not be gained by force or subterfuge or by approach to a child or other irresponsible person. The Company shall be responsible for any damage to the subscriber's property arising from such visitation, whether such visitation is negligently, willfully, or inadvertently caused.

2. Use of Subscriber Service

Subscriber telephone service, as distinguished from public and semi-public telephone service, is furnished only for use by the subscriber, his family, employees or business associates, or persons residing in the subscriber's household, except as the use of the service may be extended to joint users or to persons temporarily subleasing a subscriber's residential premises. The Company has the right to refuse to install subscriber service or to permit such service to remain on premises of a public or semi-public character when the instrument is so located that the public in general or patrons of the subscriber may make use of the service. At such locations, however, service may be installed, provided the instrument is so located that it is not accessible for public use.

3. Unauthorized Attachments

Except as herein provided, subscribers shall not connect or permit to be connected to or with the facilities or other property of the Company, whether physically, by induction or otherwise, any device, attachment or other thing not furnished by or expressly approved by the Company. In case any such unauthorized attachment or connection is made, the Company shall have the right to disconnect or terminate the service during the continuance of said attachments or connections.

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3.1 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

D. Establishment and Furnishing of Service

1. Application for Service

- a. Application for service shall constitute a contract when accepted verbally or in writing by the Company or upon the establishment of service. The initial minimum contract period for exchange service is one (1) month from the date service is established. Where an application for service is cancelled before service is established, the applicant may be required to reimburse the Company for the expense incurred in connection with the application and installation of the service before notice of cancellation is received.
- b. Any change in rates or regulations authorized by legally constituted authorities effects a modification of all contracts for service in conformity thereto, without further notice.

2. Telephone Numbers

The subscriber has no property right in the telephone number which is assigned by the Company nor any right to continuance of service through any particular central office. The Company reserves the right to change the telephone number or the central office designation or both, of a subscriber whenever it deems it necessary to do so in the conduct of its business.

3. Alterations

The subscriber agrees to notify the Company promptly whenever alterations or new construction on premises owned or leased by him will necessitate changes in the Company's wiring or equipment; and the subscriber agrees to pay the Company's current charges for such changes.

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3.1 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

D. Establishment and Furnishing of Service (Continued)

4. Maintenance and Repairs

- a. All ordinary expense of maintenance and repairs, unless otherwise specified in the Company's Tariffs, is borne by the Company. The Customer agrees to take good care of the equipment connected therewith. In the event of loss of, damage to, or destruction of any of the Company's instruments or accessories which is not due to ordinary wear and tear, the Customer is held responsible for the cost of restoring the equipment to its original undamaged condition. The Customer agrees not to rearrange, disconnect, remove, or permit others to rearrange, disconnect or remove any Company owned access lines and facilities except inside wiring, except upon written consent by the Company.
- b. In the event of any installation or any change requested by a subscriber for which no specified tariff rate or charge is applicable, the Company will charge the subscriber based on time and material or the actual cost of direct labor, indirect labor, overheads and materials.

5. Unusual Installation Costs

Where special conditions or special requirements of the subscriber involve unusual construction or installation costs, the subscriber may be required to pay a reasonable proportion of such costs.

E. Initial Contract Periods and Termination of Service

1. Initial Contract Periods

- a. Except as hereinafter provided, the initial (or minimum) contract period for all services and facilities is one month at the same location.
- b. The Company may require a contract period longer than one month at the same location in connection with special (non-standard) types or arrangements of equipment, or for unusual construction necessary to meet special demands, and involving extra costs.

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3.1 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

E. Initial Contract Periods and Termination of Service (Continued)

2. Termination of Service

- a. Service may be terminated prior to the expiration of the initial contract period upon notice being given to the Company, and upon payment of the termination charges given below, in addition to all charges due for service which has been furnished.
 - i. In the case of service for which the initial contract period is one month, the charges due are for the balance of the initial month.
 - ii. Contracts for periods of longer than one month covering services whose installation required line extensions may be terminated upon payment of all charges that would accrue to the end of the contract period, or the contract will be transferred to a new applicant who is to occupy the same premises and will subscribe to the service effective on the day following termination by the original subscriber.
- b. Service may be terminated after the expiration of the initial contract period, and upon payment of all charges due to the date of termination of the service.

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3.1 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

F. Special Services and Facilities

Special services and facilities, not ordinarily used in the furnishing of telephone service and not otherwise mentioned in, provided for or contemplated by the tariff schedules of the Company, may be furnished or leased pursuant to special contract for such special service or facility for such period as may be agreed upon, not to exceed one year, provided such special service or facility or the use made thereof is not unlawful and does not interfere with the telephone service furnished by the Company. In the event any such special service or facility or the use made thereof interferes with the furnishing of the telephone service by the Company, the Company may terminate such contract and cease to furnish such special service or facility after thirty (30) days written notice to the subscriber; and provided further that the Commission may terminate such contract whenever, in its opinion, public interest requires such termination.

G. Liability of Company

1. In view of the fact that the customer has exclusive control of his or her communication over the facilities furnished him by the Company, and of the other uses for which facilities may be furnished to him by the Company, and because of unavoidable errors incident to the service and to the use of such facilities of the Company, the service and facilities furnished by the Company are subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations herein specified.
2. The liability of the Company for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, or errors or defects in transmission occurring in the course of furnishing service or other facilities and not caused by the negligence of the customer, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the customer for the period of service during which such mistake, omission, interruption, delay, error or defect in transmission occurs. No other liability shall in any case attach to the Company. The approval by the PUCO of the foregoing language in this tariff does not constitute a determination by the PUCO that the limitation of liability imposed by the Company should be upheld in a court of law. Approval by the PUCO recognizes that since it is a court's responsibility to adjudicate negligent and consequential damage claims, it is also the court's responsibility to determine the validity of the limitation of liability therefore.
3. When the lines of other telephone companies are used in establishing connection to points not reached by the Company's lines, the Company is not liable for any act or omission of the other company or companies.

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3.1 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

H. Special Assemblages

Where special assemblages of equipment or extra equipment installations are desired or special equipment which is not provided for or established under these existing tariff schedules is required, the charge shall be commensurate with time and material or the actual cost of direct labor, indirect labor, overheads and materials.

Special assemblages or extra equipment installations will only be made at the discretion of the Company.

A special assemblage is to be a temporary arrangement for a period of not more than three (3) years to allow the Company to gain appropriate cost experience before filing for rates under Section 4909.18 of the Ohio Revised Code or entry into an arrangement with the customer covering the provisions under which such equipment or service shall be furnished, which shall be submitted to the Commission pursuant to Section 4905.31 of the Ohio Revised Code.

I. Extra Exchange Line Mileage

1. Urban classes of service will be furnished outside the local Base Rate Area, but within the Exchange Area and within the operational limits of the switchboard, associated equipment and lines at the rates quoted herein plus Extra Exchange Line Mileage Charges for the additional circuit required as quoted herein.
2. Mileage charges are computed on airline measurement from the location of the main station to the nearest point of the local Base Rate Area boundary and apply to each circuit and to each party line subscriber separately. In those cases where the local Base Rate Area boundary follows the center line of a street or highway, all dwellings or structures within 150 feet of the center line of the street or highway shall be considered within the said area and shall be furnished service without the application of extra mileage charges. Extra mileage charges are payable in the same manner, as charges for associated service.
3. Where additional construction is required to furnish urban classes of service outside the local Base Rate Area, the provisions set forth under "Construction Charges" apply.

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4.1 UNIVERSAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER SERVICE – 911

A. General

When requested by local government authorities, and subject to the availability of facilities, the Company will provide a universal number "9-1-1" for the use of Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP's) engaged in assisting local governments in the protection and safety of the general public. Use of the 9-1-1 number will provide each caller with telephone access to the appropriate local PSAP.

B. Regulations

1. The regulations specified herein apply to "Enhanced 9-1-1" Service, hereinafter referred to as 9-1-1 Service.
2. Application for 9-1-1 Service must be executed in writing by each participating local government authority or their duly appointed agent. If application is made through an agent of the local government authority, the Company must be provided with evidence, satisfactory to the Company, of the appointment and authority of the agent prior to acceptance of the application and establishment of service. As a minimum, both police and fire departments in each local government authority must participate in any 9-1-1 Service and participation shall be in the same 9-1-1 Service.
3. The 911 Service customer may be a municipality or other state or local governmental unit, or an authorized agent of one or more municipalities or other state or local governmental units to whom authority has been legally delegated. The customer must be legally authorized to subscribe to the service and have public safety responsibility to respond to telephone calls from the public for emergency police and fire and other services with the telephone central office areas arranged for 9-1-1 Service calling.
4. Each participating local governmental authority must furnish to the Company its written agreement, duly executed, by which it shall agree to:
 - a. Provide sufficient personnel to adequately handle all incoming calls on a continuous 24 hour basis.
 - b. Accept responsibility for dispatching, or referring, forwarding or transferring 9-1-1 calls to other participating local government authorities for the dispatch of police, fire, ambulance or other emergency services to the extent such services are reasonably available.

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4.1 UNIVERSAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER SERVICE – 911 (Continued)

B. Regulations (Continued)

4. (Continued)

- c. Subscribe to additional local exchange service at the PSAP, for administrative purposes, for placing of outgoing calls and for receiving other emergency calls, including those relayed by an operator.
- d. Make operational tests as, in the judgment of the Company, are required to determine whether the system is functioning properly for its use. The customer shall promptly notify the Company in the event the system is not functioning properly.

C. Conditions of Furnishing Service

- 1. Provision of this service is limited to the use of central office number 9-1-1 as the universal emergency number and once 9-1-1 Service has been established in any given area, whether consisting of one or of a combination of more than one participating local government authority, no other 9-1-1 service will be provided within such area.
- 2. The 9-1-1 emergency number is not intended to replace the telephone service of the various public safety agencies which may participate in the use of this number.
- 3. When 9-1-1 Service replaces an existing emergency number, intercept service shall be the responsibility of the agency. However, if the agency is unable to provide this service, the operator will intercept and forward the request for emergency aid for a period of at least one year.
- 4. The Company does not undertake to answer and forward 9-1-1 Service calls, but furnishes the use of its facilities to enable the customer's personnel to accept such calls on the customer's designated premises.
- 5. 9-1-1 Service is provided solely for the benefit of the local government unit; the provision of such service shall not be interpreted, construed, or regarded as being for the benefit of, or creating any Company obligation toward or any cause of action on behalf of, any third person or other legal entity.
- 6. 9-1-1 Service will be designed by the Company to provide at least the same level of service reliability and quality as local exchange telephone service in the exchanges where 9-1-1 Service is offered.

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4.1 UNIVERSAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER SERVICE – 911 (Continued)

C. Conditions of Furnishing Service (Continued)

7. The Company's liability to any person, whether arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in transmission or from any other cause occurring in the course of furnishing 9-1-1 Service under this tariff, shall be limited to the terms otherwise set forth in this tariff.
8. The Company and its officers, directors, employees, and agents are not liable in damages in a civil action for injuries, death, or loss to persons or property incurred by any person resulting from the Company's, its officers', directors', employees', or agents' participation in acts or omissions in connection with such participation in a 9-1-1 system, whether such system is established pursuant to Sections 4931.40 to 4931.50 of the Ohio Revised Code or otherwise in accordance with the Company's schedules regarding 9-1-1 systems filed with the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Section 4905.30 of the Ohio Revised Code.

D. Enhanced Emergency Number Service (E-9-1-1)

1. General

- a. Enhanced Emergency Number Service, also referred to as E-9-1-1 Service, is a service arrangement whereby Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) designated by the customer may receive and answer telephone calls placed by dialing the number 9-1-1. It includes the services provided by the lines and equipment associated with the service arrangement, for the answering, transferring and dispatching of public emergency telephone calls dialed to 9-1-1. Equipment used in conjunction with Enhanced 9-1-1 Service located at the PSAP must be provided by the customer.
- b. E-9-1-1 Service is offered subject to the availability of central office facilities.
- c. The following regulations apply to E-9-1-1 Service in addition to the regulations specified above.

2. Regulations

- a. The service is limited to the use of central office telephone number 9-1-1 as the emergency number. Only one E-9-1-1 Service will be provided within any government agency's locality.
- b. The service is furnished to the customer only for the purpose of receiving reports of emergencies by the public.

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4.1 UNIVERSAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER SERVICE – 911 (Continued)

D. Enhanced Emergency Number Service (E-9-1-1) (Continued)

2. Regulations (Continued)

- c. E-9-1-1 Service is arranged only for one-way incoming service to an appropriate PSAP. Outgoing calls can be made only on a transfer basis.
- d. Information contained in the Company's data base management system will be maintained for E-9-1-1 Service and will be used exclusively for this purpose.
- e. E-9-1-1 Service information consisting of the name, address and telephone numbers of Customers who subscribe to non-published telephone service is confidential and the PSAP agency agrees to use such information only for the purpose of responding to emergency E-9-1-1 Service calls. No liability for damages arising from disclosure of a non-published telephone number shall be attached to the Company.
- f. Any party residing within the E-9-1-1 Service serving area forfeits the privacy afforded by non-published telephone numbers to the extent that the customer's name, telephone number and address associated with the originating station location are furnished to the PSAP.
- g. Because the Company service boundaries and political subdivision boundaries may not coincide, the customer must make arrangements to handle all calls received on its E-9-1-1 Service lines that originate from all telephones served by central offices within the E-9-1-1 Service area whether or not the calling telephone is situated on property within the geographical boundaries of the customer's public safety jurisdiction.
- h. The customer will develop an appropriate method for responding to calls for non-participating agencies which may be directed to an E-9-1-1 Service PSAP by calling parties.
- i. The number of lines to a primary PSAP or multiple primary PSAPs will be determined by the Company based upon anticipated call volumes. Secondary PSAPs that do not meet these specifications will receive calls on a transfer basis over the exchange network.
- j. The calling party is not charged for calls placed to the E-9-1-1 number, however regular message toll charges will be applied to the PSAP line, where appropriate, for messages transferred by a PSAP over exchange facilities from the central office serving the PSAP initiating the transfer to the point of termination of the transfer, if located outside the local calling area of the exchange.

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E. E-9-1-1 Service Features

1. The following standard features are included with all E-9-1-1 Service offerings:
 - a. **Forced Disconnect:** A function of the E-9-1-1 central office trunk circuit which enables the PSAP attendant to release a connection even though the calling party has not hung up.
 - b. **Manual Transfer:** A feature that enables the PSAP attendant to transfer an incoming call by code dialing. This feature is associated with the E-9-1-1 trunk unit.
 - c. **Speed Calling:** A feature which provides the customer with the ability to enter a fixed number of frequently called telephone numbers. These numbers will subsequently be dialed automatically with the input of a abbreviated code. This service will only be provided from central offices where the Company has arranged for such facilities.
2. The following features are furnished subject to the regulations in this tariff, where technically available, and are provided at rates and charges based upon costs incurred by the Company, the elements of which are subject to the review and approval of the Commission.
 - a. **Automatic Location Identification (ALI):** A feature by which the name and address associated with the calling party's telephone number are forwarded to the PSAP for display. Additional telephones with the same number as the calling party's (secondary locations, off-premise, etc.) will be identified with the address of the telephone number at the main location.
 - b. **Automatic Number Identification (ANI):** A feature by which the calling party's telephone number is forwarded to the E-9-1-1 control office and to the PSAP's display and transfer units. Additional telephones with the same number as the calling party's (secondary locations, off premises, etc...) will be identified with the address of the telephone number at the main location.

Except as otherwise scheduled by the Company, central offices that are not currently equipped to transmit ANI will not be modified to provide ANI; in such circumstances, when the Selective Routing feature is provided, default routing and central office identification will be provided in lieu of Selective Routing and ANI display.

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E. E-9-1-1 Service Features (Continued)

2. (Continued)

- c. Selective Routing: A feature that routes an E-9-1-1 call from a central office to the designated primary PSAP based upon the identified number of the calling party.

When the Selective Routing Feature is provided, the customer is responsible for identifying primary and secondary PSAP locations as well as the unique combinations of police, fire and ambulance or any other appropriate agencies responsible for providing emergency service in the E-9-1-1 serving area. An Emergency Service Number (ESN) will be assigned by mutual agreement between the customer and the Company for each unique combination. The customer will associate these ESNs with street ranges or other mutually agreed upon routing criteria in the E-9-1-1 serving area. These ESNs will be carried in the data base management system to permit routing of E-9-1-1 calls to the primary and secondary PSAPs responsible for handling of calls from each telephone in the E-9-1-1 serving area. The customer's responsibility in providing this information is as follows:

- i. Initial and subsequent ESN assignments by street name, address range and area or other mutually agreed upon routing criteria shall be furnished by the customer to the Company prior to the effective date of service.
 - ii. After establishment of service it is the customer's responsibility to continue to verify the accuracy of the routing information contained in the Master Street Address Guide (MSAG), and to promptly advise the Company of any change, deletion, or addition that will affect the routing of E-9-1-1 calls to the proper PSAP.
- d. The Selective Routing feature must be subscribed to in order to provide the following optional transfer features.
- i. Alternate Routing (AR): A feature provided to allow E-9-1-1 calls to be routed to a designated alternate location if (1) all E-9-1-1 exchange lines to the primary PSAP are busy, or (2) the primary PSAP closes down.
 - ii. Default Routing (DR): A feature activated when incoming E-9-1-1 calls cannot be selectively routed due to a failure of the automatic number identification feature, garbled digits or other cause. Such incoming calls are routed to a "default" PSAP.

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E. E-9-1-1 Service Features (Continued)

2. (Continued)

e. E-9-1-1 Service is available in any five service feature combinations:

- i. Automatic Number Identification (ANI)
- ii. Selective Routing (SR)
- iii. Automatic Number Identification and Selective Routing
- iv. Automatic Number Identification and Automatic Location Identification (ALI)
- v. Automatic Number Identification, Automatic Location Identification and Selective Routing.

f. Rates and Charges

- i. Tie lines, private line channels, extension lines and other facilities connecting a PSAP to various agencies such as police, fire or ambulance service are provided under the regulations and at the rates and charges set forth in this tariff and other appropriate tariffs concurred in by the Company.
- ii. E-9-1-1 Service is provided to residents who subscribe to local exchange telephone service in counties where E-9-1-1 Service is available. The rate for this service will be as indicated for the appropriate county on the County Rate List located in 4.1.F.

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4.1 UNIVERSAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER SERVICE – 911 (Continued)

F.

COUNTY RATE LIST

<u>County (Exchange if applicable)</u>	<u>911 Subscriber Charge *</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Effective Case No.</u>
Allen (Columbus Grove)	\$.43	3/12/98	90-1499-TP-EMG
Allen (All Other Exchanges)	\$.37	3/12/98	97-419-TP-EMG
Ashtabula	\$.50	12/10/92	91-1831-TP-EMG
Butler	\$.13	8/19/90	90-960-TP-EMG
Geauga	\$.50	12/01/94	93-237-TP-EMG
Hancock	\$.50	1/01/95	94-1200-TP-EMG
Henry	\$.37	3/12/98	97-419-TP-EMG
Montgomery	\$.13	3/29/91	90-1749-TP-EMG
Preble	NA	NA	NA
Putnam (Columbus Grove)	\$.43	3/12/98	97-419-TP-EMG
Putnam (All Other Exchanges)	\$.37	3/12/98	97-419-TP-EMG
Trumbull	\$.50	7/01/94	93-505-TP-EMG
Warren	NA	NA	NA

*Monthly charges apply to both business and residence service on a per access line basis.

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5.1 LIFELINE

The Company shall provide Lifeline services as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.401 (a) on a non-discriminatory basis to all qualifying low-income customers. The Company's Lifeline service offering shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, including, but not limited to 47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart E; the FCC's Lifeline reform order (Report and Order released February 6, 2012, WC Docket No. 11-42 *et.al.*), the FCC Modernization Order (Third Report and Order released on April 27, 2016, WC Docket No. 11-42, *et.al.*), and any subsequent clarifying orders; Section 4927.13, Ohio Revised Code; Rule 4901:1-6-19, Ohio Administrative Code; and the Commission's nontraditional Lifeline service order (Finding and Order adopted May 23, 2012, Case No. 10-2377-TP-COI) and any subsequent entries and/or orders.

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6.1 INTRALATA PRESUBSCRIPTION

A. General

IntraLATA Presubscription is a procedure whereby a subscriber designates to the Company the carrier which the subscriber wishes to be the carrier of choice for intraLATA toll calls. Such calls are automatically directed to the designated carrier, without the need to use carrier access codes or additional dialing to direct the calls to the designated carrier. IntraLATA presubscription does not prevent a subscriber who has presubscribed to an intraLATA toll carrier from using carrier access codes or additional dialing to direct calls to an alternative intraLATA toll carrier on a per call basis.

B. IntraLATA Presubscription Options

- Option A. Subscriber may select the Company's intraLATA carrier as the presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.
- Option B: Subscriber may select her/his interLATA toll carrier as the presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.
- Option C: Subscriber may select a carrier other than the Company's intraLATA carrier or the subscriber's interLATA toll carrier as the presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.
- Option D: Subscriber may select no presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription which will require the subscriber to dial a carrier access code to route all intraLATA calls to the carrier of choice of each call.

C. Rules and Regulations

Subscribers of record on the effective date of this tariff will retain their current dialing arrangements until they request that their dialing arrangements be changed. Until an affirmative choice is made, all subscribers will be assigned to the Company's intraLATA carrier.

Subscribers of record or new subscribers may select either Options A, B, C, or D for intraLATA Presubscription.

Subscribers may change their selected Option and/or their presubscribed IntraLATA toll carrier at any time subject to charges specified in Paragraph E. below.

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6.1 INTRALATA PRESUBSCRIPTION (Continued)

D. IntraLATA Presubscription Customer Notices

The Company will notify subscribers that intraLATA Presubscription is available no longer than sixty (60) days following the effective date of this tariff. The notice will contain a description of intraLATA toll presubscription, how to make an intraLATA toll presubscription carrier selection, and a description of when and what charges apply related to the selection of an intraLATA toll carrier.

E. IntraLATA Presubscription Charges

1. Application of Charges

- a. There will be no charges for a subscriber's initial intraLATA toll presubscription selection for a period beginning on the effective date of this tariff and ending no sooner than ninety (90) days following the mailing date of subscriber notification of intraLATA presubscription availability.
- b. New local service subscribers will be asked to select a carrier(s) for their intraLATA toll and interLATA calls subject to presubscription at the time they place an order with the Company for local exchange service. If the new subscriber is unable to make a selection, at that time, the new subscriber will be read a random listing of all available intraLATA toll carriers to aid their selection. If the new subscriber is still unable to make a selection, at that time, the Company will inform the new subscriber that he/she will be given ninety (90) days in which to inform the Company of an intraLATA toll presubscription carrier choice at no charge. The new subscriber will also be informed that the Company will assess a charge for any selections made after the ninety (90) day window and that until a selection is made the subscriber will be required to dial a carrier access code to route all intraLATA toll calls.
- c. New subscribers who do not make an intraLATA toll carrier presubscription choice at the time the new subscriber places an order establishing local exchange service with the Company will not be presubscribed to any intraLATA toll carrier, but rather will be required to dial a carrier access code to route all intraLATA toll calls to the carrier of choice for each call.
- d. After a subscriber's initial selection for a presubscribed intraLATA toll carrier, for any change thereafter, an IntraLATA Presubscription Change Charge will apply as follows:

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6.1 INTRALATA PRESUBSCRIPTION (Continued)

E. IntraLATA Presubscription Charges (Continued)

1. Application of Charges (Continued)

- e. The charge shall be no greater than those set forth in Paragraph E.2, unless modified by a Company-specific Commission-approved tariff.
- f. If a Subscriber changes both the InterLATA and IntraLATA Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier at the same time, 50% of the otherwise applicable IntraLATA Presubscription Change Charge will apply.

2. Nonrecurring Charges IntraLATA Presubscription Change Charge

Per business or residence line, trunk, or port:

--	Manual Process	\$5.50
--	Electronic Process	\$1.25

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CONCURRENCES

This Company, hereinafter called the concurring company, assents to, adopts and concurs in the regulations, rates and charges for the provision of intrastate Carrier Access Service as specified in the Access Service Tariff, F.C.C. No. 5 filed with the Federal Communications Commission by the National Exchange Carrier Association ("NECA") as such tariff now exists, or as it may be revised, added to, or supplemented by superseding sheets or issues; provided however, that the regulations, rates and charges specified in Section 4 of F.C.C. No. 5, End User Access Service, have been excluded from intrastate customers by order of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. The rates, terms, and conditions for Intrastate Carrier Common Line Access Service are set forth herein.

Sections of the NECA Access Service Tariff, F.C.C. No. 5, to be concurred in are as follows:

- | | |
|------------|--|
| Section 1 | Application of Tariff |
| Section 2 | General Regulations |
| Section 3 | (Effective July 2, 2013, revised Carrier Common Line Access Service rates are as set forth herein) |
| Section 4 | Not Applicable in the State of Ohio |
| Section 5 | Access Ordering |
| Section 6 | Switched Access Service except a) as specified herein in the Section for Switched Access Charges Assessable to VoIP-PSTN traffic and b) any rates included herein. |
| Section 7 | Special Access Service |
| Section 9 | Directory Assistance Service |
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INTRASTATE CARRIER COMMON LINE ACCESS SERVICE

Intrastate Carrier Common Line Access Service

The Company will provide Carrier Common Line Access Service (Carrier Common Line Access) to interexchange service providers ("IXCs") in conjunction with Switched Access Service provided in Section 6 of the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 or the appropriate Switched Access Service section of other Access Service tariffs in which the Company participates.

1.1 General Description

Carrier Common Line Access provides for the use of end users' Company-provided common lines by IXCs for access to such end users to furnish intrastate communications.

Premium Access is (1) Switched Access Service provided to customers under this tariff which furnish intrastate MTS/WATS, and (2) Switched Access Service in an end office converted to equal access.

1.2 Limitations

A. Exclusions

Neither a telephone number nor detail billing is provided with Carrier Common Line Access. Additionally, directory listings and intercept arrangements are not included in the rates and charges for Carrier Common Line Access.

B. Access Groups

All line side connections provided in the same access group will be limited to the same features and operating characteristics.

All trunk side connections provided in the same access group will be limited to the same features and operating characteristics.

C. WATS Access Lines

Where Switched Access Services are connected with Special Access Services at Company Designated WATS Serving Offices for the provision of WATS or WATS-type Services, Switched Access Service minutes which are carried on that end of the service (i.e., originating minutes for outward WATS and WATS-type services and terminating minutes for inward WATS and WATS-type services) shall not be assessed Carrier Common Line Access per minute charges.

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INTRASTATE CARRIER COMMON LINE ACCESS SERVICE (Continued)

1.3 Undertaking of the Company

Where the IXC is provided Switched Access Service for intrastate communications under other sections of this or other Access Service tariffs, the Company will provide the use of Company common lines by an IXC for access to end users at rates and charges as set forth in the Company's Intrastate Access Service Tariff.

1.4 Obligations of the IXC

A. Switched Access Service Requirement

The Switched Access Service associated with Carrier Common Line Access shall be ordered by the IXC under applicable sections of NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

B. Supervision

The IXC facilities at the premises of the ordering IXC shall provide the necessary on-hook and off-hook supervision.

1.5 Determination of Usage Subject to Carrier Common Line Access Charges

Except as set forth herein, all Switched Access Service provided to the IXC will be subject to Carrier Common Line Access charges.

A. Cases Involving Usage Recording By the IXC

Where Feature Group C end office switching is provided without Company recording and the IXC records minutes of use used to determine Carrier Common Line Access charges (i.e., Feature Group C operator and calls such as pay telephone sent-paid, operator-DDD, operator-person, collect, credit-card, third number and/or other like calls), the IXC shall furnish such minutes of use detail to the Company in a timely manner. If the IXC does not furnish the data, the IXC shall identify all Switched Access Services that could carry such calls in order for the Company to accumulate the minutes of use through the use of special Company measuring and recording equipment.

B. Local Exchange Access and Enhanced Services Exemption

When access to the local exchange is required to provide an IXC service (e.g., MTS/WATS-type, telex, Data, etc.) that uses a resold Special Access service, Switched Access Service Rates and Regulations, as set forth in Section 6 of NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 will apply, except when such access to the local exchange is required for the provision of an enhanced service.

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1.6 Resold Services

A. Scope

Where the IXC is reselling MTS and/or MTS-type service(s) on which the Carrier Common Line and Switched Access charges have been assessed, the IXC may, at the option of the IXC, obtain Feature Group A, Feature Group B or Feature Group D Switched Access Service under Section 6 of NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 for originating and/or terminating access in the local exchange. Such access group arrangements whether single lines or trunks or multiline hunt groups or trunk groups will have Carrier Common Line Access charges applied as set forth in the Company's Intrastate Access Service Tariff in accordance with the resale rate regulations set forth in 6.4 following. For purposes of administering this provision:

Resold intrastate terminating MTS and MTS-type service(s) shall include collect calls, third number calls and credit card calls where the reseller pays the underlying carrier's service charges.

Resold intrastate originating MTS and MTS-type service(s) shall not include collect, third number, or credit card calls.

B. IXC Obligations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services

When the IXC is reselling MTS and/or MTS-type service as set forth in A. preceding, the IXC will be charged Carrier Common Line Access charges in accordance with the resale rate regulations as set forth in D. following if the IXC furnishes documentation of the MTS usage and/or the MTS-type usage. Such documentation supplied by the IXC shall be supplied each month and shall identify the involved resold MTS and/or MTS-type services.

The monthly period used to determine the minutes of use for resold MTS and/or MTS-type service(s) shall be the most recent monthly period for which the IXC has received a bill for such resold service(s). This information shall be delivered to the Company, at a location specified by the Company, no later than 15 days after the bill date shown on the resold MTS and/or MTS-type service bill. If the required information is not received by the Company, the previously reported information, as described preceding, will be used for the next two months. For any subsequent month, no allocation or credit will be made until the required documentation is delivered to the Company by the IXC.

C. Resale Documentation Provided By the IXC

When the IXC utilizes Switched Access Service as set forth in B. preceding, the Company may request a certified copy of the IXC's resold MTS or MTS-type usage billing. Requests for billing will relate back no more than 12 months prior to the current billing period.

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INTRASTATE CARRIER COMMON LINE ACCESS SERVICE (Continued)

1.6 Resold Services (Continued)

D. Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services

When the IXC is provided an access group to be used in conjunction with the resale of MTS and/or MTS-type services as set forth in A. preceding, subject to the limitations as set forth in B. preceding, and the billing entity receives the usage information required as set forth in B. preceding, to calculate the adjustment of Carrier Common Line Access charges, the IXC will be billed as set forth in D.3 below.

1. Apportionment and Adjustment of Resold Minutes of Use

When the IXC is provided with more than one access group in a LATA in association with the resale of MTS and/or MTS-type services, the resold minutes of use will be apportioned as follows:

a. Originating Services

The Company will apportion the resold originating MTS and/or MTS-type services and originating minutes of use for which the resale credit adjustment applies, among the access groups. Such apportionment will be based on the relationship of the originating usage for each access group to the total originating usage for all access groups in the LATA. For purposes of administering this provision:

Resold originating MTS and/or MTS-type services minutes shall be only those attributable to intrastate originating MTS and/or MTS-type minutes and shall not include collect, third number, or credit card calls. Resold originating MTS and/or MTS-type services minutes shall be only those attributable to intrastate originating MTS and/or MTS-type minutes and shall not include collect, third number, or credit card calls.

The resale credit adjustment shall apply for resold originating MTS and MTS-type services and minutes of use, provided Carrier Common Line and Switched Access Charges have been assessed on such services.

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1.6 Resold Services (Continued)

D. Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services (Continued)

1. Apportionment and Adjustment of Resold Minutes of Use (Continued)

b. Terminating Services

The Company will apportion the resold terminating MTS and/or MTS-type services and terminating minutes of use for which the resale credit adjustment applies, among the access groups. Such apportionment will be based on the relationship of the terminating usage for each access group to the total terminating usage for all access groups in the LATA. For purposes of administering this provision:

Resold terminating MTS and/or MTS-type services minutes shall be only those attributable to intrastate terminating MTS/MTS-type (i.e., collect calls, third number calls, and credit card calls).

The resale credit adjustment shall apply for resold terminating MTS and MTS-type services and minutes of use, provided Carrier Common Line and Switched Access Charges have been assessed on such services.

2. Direct and Indirect Connections

Each of the access group arrangements used by the IXC in association with the resold MTS and/or MTS-type services must be connected either directly or indirectly to the IXC designated premises at which the resold MTS and/or MTS-type services are terminated. Direct connections are those arrangements where the access groups and resold MTS and/or MTS-type services are terminated at the same IXC designated premises.

Indirect originating connections are those arrangements where the access groups and the resold originating MTS and/or MTS-type services are physically located at different IXC designated premises in the same exchange. Such different IXC designated premises are connected by facilities that permit a call to flow from access groups to resold MTS and/or MTS-type services.

Indirect terminating connections are those arrangements where the access groups and resold terminating MTS and/or MTS-type services are physically located at different IXC designated premises in the same exchange. Such different IXC designated premises are connected by facilities that permit a call to flow from resold terminating MTS and/or MTS-type services to access groups.

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1.6 Resold Services (Continued)

D. Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services (Continued)

3. Rates

The Premium Access Charge per minute as set forth in the Company's Intrastate Access Service Tariff will apply. The minutes billed Carrier Common Line Access Service charges will be the adjusted originating intrastate access minutes and the adjusted terminating intrastate access minutes.

The adjusted originating access minutes will be the originating intrastate access minutes less the reported resold originating MTS and/or MTS-type service minutes of use as set forth in 1.a. preceding; but not less than zero. The adjusted terminating access minutes will be the terminating intrastate access minutes less the reported resold terminating MTS and/or MTS-type service minutes of use as set forth in 1.b. preceding; but not less than zero.

4. When the Adjustment Will Be Applied to IXC Bills

The adjustment as set forth in 3. preceding will be made to the involved IXC account no later than either the next bill date, or the one subsequent to that, depending on when the usage report is obtained.

5. Conversion of Billed Usage to Minutes

When the MTS and/or MTS-type usage is shown in hours, the number of hours shall be multiplied by 60 to develop the associated MTS and/or MTS-type minutes of use. If the MTS and/or MTS-type usage is shown in a unit that does not show hours or minutes, the IXC shall provide a factor to convert the shown units to minutes.

6. Percent Intrastate Use (PIU)

The adjustment as set forth in 3. preceding will be made to the involved IXC account after making the adjustments to the customer account as set forth in 1.7.D following (PIU).

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INTRASTATE CARRIER COMMON LINE ACCESS SERVICE (Continued)

1.7 Rate Regulations

A. Billing of Charges

Carrier Common Line charges will be billed to each Switched Access Service provided under this tariff and the Company's Intrastate Access Service Tariff.

B. Measuring and Recording of Call Detail

When access minutes are used to determine Carrier Common Line charges, they will be accumulated using call detail recorded by Company equipment except as set forth in C. following (Unmeasured FGA and B Usage) and Feature Group C operator and automated operator services systems call detail such as pay telephone sent-paid, operator-DDD, operator-person, collect, credit-card, third number and/or other like calls recorded by the customer. The Company measuring and recording equipment, except as set forth in C. following (Unmeasured FGA and B Usage), will be associated with end office or local tandem switching equipment and will record each originating and terminating access minute where answer supervision is received. The accumulated access minutes will be summed on a line-by-line basis, by line group or by end office, whichever type of account is used by the Company, for each IXC and then rounded to the nearest minute.

C. Unmeasured Feature Group A and B Usage

When Carrier Common Line Access is provided in association with Feature Group A or Feature Group B Switched Access Service in Company offices that are not equipped for measurement capabilities, assumed average intrastate access minutes will be used to determine Carrier Common Line Access charges. These assumed access minutes are as set forth in the exchange carriers' access tariffs.

D. Percent Intrastate Use (PIU)

When the IXC reports interstate and intrastate use of in-service Switched Access Service, Carrier Common Line charges will be billed to intrastate Switched Access Service access minutes based on the data reported by the IXC as set forth in Section 2.3.11 of NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 (Jurisdictional Reports), except where the Company is billing according to actuals by jurisdiction. Intrastate Switched Access Service access minutes will, when necessary, be used to determine Carrier Common Line Charges as set forth in E. following.

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1.7 Rate Regulations (Continued)

E. Determination of Premium Charges

After the adjustments as set forth in D. preceding have been applied, when necessary, to Switched Access Service access minutes, charges for the involved IXC account will be determined as follows:

1. Access minutes for all premium rated Switched Access Service subject to Carrier Common Line charges will be multiplied by the Premium Access per minute rate as set forth in the Company's Intrastate Access Service Tariff.
2. Access minutes for all FGB Access Services with an Abbreviated Dialing Arrangement (ADA) subject to Carrier Common Line Charges will be multiplied by the Premium Access per minute rate as set forth in the Company's Intrastate Access Service Tariff.
3. Carrier Common Line charges shall not be reduced as set forth in 1.6.A preceding unless Switched Access Charges, as set forth in Section 6 of NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, are applied to the IXC's Switched Access Services.

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1.7 Rate Regulations (Continued)

E. Determination of Premium Charges (Continued)

4. Terminating Premium Access per minute charge(s) apply to:

- all terminating access minutes of use;
- - less those terminating access minutes of use associated with Wireless Switching Centers (WSCs);
- all originating access minutes of use associated with FGA Access Services where the off-hook supervisory signaling is forwarded by the IXC's equipment when the called party answers;
- all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, 800 series and 900 numbers, less those originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, 800 series and 900 numbers for which the IXC furnishes for each month a report of either the number of calls or minutes or a report of the percent of calls or minutes that terminate in a Switched Access Service that is assessed Carrier Common Line charges.

When the IXC makes this report available to the Company in advance of billing, these minutes of use will be charged on the current bill as originating minutes of use as set forth in 5. following. If a billing dispute arises concerning the IXC provided report, the Company will request the IXC to provide the data the IXC used to develop the report. The Company will not request such data more than once a year. The IXC shall supply the data within 30 days of the Company request.

When this report is not available to the Company until after billing, it shall be used by the Company to calculate and post a credit to the IXC's account. The credit shall be posted to the IXC's account within 30 days of receipt of the report. The credit shall be calculated by multiplying the number of access minutes of use, for which a credit is determined to be applicable, times the difference between the terminating and originating Carrier Common Line charges in effect when the calls were completed.

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1.7. Rate Regulations (Continued)

E. Determination of Premium Charges (Continued)

5. The originating Premium Access per minute charge(s) apply to:

- all originating access minutes of use;
 - less those originating access minutes of use associated with FGA Access Services where the off-hook supervisory signaling is forwarded by the IXC's equipment when the called party answers;
 - less all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, 800 and 900 numbers;
 - less those originating access minutes of use associated with Wireless Switching Centers (WSCs);
 - plus all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, 800 series and 900 numbers for which the IXC furnishes for each month a report of either the number of calls or minutes or a report of the percent of calls or minutes that terminate in a Switched Access Service that is assessed Carrier Common Line charges, and for which a corresponding reduction in the number of terminating access minutes of use has been made as set forth in 4. preceding.

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1.8 Rates:

A.	<u>Carrier Common Line Charge</u>	<u>Rate</u>
	Premium Access, per minute	
	Terminating	\$ *
	Originating	\$.0150
B.	<u>Transport Interconnection Charge (TIC)</u>	
	Terminating	\$ *
	Originating	\$.015055
C.	<u>Local Transport</u>	
	Tandem Switched Transport	
	a) Tandem Switched Facility, per access minute per mile	
	Terminating	\$ *
	Originating	\$.000090
	b) Tandem Switched Termination, per access minute per termination	
	Terminating	\$ *
	Originating	\$.000443
D.	<u>End Office - Local Switching</u>	
	Terminating	\$ *
	Originating	\$.040598
E.	<u>End Office - Information Surcharge, per minute</u>	
	Terminating	\$ *
	Originating	\$.000000

* The rates, charges and conditions for the provision of intrastate terminating Carrier Access Service are as specified in the NECA Tariff FCC No. 5 as it now exists, and as it may be revised, added to, or supplemented.

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SWITCHED ACCESS CHARGES ASSESSABLE TO VOIP-PSTN TRAFFIC

2.1 Identification and Rating of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic

A. Scope - Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic is the intrastate interexchange traffic exchanged in time division multiplexing ("TDM") format that originates and/or terminates in Internet protocol ("IP") format. Traffic originates and/or terminates in IP format if it originates from and/or terminates to an end user customer of a service that requires Internet protocol compatible customer premises equipment.

This section governs the identification of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic that is subject to the access compensation rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission in its Report and Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 et. al., FCC No. 11-161 (November 18, 2011) and in its Second Order on Reconsideration, FCC No. 12-47 (April 25, 2012). Specifically, this section establishes the method of separating such traffic (referred to in this tariff as "Relevant VoIP-PSTN Traffic") from the Customer's traditional intrastate access traffic, so that such Relevant VoIP-PSTN Traffic can be billed in accordance with the FCC Orders.

This section of the tariff does not preclude carriers from negotiating different rates, terms and conditions governing compensation for Toll VoIP-PSTN traffic.

This Tariff does not supersede rates, terms and conditions governing compensation for Toll VoIP-PSTN traffic in existing interconnection agreements.

B. Rating of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic - The Company will bill Relevant VoIP-PSTN traffic identified in accordance with this tariff Section as follows:

- Between December 29, 2011 and July 12, 2012, the applicable rate elements used in providing access for Relevant VoIP PSTN Traffic that originates on the Company's network for termination to the Customer's end users (originating traffic) will be billed at interstate switched access rates applicable to the Company as set forth in the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Access Service Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, which is posted at <https://apps.fcc.gov/etfs/public/tariff.action?idTariff=110>

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SWITCHED ACCESS CHARGES ASSESSABLE TO VOIP-PSTN TRAFFIC (Continued)

2.1 Identification and Rating of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Continued)

B. Rating of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Continued)

- Beginning July 13, 2012 through June 30, 2014, the applicable rate elements used in providing access for Relevant VoIP PSTN Traffic that originates on the Company's network for termination to the Customer's end users (originating traffic) will be billed at intrastate access rates, as set forth in Section 7.
- Beginning July 1, 2014 the applicable rate elements used in providing access for Relevant VoIP PSTN Traffic that originates on the Company's network for termination to the Customer's end users (originating traffic) will be billed at interstate switched access rates applicable to the Company as set forth in the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Access Service Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, which is posted at
- Beginning December 29, 2011, the applicable rate elements used in providing access for Relevant VoIP PSTN Traffic that originates from the Customer's end users and terminates on the Company's network (terminating traffic) will be billed at interstate switched access rates applicable to the Company as set forth in the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Access Service Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, which is posted at

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SWITCHED ACCESS CHARGES ASSESSABLE TO VOIP-PSTN TRAFFIC (Continued)

2.1 Identification and Rating of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Continued)

C. Calculation and Application of Percent-VoIP-Usage Factor - The Company will determine the number of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic minutes of use ("MOU") to which interstate rates will be applied under subsection 2.1.B, above, by applying a Percent VoIP Usage ("PVU") factor to the total terminating intrastate access MOU (however determined – either based on call detail information or PIU) sent to a Company end user by the Customer (terminating traffic). Beginning July 1, 2014, the Company will apply the PVU to both terminating and originating intrastate access MOU exchanged between the Company and the Customer. The PVU will be derived and applied as follows:

1. The Customer will calculate and furnish to the Company a factor (the "PVU-A") representing the percentage of the total terminating intrastate access MOU sent to a Company end user by the Customer that originates in IP format. This PVU-A shall be based on information such as the number of the Customer's retail VoIP subscriptions in the state (e.g., as reported on FCC Form 477), traffic studies, actual call detail, or other relevant and verifiable information. Beginning July 1, 2014, the Customer's PVU-A shall be based on access MOU the Customer exchanges with the Company in State that is (i) sent to the Company that originated in IP format or (ii) is received from the Company and terminated in IP format.

2. Company will, likewise, calculate a factor (the "PVU-B") representing the percentage of the Company's total intrastate access MOU in the State that the Company terminates in IP format. This PVU-B shall be based on information such as the number of the Company's retail VoIP subscriptions in the state (e.g., as reported on FCC Form 477), traffic studies, actual call detail, or other relevant and verifiable information. Beginning July 1, 2014, the PVU-B shall be based on access MOU in the State that the Company originates to the Customer or terminates from the Customer in IP format.

3. The Company will use the PVU-A and PVU-B factors to calculate an effective PVU factor that represents the percentage of total intrastate terminating access MOU received from the Customer that is terminated in IP format by the Company and/or originated in IP format by the Customer. Beginning July 1, 2014, the PVU factor will represent the total intrastate access MOU exchanged between the Company and the Customer that originates or terminates in IP format at either the Company end or the Customer end. The PVU factor will be calculated as the sum of: (A) the PVU-A factor and (B) the PVU-B factor times (1.0 minus the PVU-A factor).

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SWITCHED ACCESS CHARGES ASSESSABLE TO VOIP-PSTN TRAFFIC (Continued)

2.1 Identification and Rating of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Continued)

C. Calculation and Application of Percent-VoIP-Usage Factor (Continued)

4. Between July 13, 2012 and June 30, 2013, the Company will apply the effective PVU factor to the total terminating intrastate access MOU exchanged with the Customer to determine the number of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic MOUs.

Example 1: The PVU-B is 10% and the PVU-A is 40%. The effective PVU factor is equal to $40\% + (10\% \times 60\%) = 46\%$. The Company will bill 46% of the Customer's terminating intrastate access MOU in accordance with the Company's applicable interstate switched access tariff.

Example 2: The PVU-B is 10% and the PVU-A is 0%. The effective PVU factor is $0\% + (100\% \times 10\%) = 10\%$. The Company will bill 10% of the Customer's terminating intrastate access MOU in accordance with the Company's applicable interstate switched access tariff.

Example 3: The PVU-A is 100%. No matter what the PVU-B factor is, the effective PVU is 100%. The Company will bill 100% of the Customer's terminating intrastate access MOU in accordance with the Company's applicable interstate switched access tariff.

In all of the examples above, the Company will apply the PVU to both originating and terminating intrastate access MOU beginning July 1, 2014.

5. If the Customer does not furnish the Company with a PVU-A pursuant to the preceding paragraph, the Company will utilize an effective PVU equal to the PVU-B.

D. Initial PVU Factor - If the PVU factor is not available and/or cannot be implemented in the Company's billing systems by December 29, 2011, once the factor is available and can be implemented the Company will adjust the Customer's bills to reflect the PVU retroactively to December 29, 2011. In calculating the initial PVU, the Company will take the Customer-specified PVU-A into account retroactively to December 29, 2011, provided that the Customer provides the factor to the Company no later than 30 days after approval of this tariff; otherwise, it will set the initial PVU equal to the PVU-B, as specified in subsection 2.1.C, above.

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SWITCHED ACCESS CHARGES ASSESSABLE TO VOIP-PSTN TRAFFIC (Continued)

2.1 Identification and Rating of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Continued)

E. PVU Factor Updates - The Customer may update the PVU-A factor or the Company may update the PVU-B quarterly using the method set forth in subsection 2.1.C, above. If the Customer chooses to submit such updates, it shall forward to the Company, no later than 15 days after the first day of January, April, July and/or October of each year, a revised PVU-A factor based on data for the prior three months, ending the last day of December, March, June and September, respectively. The Company will use the revised PVU-A to calculate a revised PVU. The revised PVU factor will apply prospectively and serve as the basis for billing until superseded by a new PVU.

F. PVU Factor Verification - Not more than twice in any year, the Company may ask the Customer to verify the PVU-A factor furnished to the Company and Customer may ask the Company to verify the PVU-B factor and the calculation of the PVU factor. The party so requested shall comply, and shall reasonably provide the records and other information used to determine the respective PVU-A and PVU-B factors. The Customer shall retain the call detail, work papers, and/or other information used to develop the PVU factor for a minimum of one year. No prorating or back-billing will be done based on updated PVU factors.

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BILLING AND COLLECTIONS SERVICES

Interexchange billing and collections services, except for recording services are deregulated. Recording services other than billing and address services, while subject to regulation by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, are tarified. Upon conversion of an end office to equal access, billing name and address information for non-presubscribed traffic shall be provided to Interexchange carriers upon rates, terms and conditions as filed with this Commission.

3.1 BILLING NAME AND ADDRESS SERVICE

The Company will provide billing name and address service.

A. Billing Name and Address Service

At the request of the customer, the Company will provide the billing name and address associated with an originating telephone number in its local exchange to the customer from records and account data base.

B. General Description

Billing Name and Address Service is the provision of the billing name and address associated with originating telephone numbers in its local exchange to the customer from Company record systems. Such Billing Name and Address Service will be limited to the provision of information to a customer relating exclusively to End User services provided by that customer. Information relating to services provided by any other entity will not be provided.

C. Undertaking of the Telephone Company

Upon request from a customer, the Company will provide the billing name and address associated with one or more originating telephone numbers in its local exchange.

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CARRIER TOLL RESTRICTION SERVICES

4.1 General

Selective Carrier Denial

Selective Carrier Denial limits the Company's customer access to the requesting toll service provider's facilities, including 10-XXX and O-dialing. After subscribing to this service, the carrier provides the Company with a list of subscribers who should be denied access to the carrier's facilities and a list of previously denied subscribers who should regain access.

4.2 Regulations

- (A) The Company will provide the service, on a nondiscriminatory basis, to all toll service providers.
- (B) Carrier Toll Restriction Service is offered subject to the availability of suitable facilities and is limited to central offices specifically equipped to provide the service.
- (C) The Company shall not be liable to the carrier or to any other person or entity for damages of any nature or kind arising out of, resulting from, or in connection with the provision of the service, including without limitation, the inability to access the operator or any non toll-free number for any propose.
- (D) Carrier Toll Restriction Service does not provide restriction of non-chargeable calls to numbers such as repair service, public emergency service (i.e. 9-1-1), 1 + 800 calling, or local directory assistance (DA) service in the event charges do not apply to the provision of DA.
- (E) Carrier Toll Restriction Service will be provided to Residence One-Party, Business One-Party and Business Trunk customers. Carrier Toll Restriction Service will not be provided with party-line Centrex services.
- (F) The minimum contract period for Carrier Toll Restriction Service is one month.

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CARRIER TOLL RESTRICTION SERVICES (Continued)

4.3 Rates

(A) The following rates and charges apply to the Company's provision of Carrier Toll Restriction Service and are in addition to all other carrier charges as specified elsewhere in the Company's tariffs.

Monthly Rates

Selective Carrier Denial

Residence, per line equipped	\$5.00
Business, per line equipped	\$5.00
Trunk, per trunk equipped	\$5.00

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P.U.C.O. No. 3

This tariff, P.U.C.O NO. 3, Issued by Consolidated Communications of Ohio Company, LLC, Cancels and Replaces P.U.C.O. NO. 10 Issued by The Columbus Grove Telephone Company, P.U.C.O. NO. 10 Issued by The Germantown Independent Telephone Company, and P.U.C.O. NO. 10 Issued by The Orwell Telephone Company in Their Entirety.

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OF OHIO COMPANY, LLC

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POLE ATTACHMENT AND CONDUIT OCCUPANCY TARIFF

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1. POLE ATTACHMENTS AND CONDUIT OCCUPANCY

A. Terms and Conditions

1. This tariff shall apply to all parties, including affiliates of the Attaching Entity, which attach to Consolidated Communications of Ohio Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications (referred to as "Company") poles and occupy conduit, except those parties that attach to the Company's poles and occupy conduit pursuant to a separate agreement.
2. The services in this tariff will be provided in accordance with Chapter 4901:1-3 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
3. Should any phrase, sentence, paragraph or section of this Rate Schedule be held to contravene any part of Chapter 4901:1-3, only that portion of this Rate Schedule which so contravenes the Rule, and not the entire Rate Schedule, shall be suspended until modified so as to comply with the requirements of Chapter 4901:1-3.

B. Restrictions on Access

1. Access to poles and conduit owned by the Company is restricted to Attaching Entities (as that term is defined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4901:1-3) in accordance with the provisions and definitions of Public Utilities Commission Chapter 4901:1-3.
2. The Company may deny an Attaching Entity access to its poles and conduits, on a nondiscriminatory basis where there is insufficient capacity or for reasons of safety, reliability, and generally applicable engineering purposes.

C. Limitation on Liability

1. The Company reserves to itself the right to locate and maintain its poles and conduit to operate its facilities in conjunction therewith in such a manner as will best enable it to fulfill its own service requirements. Except in the event of the Company's gross negligence or willful default, the Company shall not be liable to the Attaching Entity for any interruption of or interference with the operation of the Attaching Entity's services arising in any manner out of the use of the Company's poles and conduit. The Company shall make an immediate report to the Attaching Entity of the occurrence of any damage to the Attaching Entity's facilities.

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1. POLE ATTACHMENTS AND CONDUIT OCCUPANCY (Continued)

D. Indemnification

1. Except as may be caused by the negligence of the party seeking indemnification, the Attaching Entity and the Company shall each defend, indemnify and save harmless the other against and from any and all liabilities, claims, suits, fines, penalties, damages, losses, fees, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) including, but not limited to, those which may be imposed upon, incurred by or asserted against the party seeking indemnification by reason of (a) any work done upon the poles and conduit or any part thereof by the indemnifying party or any of its agents, contractors, servants, or employees, or (b) any use or occupation of said poles and conduit or any part thereof by the indemnifying party, or (c) any act or omission on the part of the indemnifying party or any of its agents, contractors, servants, or employees, for which the Company may be found liable.
2. The Attaching Entity shall indemnify, save harmless and defend the Company from any and all claims and demands of whatever kind which arise directly or indirectly from the operations of the Attaching Entity's attachments, including, without limitation, taxes, special charges by others, claims and demands for damages or loss due to infringement of copyright, libel, slander, unauthorized use of television broadcast programs, or unauthorized use of other program material. The Attaching Entity shall also hold the Company harmless against all claims and demands for infringement of patents with respect to the manufacture, use and operation of the Attaching Entity's attachments to the Company's poles or occupied conduit.

E. Assurance of Payment and Insurance

1. The Attaching Entity shall provide to the Company a performance bond in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000). The purpose of the bond is to insure the Attaching Entity's performance of all of its obligations and any License issued hereunder and for the payment by the Attaching Entity of any claims, liens, taxes, liquidated damages, penalties and fees due to Company which arise by reason of the construction, operation, maintenance or removal of The Attaching Entity's Facilities on or about Company's Poles and Conduits.
2. The Attaching Entity shall obtain and maintain insurance, including endorsements insuring the contractual liability and indemnification provisions of this License Agreement, issued by an insurance carrier licensed to do business in the state in which The Attaching Entity's Facilities are to be located and having an A.M. Best Company rating of A minus or better, and reasonably satisfactory to the Company to protect the Company, other authorized Attaching Entities, municipal and governmental authorities and Joint Users from and against all claims, demands, causes of action, judgments, costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses and liabilities of every kind and nature which may arise or result, directly or indirectly, from or by reason of such loss, injury or damage as covered by any License issued hereunder.

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1. **POLE ATTACHMENTS AND CONDUIT OCCUPANCY** (Continued)

G. Payment Terms

1. Attachment and occupancy fees are payable annually in advance. Fees are calculated on the number of attachments and feet of conduit occupied.
2. All fees and charges are due and payable 30 days after presentation of an invoice. Late payments will be assessed a late payment charge of 1.5% per month on all unpaid balances concurring on the date due and payable.

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EXHIBIT C
Description of the Nature of the Change

See Exhibit G for details of the nature of the change.

EXHIBIT D
Customer Notice

The attached customer notices will be direct mailed to all customers before the end of November 2018.



P.O. Box 11560, Portland, Maine 04104

Customer Name
Address
City, State ZIP

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You are being provided this notice in compliance with FCC regulation 47 CFR 64.1120(e)(3). Pending receipt of the appropriate regulatory approvals, the legal entity name and company structure providing you with local and/or long distance services will change. These changes do not impact your services, or any of the rates, terms or conditions of the services you receive today.

On or after January 1, 2019, your local exchange provider, The Columbus Grove Telephone Company (appearing on your bill with the d/b/a name of Consolidated Communications) will merge with two other Consolidated Communications companies, The Orwell Telephone Company and The Germantown Independent Telephone Company, and become part of a new company named Consolidated Communications of Ohio Company, LLC. Similarly, on or after January 1, 2019, Quality One Technologies, Inc. will merge with another Consolidated Communications company, Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. If Quality One Technologies, Inc. is your long distance provider, it appears on your bill with the d/b/a name of FairPoint Long Distance. Your local and long distance toll bills will still reflect the Consolidated Communications brand name.

You always have the right to choose another local or long distance service provider, if one is available. You can do this before or after the entity merger date. If you decide to choose a service provider other than Consolidated Communications, a carrier change charge may apply. If you do nothing, your services will continue as before, under the Consolidated Communications brand, without any changes to the rates, terms or conditions of the services. If you had previously arranged for a Preferred Carrier Freeze on your account, please contact Consolidated Communications after the merger has taken effect, to arrange for a new freeze to apply.

If you have any questions or concerns about this notice or any of your services, please contact your Consolidated Communications representative at **844.YOUR.CCI** (844.968.7224).

We appreciate and value your continued business.

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On or after January 1, 2019, your local exchange provider, The Germantown Independent Telephone Company (appearing on your bill with the d/b/a name of Consolidated Communications) will merge with two other Consolidated Communications companies, The Orwell Telephone Company and The Columbus Grove Telephone Company, and become part of a new company named Consolidated Communications of Ohio Company, LLC. Similarly, on or after January 1, 2019, Germantown Long Distance Company will merge with another Consolidated Communications company, Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. If Germantown Long Distance Company is your long distance provider, it appears on your bill with the d/b/a name of FairPoint Long Distance. Your local and long distance toll bills will still reflect the Consolidated Communications brand name.

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210 06737_Germantown



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On or after January 1, 2019, your local exchange provider, The Orwell Telephone Company (appearing on your bill with the d/b/a name of Consolidated Communications) will merge with two other Consolidated Communications companies, The Germantown Independent Telephone Company and The Columbus Grove Telephone Company, and become part of a new company named Consolidated Communications of Ohio Company, LLC. Similarly, on or after January 1, 2019, Orwell Communications, Inc. will merge with another Consolidated Communications company, Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. If Orwell Communications, Inc. is your long distance provider, it appears on your bill with the d/b/a name of FairPoint Long Distance. Your local and long distance toll bills will still reflect the Consolidated Communications brand name.

You always have the right to choose another local or long distance service provider, if one is available. You can do this before or after the entity merger date. If you decide to choose a service provider other than Consolidated Communications, a carrier change charge may apply. If you do nothing, your services will continue as before, under the Consolidated Communications brand, without any changes to the rates, terms or conditions of the services. If you had previously arranged for a Preferred Carrier Freeze on your account, please contact Consolidated Communications after the merger has taken effect, to arrange for a new freeze to apply.

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EXHIBIT E
Ohio Secretary of State Certificates of Good Standing

See attached. The Certificate of Good Standing for Consolidated Communications of Ohio Company, LLC will be filed in this docket upon closing. *See* Exhibit G for more details.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Jon Husted, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and present acting Secretary of State for the State of Ohio, and as such have custody of the records of Ohio and Foreign business entities; that said records show a Report of Use of Fictitious Name of CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS / ORWELL, Registration Number 4144459, filed in this office on March 1, 2018, filed by The Orwell Telephone Company., C/o Consolidated Communications 121 S. 17th Street, Mattoon, IL 61938, under article 1329.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, and is currently in FULL FORCE AND EFFECT upon the records of this office.



*Witness my hand and the seal of the
Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio
this 9th day of November, A.D. 2018.*

Jon Husted

Ohio Secretary of State

Validation Number: 201831301996

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Jon Husted, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and present acting Secretary of State for the State of Ohio, and as such have custody of the records of Ohio and Foreign business entities; that said records show a Report of Use of Fictitious Name of CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS / GERMANTOWN, Registration Number 4138867, filed in this office on February 16, 2018, filed by The Germantown Independent Telephone Company, C/o Consolidated Communications 121 S. 17th Street, Mattoon, IL 61938, under article 1329.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, and is currently in FULL FORCE AND EFFECT upon the records of this office.



*Witness my hand and the seal of the
Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio
this 9th day of November, A.D. 2018.*

Jon Husted

Ohio Secretary of State

Validation Number: 201831302206

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Jon Husted, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and present acting Secretary of State for the State of Ohio, and as such have custody of the records of Ohio and Foreign business entities; that said records show a Report of Use of Fictitious Name of CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS / COLUMBUS GROVE, Registration Number 4138843, filed in this office on February 16, 2018, filed by The Columbus Grove Telephone Company, C/o Consolidated Communications 121 S. 17th Street, Matoon, IL 61938, under article 1329.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, and is currently in FULL FORCE AND EFFECT upon the records of this office.



*Witness my hand and the seal of the
Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio
this 9th day of November, A.D. 2018.*

Jon Husted

Ohio Secretary of State

Validation Number: 201831302184

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I, Jon Husted, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and present acting Secretary of State for the State of Ohio, and as such have custody of the records of Ohio and Foreign business entities; that said records show QUALITY ONE TECHNOLOGIES, INC., an Ohio corporation, Charter No. 964702, having its principal location in Columbus Grove, County of Putnam, was incorporated on January 3, 1997 and is currently in GOOD STANDING upon the records of this office.



*Witness my hand and the seal of the
Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio
this 14th day of November, A.D.
2018.*

Jon Husted

Ohio Secretary of State

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Jon Husted, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and present acting Secretary of State for the State of Ohio, and as such have custody of the records of Ohio and Foreign business entities; that said records show GERMANTOWN LONG DISTANCE COMPANY, an Ohio corporation, Charter No. 955259, having its principal location in Germantown, County of Montgomery, was incorporated on October 8, 1996 and is currently in GOOD STANDING upon the records of this office.



Witness my hand and the seal of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio this 14th day of November, A.D. 2018.

Jon Husted

Ohio Secretary of State

Validation Number: 201831801746

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I, Jon Husted, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and present acting Secretary of State for the State of Ohio, and as such have custody of the records of Ohio and Foreign business entities; that said records show ORWELL COMMUNICATIONS, INC., an Ohio corporation, Charter No. 710465, having its principal location in Orwell, County of Ashtabula, was incorporated on October 14, 1987 and is currently in GOOD STANDING upon the records of this office.



Witness my hand and the seal of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio this 14th day of November, A.D. 2018.

Jon Husted

Ohio Secretary of State

Validation Number: 201831801750

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I, Jon Husted, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and present acting Secretary of State for the State of Ohio, and as such have custody of the records of Ohio and Foreign business entities; that said records show CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS ENTERPRISE SERVICES, INC., a Delaware corporation, having qualified to do business within the State of Ohio on March 14, 2003 under License No. 1375515 is currently in GOOD STANDING upon the records of this office.



Witness my hand and the seal of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio this 14th day of November, A.D. 2018.

Jon Husted

Ohio Secretary of State

Validation Number: 201831801752

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I, Jon Husted, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and present acting Secretary of State for the State of Ohio, and as such have custody of the records of Ohio and Foreign business entities; that said records show FAIRPOINT CARRIER SERVICES, INC., a Delaware corporation, having qualified to do business within the State of Ohio on November 15, 1999 under License No. 1118049 is currently in GOOD STANDING upon the records of this office.



Witness my hand and the seal of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio this 28th day of November, A.D. 2018.

Jon Husted

Ohio Secretary of State

Validation Number: 201833200950

EXHIBIT F

Listing of Officers and Directors

The officers and directors of Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. are listed below. Their address is 121 South 17th Street, Mattoon, Illinois 61938, and phone number is (217) 235-3311.

C. Robert Udell, Jr., President, CEO, and Director

Seven L. Childers, Chief Financial Officer

Steven J. Shirar, Chief Sales Officer and Corporate Secretary

John Lunny, Chief Information Officer

Michael Smith, Chief Marketing Officer

Gabe Waggoner, Executive Vice President of Operations

Tom White, Chief Technology Officer

Ryan Whitlock, Vice President of Human Resources

Robert J. Currey, Executive Chairman

Richard A. Lumpkin, Founding Director

Thomas A. Gerke, Director

Roger H. Moore, Director

Dale E. Parker, Director

Maribeth S. Rahe, Director

Timothy D. Taron, Director

Wayne Wilson, Director

Biographical information on these individuals is available at:

<http://ir.consolidated.com/management.cfm> and <http://ir.consolidated.com/directors.cfm>

EXHIBIT G

Description of and Rationale for the Transaction

This application seeks approval to consolidate three incumbent local exchange companies in Ohio into a new legal entity and each of their respective interexchange carrier subsidiaries into another existing legal entity. The application seeks approval for the changes to be effective on January 1, 2019.

Applicants and Proposed Transaction

This is the next stage following Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.'s ("CCHI") (and its direct operating subsidiary, Consolidated Communications, Inc. ("CCI")) acquisition of FairPoint Communications, Inc. (now FairPoint Communications, LLC) ("FairPoint") with its Ohio incumbent local exchange company operating subsidiaries, The Columbus Grove Telephone Company ("Columbus Grove"), The Germantown Independent Telephone Company ("Germantown"), and The Orwell Telephone Company ("Orwell") (collectively the "Ohio ILECs"), which previously was approved in PUCO Case No. 17-69-TP-ACO. Since then, the PUCO approved name changes for the Ohio ILECs to do business as Consolidated Communications/Columbus Grove, Consolidated Communications/ Germantown, and Consolidated Communications/Orwell in PUCO Case Nos. 18-70-TP-ACN, 18-71-TP-ACN, and 18-72-TP-ACN, respectively. Now, CCHI is proceeding with the legal consolidation of the Ohio ILECs; their respective subsidiaries, Quality One Technologies, Inc. Germantown Long Distance Company, and Orwell Communications, Inc.; and FairPoint Carrier Services, Inc., a subsidiary of FairPoint (collectively the "Ohio IXCs").

Orwell is an Ohio corporation, an incumbent local exchange carrier and a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. Orwell is authorized to provide local exchange services via certificate number 90-5033. Orwell was acquired by FairPoint through its subsidiary, MJD Ventures, Inc. ("MJD"), in 1999 (PUCO Case No. 99-1001-TP-UNC).

Columbus Grove is an Ohio corporation, an incumbent local exchange carrier and a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. Columbus Grove is authorized to provide local exchange services via certificate number 90-5014. Columbus Grove also was acquired by FairPoint through MJD in 1999 (PUCO Case No. 98-1542-TP-AMT).

Germantown is an Ohio corporation, an incumbent local exchange carrier and a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. Germantown is authorized to provide local exchange and interexchange services via certificate number 90-5021. Germantown was acquired by FairPoint through MJD in 2006 (PUCO Case No. 06-1124-TP-ACO).

Orwell Communications, Inc. is an Ohio corporation. The company is authorized to provide interexchange services via certificate number 90-5954 (PUCO Case No. 00-1656-CT-ACE), and currently offers interexchange services within the State of Ohio. Orwell Communications, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Orwell.

Quality One Technologies, Inc. is an Ohio corporation. The company is authorized to provide interexchange services via certificate number 90-5897 (PUCO Case No. 99-1353-CT-UNC), and currently offers interexchange service within the State of Ohio. Quality One Technologies, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Columbus Grove.

Germantown Long Distance Company is an Ohio corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Germantown. This company is authorized to provide interstate services pursuant to a 214 filing approved by the FCC on February 26, 1997 in ITC-97-030.

Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. is a Delaware corporation. The company is authorized to provide interexchange services via certificate number 90-6117 (PUCO Case No. 03-0867-TP-ACE), and currently offers interexchange service within the State of Ohio. Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of CCI.

FairPoint Carrier Services, Inc. is a Delaware corporation. The company is authorized to provide interexchange services via certificate number 90-6121-CT-TRF (PUCO Case No. 03-2343-TP-CIO) and currently offers wholesale interexchange service within the State of Ohio. FairPoint Carrier Services, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of FairPoint.

CCI will form a new Delaware limited liability company subsidiary to be called Consolidated Communications of Ohio Company, LLC ("Consolidated Communications Ohio"). Orwell will merge into Consolidated Communications Ohio with Consolidated Communications Ohio surviving. Orwell's certification (90-5033) will be transferred to Consolidated Communications Ohio. Germantown and Columbus Grove also will merge into Consolidated Communications Ohio with Consolidated Communications Ohio surviving. The certificates for Germantown (90-5021) and Columbus Grove (90-5014) will be cancelled. Consolidated Communications Ohio will be a direct subsidiary of CCI, eliminating both FairPoint and MJD. FairPoint will be merged into Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. and MJD will be merged into CCI.

CCI also will merge the Ohio IXCs into its existing certificated interexchange carrier, Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. is and will remain a direct subsidiary of CCI. The certificates for the Quality One Technologies, Inc., Orwell Communications, Inc., and FairPoint Carrier Services, Inc. will be cancelled.

Charts of the legal entities before and after consolidation follow at the end of the Exhibit G.

Continuing Operations and The Public Interest

The transaction will not negatively affect any of the services provided to any Ohio customers. The customers will receive the same local exchange services and interexchange services at the same prices through Consolidated Communications Ohio and Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. that they currently receive through the Ohio ILECs and Ohio IXCs. The Ohio ILECs already are doing business as Consolidated Communications and, as such, the consolidation likely

will be transparent to customers. Nevertheless, the notices at Exhibit D will be direct mailed to all customers before the end of November 2018.

Upon completion of this consolidation, Consolidated Communications Ohio will operate under the Orwell certificate and continue to be subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. The tariffs, rates, terms and conditions of service provided by Consolidated Communications Ohio will be unaffected by the consolidation.

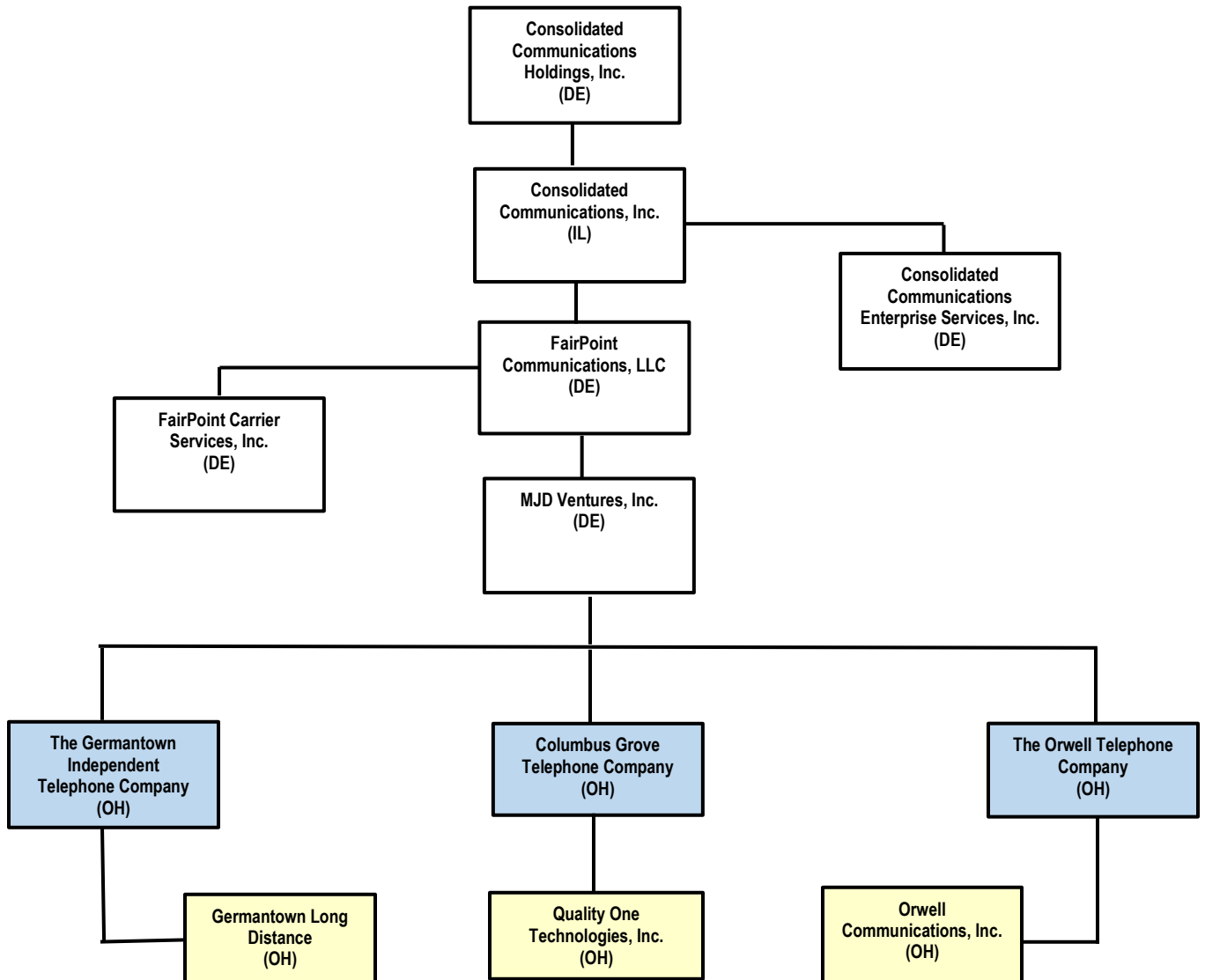
As a direct subsidiary of CCI, Consolidated Communications Ohio will be technically, managerially and financially capable of maintaining the obligations of an ILEC. Upon completion of the consolidation, Consolidated Communications Ohio will accept and discharge all Ohio regulatory obligations that apply to the Ohio ILECs immediately before the closing. No jobs at the Ohio ILECs will be eliminated as a result of this consolidation. Because the transaction will not affect the operations of Consolidated Communications Ohio in any material way:

- Consolidated Communications Ohio will continue to provide the same excellent quality of service to their customers that they have to date;
- The in-state presence of Consolidated Communications Ohio and their day-to-day operations will be largely unaffected;
- The books and records of Consolidated Communications Ohio will either be retained in Ohio or will be available for review in Ohio immediately should the need arise;
- The market power of Consolidated Communications Ohio will be unaffected;
- Consolidated Communications Ohio expects to continue the existing infrastructure and capital expenditure programs; and
- The relationship between Consolidated Communications Ohio and its customers will remain unchanged, and the Commission's regulatory supervision of those relationships will be unaffected.

This consolidation will affirmatively promote the service, accommodation, convenience, and safety of the public in a substantial way and serve the public interest. The legal consolidation will create efficiencies and a stronger combined business and broadband provider to better serve and meet the local and national needs of its customers.

CCHI is undertaking this legal consolidation on a national basis. CCHI is a Delaware holding company with operating subsidiaries in 23 states. CCHI has grown through a series of acquisitions over the last fifteen years. As a result of these acquisitions, CCHI has amassed a significant number of subsidiaries. In each of the 23 states where CCHI's companies currently operate, CCHI has examined its business structures in order to simplify its operations by reducing the number of legal entities necessary to provide service. This will better position CCHI to expand broadband coverage, increase broadband speeds, and leverage its extensive product suite and consultative sales approach across 23 states, bringing advanced solutions and better service to customers.

Legal Entity Chart Before Consolidation



Legal Entity Chart After Consolidation

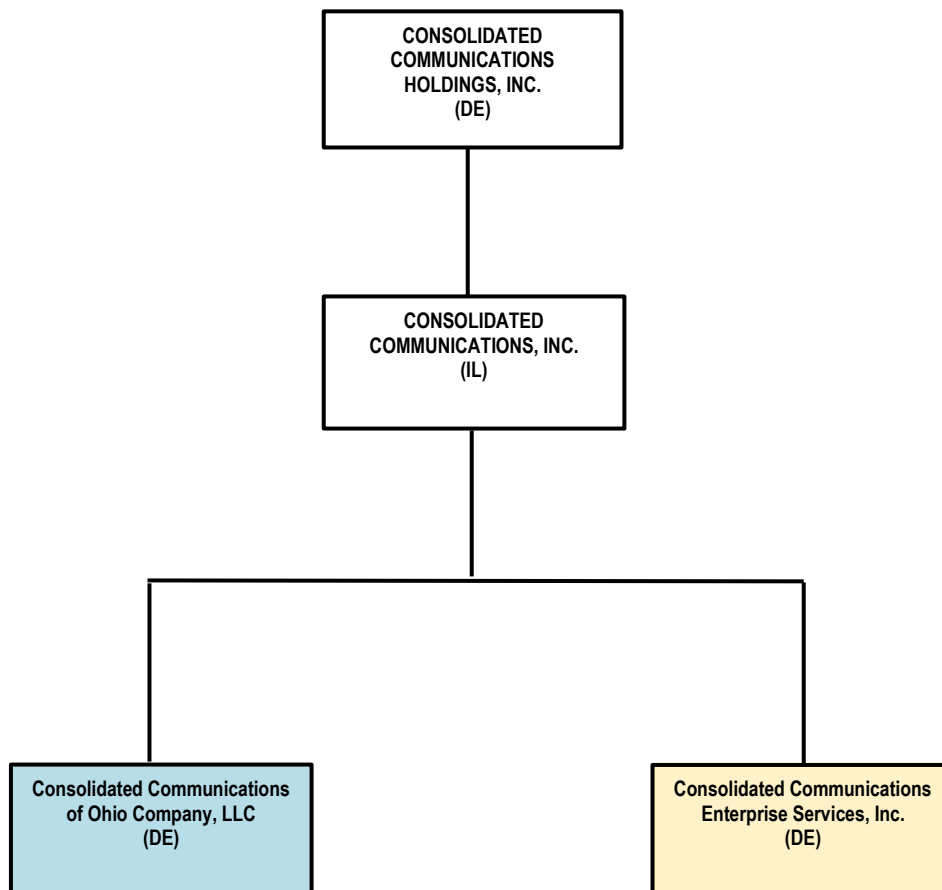


EXHIBIT H

Contacts and Verifications

The contacts for this application follow and the verification is attached.

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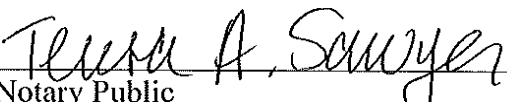
VERIFICATION

I, Carole J. Williamson, state that I am Director, Regulatory, of Consolidated Communications; that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of Consolidated Communications; that the foregoing filing was prepared under my direction and supervision; and that the contents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.



Carole J. Williamson
Director, Regulatory

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this 9th day of November, 2018.



Notary Public

TERESA A. SAWYER Notary Public, State of Maine My Commission Expires Sept. 20, 2019

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