

December 28, 2018

#### **Via Electronic Filing**

Ms. Barcy McNeal, Docketing Division Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street, 13th Floor Columbus, OH 43215-0573

Re: United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink Case No. 90-5041-TP-TRF and Case No. 18-1900-TP-ATA

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Enclosed for filing is United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink's tariff to increase business and residential late payment charges. The following revisions are included in this filing:

Section 1, Fifth Revised Sheet 6

This tariff sheet is filed with a December 28, 2018 issue date and an effective date of February 1, 2019.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please call me or Mr. Joshua Motzer at (614) 221-5354.

Sincerely,

Robyn Crichton

ec: Joshua Motzer, Centurylink

OH 19-01 (UT)

#### **ROBYN CRICHTON**

#### The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

#### TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM

(Effective: 10-11-2017)

This form is intended to be used with most types of required filings. It provides check boxes with rule references for the most common types of filings.

It does not replace or supersede Commission rules in any way.

In the Matter of the Application of United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink to increase Late Payment Charges.	) )	TRF Docket No. 90-5041-TP-Case No. 18-1900-TP-NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Gields BLANK.	ATA
Name of Registrant(s) <u>United Telephone Company of O</u>	hio		
DBA(s) of Registrant(s) <u>CenturyLink</u>			
Address of Registrant(s) 100 CenturyLink Drive, Monro	oe, LA 712	203	
Company Web Address <u>www.centurylink.com/tariffs</u>			
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Josh Motzer		Phone 614-221-5354	Fax <u>614-224-3902</u>
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address Josh.Motze	er@Centur	ryLink.com	
Contact Person for Annual Report Ken Buchan			Phone <u>318-362-1538</u>
Address (if different from above)			
Consumer Contact Information Lori Ann Johnson			Phone 800-877-3345
Address (if different from above)			
Motion for protective order included with filing?  Yes Motion for waiver(s) filed affecting this case?  Yes		te: Waivers may toll any automatic	timeframe.]

#### **Notes:**

Section I and II are Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4901:1-6.

Section III – Carrier to Carrier is Pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code <u>4901:1-7</u>, and Wireless is Pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code <u>4901:1-6-24</u>. 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 Admin. Code Section 4901 and/or the supplemental application form noted.
- (3) Information regarding the number of copies required by the PUCO may be obtained from the PUCO's website at <a href="https://www.puco.ohio.gov">www.puco.ohio.gov</a> under the docketing information system section, by calling the docketing division at 614-466-4095, or by visiting the docketing division at the offices of the PUCO.
- (4) An Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) offering basic local exchange service (BLES) outside its traditional service area should choose CLEC designation when proposing to offer BLES outside its traditional service area or when proposing to make changes to that service.

#### All Filings that result in a change to one or more tariff pages require, at a minimum, the following exhibits.

Exhibit	Description:
A	The tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s) as they exist before the change(s)
В	The tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s), reflecting the change, with the change(s) marked in the
	right margin.
С	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 belo	)	☐ For Profit ILEC		☐ Not For Profit ILEC		☐ CLEC		
Change terms & condition existing BLES				ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)		ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)		
Introduce non-recurring of surcharge, or fee to BLE							A <u>1-6-14(H)</u> 30 days)	
Introduce or Increase Lat	X ATA 1		ıys)	ATA <u>1-6</u> (Auto 30 day			A <u>1-6-14(I)</u> 30 days)	
Revisions to BLES Cap.		(0 day Notice						
Introduce BLES or expar service area (calling area		ZTA <u>1</u> - (0 day Notic	<u>6-14(H)</u> ce)	ZTA <u>1-6-</u> (0 day Notice			ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)	
Notice of no obligation to facilities and provide BL		ZTA <u>1</u> - (0 day Notion	<u>6-27(C)</u> ce)	ZTA <u>1-6-</u> (0 day Notice				
Change BLES Rates	☐ TRF <i>1</i> -			TRF <u>1-6-</u> (0 day Notice	TRF <u>1-6-14(F)(4)</u> day Notice)		TRF <u>1-6-14(G)</u> (0 day Notice)	
To obtain BLES pricing	flexibility	BLS <u>1-6</u> (Auto 30 d	6-14(C)(1)(c) ays)					
		ACB <u>1</u> (Auto 14 da		ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)				
Expand service operation	area		•		,	☐ TR	F <u>1-6-08(G)</u> (0 day)	
BLES withdrawal	BLES withdrawal					(0 day 1	A <u>1-6-25(B)</u> Notice)	
Other*						,		
Section I – Part II – Cu Type of Notice		ification Of		uant to Chapt Insert	er <u>4901:1-6-7</u> Bill Not		Electronic Mail	
☐ 15-day Notice								
Date Notice Sent: Beg	inning Dece	ember 1, 201	18					
Section I – Part III –IO	S Offerings	Pursuant to	Chapter 490	)1:1-6-22 OAC	2			
IOS	Introdu	ce New	Tariff	Change	Price Ch	ange	Withdraw	
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## 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	CESTC	CETC
			Offering Local		
* See Supplemental	☐ ACE <u>1-6-08</u>	☐ ACE <u>1-6-08</u>	☐ ACE <u>1-6-08</u>	ACE <u>1-6-10</u>	UNC <u>1-6-09</u>
form	* (Auto 30 day)	*(Auto 30 day)	*(Auto 30 day)	(Auto 30 day)	*(Non-Auto)

<sup>\*</sup>Supplemental Certification forms can be found on the PUCO webpage.

### Section II - Part II - Certificate Status & Procedural

Certificate Status	ILEC	CLEC	Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local
Abandon all Services		ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)	ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)
Change of Official Name *	ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership *	ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Merger *	AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transfer a Certificate *	ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
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<sup>\*</sup> Other exhibits may be required under the applicable rule(s). ACN, ACO, AMT, ATC, ATR and CIO applications see the 4901:1-6-29 Filing Requirements on the PUCO's webpage for a complete list of exhibits.

## Section III – Carrier to Carrier (Pursuant to 4901:1-7), and Wireless (Pursuant to 4901:1-6-24)

Carrier to Carrier	ILEC	CLEC
Interconnection agreement, or amendment to	☐ NAG <u>1-7-07</u>	☐ NAG <u>1-7-07</u>
an approved agreement	(Auto 90 day)	(Auto 90 day)
Request for Arbitration	ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)	ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)
Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs	ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 days)	ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 days)
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification	UNC <u>1-7-04</u> or 05 (Non-Auto)	
Changes in rates, terms & conditions to Pole	☐ ATA <u>1-3-04</u>	
Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights-	(Auto 60 days)	
of-Way. (13-579-AU-ORD 11/30/16 Entry)		
Wireless Providers See 4901:1-6-24	RCC [Registration & Change in Operations] (0 day)	NAG [Interconnection Agreement or Amendment] (Auto 90 days)

#### 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, CenturyLink, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

Robyn Crichton

Please Check ALL that apply:

☑ I attest that these tariffs comply with all applicable rules for the State of Ohio. I understand that tariff notification filings do not imply Commission approval and that the Commission's rules as modified and clarified from time to time, supersede any contradictory provisions in our tariff. We will fully comply with the rules of the State of Ohio and understand that noncompliance can result in various penalties, including the suspension of our certificate to operate within the State of Ohio.

☑ I attest that customer notices accompanying this filing form were sent to affected customers, as specified in Section II, in accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-6-7.

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

Executed on December 27, 2018 at New Century, Kansas

\*/s/ Robyn Crichton
Robyn Crichton, Manager, Regulatory Compliance & Analytics

December 27, 2018

#### VERIFICATION

I, Robyn Crichton, 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.

\*/s/ Hobyn Crichton, Manager, Regulatory Compliance & Analytics

December 27, 2018

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

<sup>\*</sup>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.

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## **EXHIBIT A**

United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink

P.U.C.O. NO. 5 GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF Section 1 Fourth Revised Sheet 6 Cancels Third Revised Sheet 6

#### **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

#### VII. LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

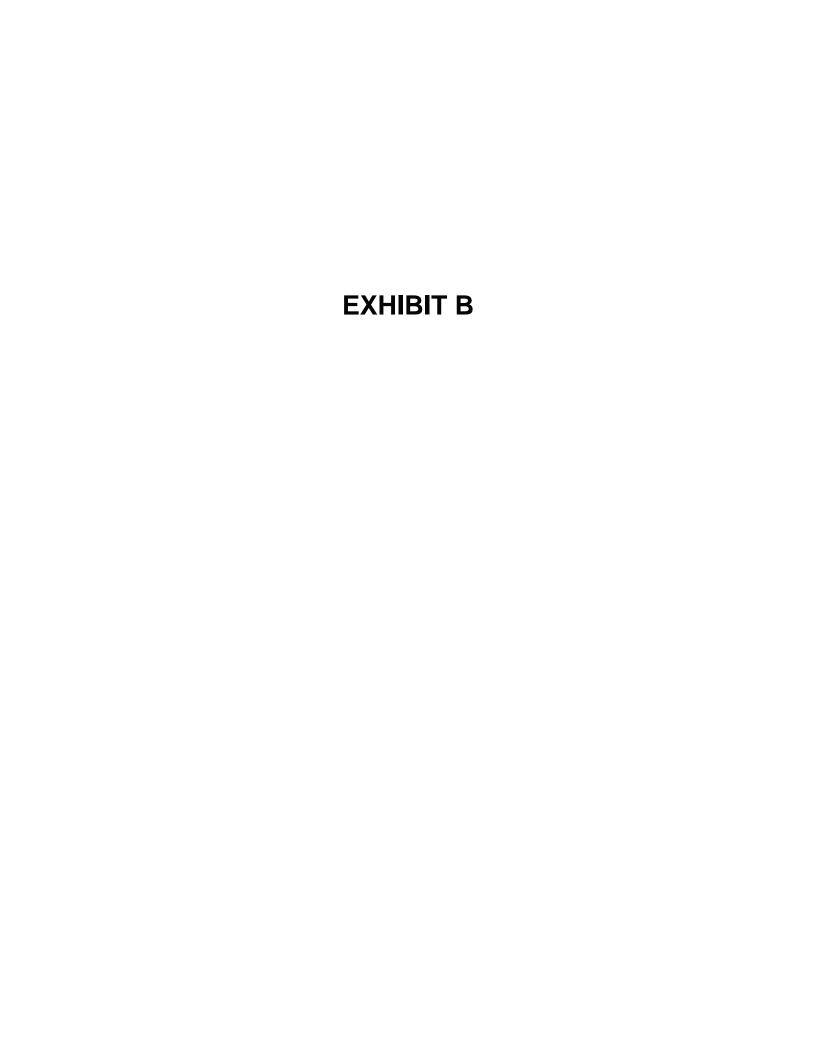
A late payment charge of four (4%) percent or \$7.00, whichever is greater, will be applied to the current month's residential customer bills which remain unpaid after the due date. Each residential customer account shall be permitted a one-time waiver of a monthly late payment charge in cases where the customer has already paid the monthly bill for which the late payment charge was applied, and upon the request of the customer.

A late payment charge of four (4%) percent or \$11.00, whichever is greater, will be applied to the current month's business customer bills which remain unpaid after the due date.

- A. Payments will not be considered delinquent if the account is paid in full by the due date. The due date printed on the bill will not be sooner than nineteen days after the postmark on the bill.
- B. The late payment charge will not be applied to any amount billed as taxes by federal, state or local governments.
- C. The late payment charge will not be applied to any previous late payment charges.
- D. The late payment charge will not apply to any Interexchange Carrier billing to which a late payment fee has already been rendered by an Interexchange Carrier.
- E. The late payment charge will not apply to amounts that are in dispute.
- F. Late payment charges will not apply to service order charges associated with commencement of a Lifeline Assistance Program. (T)

Issued: October 28, 2016 Effective: December 2, 2016

United Telephone Company Of Ohio By Bill Hanchey, Vice President Wake Forest, North Carolina In accordance with Case No.: 90-5041-TP-TRF and Case No. 16-2126-TP-ATA Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio



#### **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

#### VII. LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

A late payment charge of five percent (5%) or \$8.00, whichever is greater, will be applied to the (I) current month's residential customer bills which remain unpaid after the due date. Each residential customer account shall be permitted a one-time waiver of a monthly late payment charge in cases where the customer has already paid the monthly bill for which the late payment charge was applied, and upon the request of the customer.

A late payment charge of five percent (5%) or \$11.00, whichever is greater, will be applied to the current month's business customer bills which remain unpaid after the due date.

- A. Payments will not be considered delinquent if the account is paid in full by the due date. The due date printed on the bill will not be sooner than nineteen days after the postmark on the bill.
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- C. The late payment charge will not be applied to any previous late payment charges.
- D. The late payment charge will not apply to any Interexchange Carrier billing to which a late payment fee has already been rendered by an Interexchange Carrier.
- E. The late payment charge will not apply to amounts that are in dispute.
- F. Late payment charges will not apply to service order charges associated with commencement of a Lifeline Assistance Program.

Issued: December 28, 2018 Effective: February 1, 2019

## **EXHIBIT C**

This filing increases the business and residential late payment charges under OAC 4901:1-6-14.

## **EXHIBIT D**

# UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF OHIO d/b/a CENTURYLINK CUSTOMER NOTICE

In compliance with OAC 4901:1-6-07 Customer Notice Requirements, United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink will send the following bill messages on customer bills beginning December 1, 2018.

Effective February 1, 2019, the Insufficient Funds Charge (Returned Payment Charge) applied when a payment for service is not honored by the customers designated financial institution will increase to \$30.00. The late payment charge assessed on unpaid balances for High-Speed Internet will increase to \$10.00. This charge is in addition to the applicable late payment charge assessed on unpaid balances for local service. The late payment charge for local service will increase to the greater of \$8.00 or 5% of the unpaid balance. All directory assistance calls completed by your local telephone company will increase to \$5.99 per call, and the monthly rate for non-published and non-listed telephone numbers and all chargeable directory listings will increase by up to \$1.00. If you have any questions, please call a Customer Care Representative at the telephone number printed in the Manage Your Account or Important Information sections of your bill.

#### **CUSTOMER NOTICE AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF: KANSAS

SS:

COUNTY OF: JOHNSON

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

I, Robyn Crichton, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf. I attest that customer notices accompanying this affidavit were sent to affected customers through bill message beginning December 1, 2018 in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-07 (C), Ohio Administrative Code. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on December 10, 2018, New Century, Kansas 66031

Robyn Crichton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

My Commission Expires: 10-19-22

Notary Public State of Kansas

Linda K. Joseph

My Appt. Exp. 10-19-22



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Summary: Tariff Tariff to increase business and residential late payment charges. electronically filed by Mrs. Robyn Crichton on behalf of Crichton, Robyn Mrs. and United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink