

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of CenturyTel)	Case No.18-1901-TP-ATA
of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink to increase late)	90-5010-TP-TRF
payment charges.)	
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REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

On December 28, 2018, the Applicant filed this ATA seeking to revise its P.U.C.O. Tariff No. 12. In this filing, the Applicant is proposing to increase the late payment charges for residential and business customers.

Pursuant to rule 14(I) of the Telephone Company Procedures and Standards, late payment charges for BLES may be increased through a thirty- day ATA filing and a standard of reasonableness will be applied as well as a comparison with similar charges previously approved by the Commission or similar charges assessed by non-regulated providers. Lastly, rule 14(I) requires that a customer notice be filed in accordance with rule 4901:1-6-07. In this application, the Applicant is proposing to raise the threshold amount to which a late payment charge is applied. Upon review, Staff does not find the proposed increase unreasonable. Lastly, the customer notice provided with this application meets all of the requirements set forth in rule 4901:1-6-07 of the Administrative Code. The Staff reviewed all documents and exhibits filed on December 28, 2018 and the Applicant's application meets all of the requirements set forth in the rule. In conclusion, the Staff review found that the application is reasonable. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Applicant's ATA be approved.

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