



525 JUNCTION RD.  
Madison, WI 53717

October 7, 2019

By Electronic Filing

Ms. Barcy McNeal  
Docketing Division  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Oakwood Telephone Company: TRF Docket No. 90-5031

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Oakwood Telephone Company submits a Notice of Tariff Filing for electronic filing.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Regards,

/s/ Rachelle A. Ladwig  
TDS Telecom  
Sr. Administrator - Tariffs  
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Enclosure

**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 Oakwood Telephone  
Company to Change Late Payment Chg to Flat Rate

TRF Docket No. 90-5031-TP-TRF

Case No. 19 - 1790 -TP - ATA

NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave the "Case No" fields  
BLANK.

Name of Registrant(s) Oakwood Telephone Company

DBA(s) of Registrant(s) TDS Telecom

Address of Registrant(s) 525 Junction Road, Madison, WI 53717

Company Web Address www.tdstelecom.com

Regulatory Contact Person(s) Rachelle Ladwig

Phone 608-664-4169

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Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address rachelle.ladwig@tdstelecom.com

Contact Person for Annual Report Bruce Mottern

Phone 865-671-4753

Address (if different from above) 10025 Investment Drive, Suite 200, Knoxville, TN 37932

Consumer Contact Information Bruce Mottern

Phone 865-671-4753

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](http://www.puco.ohio.gov) under the docketing information 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

<b>Carrier Type</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> (explain below)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>For Profit ILEC</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Not For Profit ILEC</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CLEC</b>
Change terms & conditions of existing BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge, or fee to BLES			<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late Payment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-6-14(I)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-6-14(I)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-6-14(I)</a> (Auto 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap.	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-14(F)</a> (0 day Notice)		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</a> (0 day Notice)
Notice of no obligation to construct facilities and provide BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-27(C)</a> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-27(C)</a> (0 day Notice)	
Change BLES Rates	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <a href="#">1-6-14(F)</a> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <a href="#">1-6-14(F)(4)</a> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <a href="#">1-6-14(G)</a> (0 day Notice)
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	<input type="checkbox"/> BLS <a href="#">1-6-14(C)(1)(c)</a> (Auto 30 days)		
Change in boundary	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB <a href="#">1-6-32</a> (Auto 14 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB <a href="#">1-6-32</a> (Auto 14 days)	
Expand service operation area			<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <a href="#">1-6-08(G)</a> (0 day)
BLES withdrawal			<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-25(B)</a> (0 day Notice)
<b>Other*</b> (explain)			

## Section I – Part II – Customer Notification Offerings Pursuant to Chapter [4901:1-6-7 OAC](#)

Type of Notice	Direct Mail	Bill Insert	Bill Notation	Electronic Mail
<input type="checkbox"/> 15-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Date Notice Sent: October 7, 2019</b>				

## Section I – Part III –IOS Offerings Pursuant to Chapter [4901:1-6-22 OAC](#)

IOS	Introduce New	Tariff Change	Price Change	Withdraw
<input type="checkbox"/> IOS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Section II – Part I – Carrier Certification - Pursuant to Chapter [4901:1-6-08, 09 & 10 OAC](#)

Certification	ILEC (Out of Territory)	CLEC	Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local	CESTC	CETC
* See Supplemental form	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <a href="#">1-6-08</a> * (Auto 30- day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <a href="#">1-6-08</a> * (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <a href="#">1-6-08</a> * (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <a href="#">1-6-10</a> (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <a href="#">1-6-09</a> * (Non-Auto)

\*Supplemental Certification forms can be found on the Commission Web Page.

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

Certificate Status	ILEC	CLEC	Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local
Abandon all Services		<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <a href="#">1-6-26</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <a href="#">1-6-26</a> (Auto 30 days)
Change of Official Name *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <a href="#">1-6-29(B)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <a href="#">1-6-29(B)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <a href="#">1-6-29(C)</a> (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <a href="#">1-6-29(E)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <a href="#">1-6-29(E)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <a href="#">1-6-29(C)</a> (0 day Notice)
Merger *	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <a href="#">1-6-29(E)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <a href="#">1-6-29(E)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <a href="#">1-6-29(C)</a> (0 day Notice)
Transfer a Certificate *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <a href="#">1-6-29(B)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <a href="#">1-6-29(B)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <a href="#">1-6-29(C)</a> (0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR <a href="#">1-6-29(B)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR <a href="#">1-6-29(B)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <a href="#">1-6-29(C)</a> (0 day Notice)

\* Other exhibits may be required under the applicable rule(s). ACN, ACO, AMT, ATC, ATR and CIO applications see [the 4901:1-6-29 Filing Requirements on the Commission's Web Page](#) for a complete list of exhibits.

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

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

**Section IV. – Attestation**

**Registrant hereby attests to its compliance with pertinent entries and orders issued by the Commission.**

**AFFIDAVIT**  
***Compliance with Commission Rules***

I am an officer/agent of the applicant corporation, Oakwood Telephone Company, 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) 10-07-19 at (Location) Madison, WI 53717

\*(Signature and Title) /s/ Rachelle Ladwig, Sr. Administrator - Tariffs (Date) 10-07-19

- *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, Rachelle A. Ladwig 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/Rachelle A. Ladwig, Sr. Administrator – Tariffs/Authorized Agent (Date) 10-07-19

*\*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 No 06-900-AU-WVR***

***or***

***Send your completed Application Form, including all required attachments as well as the required number of copies, to:***

**Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Attention: Docketing Division  
180 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215-3793**

**EXHIBIT A**  
**EXISTING SCHEDULE SHEETS**



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**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**E. ESTABLISHMENT AND FURNISHING OF SERVICE (Continued)**

**3. Payment of Charge for Service (Continued)**

**f. Failure to pay Charges for Service**

**2) Late Payment Charges**

- a) A Late Payment charge of 1.5% per month applies to all past due balances; except that the charge is not applicable until a Residential or Business customer's amount past due exceeds \$12.77.
- b) Customers with past due balances that sign up for electronic payments will receive a one-time waiver of the late payment charge.
- c) The Late Payment Charge will not be assessed until at least nineteen days after the postmark on the customer's bill. The Late Payment Charge will not apply to any portion of the bill that is in bona fide dispute, any previous late payment fees included in the amount due, or to service establishment charges for lifeline services.
- d) Final collection procedures, temporary disconnection of service, and the requirements for deposit are unaffected by the application of a late charge. The late payment charge does not extend the time for payment or otherwise enlarge or change the rights of the customer. Notice of intention to pay late will not avoid this charge.
- g. The Company may disconnect BLES for nonpayment of any amount past due on a billed account not earlier than fourteen days after the due date of the customer's bill, provided that the customer is given notice of the disconnection seven days before the disconnection.
- h. When a residential subscriber's local service is disconnected for nonpayment, the Company shall maintain the subscriber's access to emergency services for a period of at least fourteen days following such disconnection.

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ISSUED: May 19, 2011

EFFECTIVE: May 19, 2011

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CASE NO. 10-1010-TP-ORD and 11-3022-TP-ATA  
ISSUED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO  
Joel Dohmeier, Vice-President  
OAKWOOD, OHIO

**EXHIBIT B**  
**PROPOSED SCHEDULE SHEETS**



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**e) Charges**

	<u>Per Month</u>	(T)
(1) Residential	\$10.00	(C)
(2) Business	1.5%	(T)

g. The Company may disconnect BLES for nonpayment of any amount past due on a billed account not earlier than fourteen days after the due date of the customer's bill, provided that the customer is given notice of the disconnection seven days before the disconnection.

h. When a residential subscriber's local service is disconnected for nonpayment, the Company shall maintain the subscriber's access to emergency services for a period of at least fourteen days following such disconnection.

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ISSUED: October 7, 2019

EFFECTIVE: November 7, 2019

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CASE NO. 90-5031-TP-TRF and 19-1790-TP-ATA

ISSUED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

BY: JOEL DOHMEIER, VICE PRESIDENT

OAKWOOD, OHIO

**EXHIBIT C**  
**(Description of the Changes)**

The Applicant, **Oakwood Telephone Company**, hereby changes its' tariffed Late Payment Charge from a percentage rate of 1.5% to a flat rate of \$10.00 for consumer customers. The rate for Commercial customers will not change.

## **EXHIBIT D**

**(Customer Notice and Affidavit)**

The following customer notices appeared on bills that were mailed to Oakwood Telephone Company customers on October 7, 2019. These notices were sent to the Office of Ohio Consumers' Counsel and to the Commission's electronic mailbox (Telecomm-Rule07@puc.state.oh.us) prior to the rate increase:

**Residential Customers Take Note:** TDS' late payment charge will increase to \$10.00 beginning with your November bill, if applicable.

### **AFFIDAVIT**

The following affidavit was prepared and filed with the Commission after the customer notice was provided to customers on October 7, 2019:

I, Rachelle A. Ladwig, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, Oakwood Telephone Company, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

I attest that the customer notice accompanying this affidavit was sent to affected customers as a bill message on October 7, 2019, in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-07, Ohio Administrative Code. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on (date) October 7, 2019 at (Location) Madison, Wisconsin

Signature: /s/ Rachelle A. Ladwig, Sr. Administrator-Tariffs  
Rachelle A. Ladwig  
Sr. Administrator-Tariffs/Authorized Agent  
for Oakwood Telephone Company

**This foregoing document was electronically filed with the Public Utilities**

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**Case No(s). 90-5031-TP-TRF, 19-1790-TP-ATA**

Summary: Tariff Filing to change Late Payment Charge from a percentage rate to a flat rate.  
electronically filed by Ms. Rachelle A Ladwig on behalf of OAKWOOD TELEPHONE  
COMPANY