

*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](http://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

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

<b>Type of Notice</b>	<b>Direct Mail</b>	<b>Bill Insert</b>	<b>Bill Notation</b>	<b>Electronic Mail</b>
15-day Notice				
30-day Notice				
<b>Date Notice Sent:</b>				

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

<b>IOS</b>	<b>Introduce New</b>	<b>Tariff Change</b>	<b>Price Change</b>	<b>Withdraw</b>
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 <a href="#">1-6-08</a> * (Auto 30- day)	ACE <a href="#">1-6-08</a> *(Auto 30 day)	ACE <a href="#">1-6-08</a> *(Auto 30 day)	ACE <a href="#">1-6-10</a> (Auto 30 day)	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		ABN <a href="#">1-6-26</a> (Auto 30 days)	ABN <a href="#">1-6-26</a> (Auto 30 days)
Change of Official Name *	ACN <a href="#">1-6-29(B)</a> (Auto 30 days)	ACN <a href="#">1-6-29(B)</a> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <a href="#">1-6-29(C)</a> (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership *	ACO <a href="#">1-6-29(E)</a> (Auto 30 days)	ACO <a href="#">1-6-29(E)</a> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <a href="#">1-6-29(C)</a> (0 day Notice)
Merger *	AMT <a href="#">1-6-29(E)</a> (Auto 30 days)	AMT <a href="#">1-6-29(E)</a> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <a href="#">1-6-29(C)</a> (0 day Notice)
Transfer a Certificate *	ATC <a href="#">1-6-29(B)</a> (Auto 30 days)	ATC <a href="#">1-6-29(B)</a> (Auto 30 days)	CIO <a href="#">1-6-29(C)</a> (0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	ATR <a href="#">1-6-29(B)</a> (Auto 30 days)	ATR <a href="#">1-6-29(B)</a> (Auto 30 days)	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	NAG <a href="#">1-7-07</a> (Auto 90 day)	NAG <a href="#">1-7-07</a> (Auto 90 day)
Request for Arbitration	ARB <a href="#">1-7-09</a> (Non-Auto)	ARB <a href="#">1-7-09</a> (Non-Auto)
Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs,	ATA <a href="#">1-7-14</a> (Auto 30 days)	ATA <a href="#">1-7-14</a> (Auto 30 days)
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification	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.	ATA <a href="#">1-3-04</a> (Auto 30 days)	
<b>Wireless Providers</b> See <a href="#">4901:1-6-24</a>	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.

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

I am an officer/agent of the applicant corporation, Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

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(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 /s/ Ted Heckmann, Sr. Director of Regulatory and Government Affairs 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.*

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### **VERIFICATION**

I, Ted Heckmann, 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/ Ted Heckmann, Sr. Director of Regulatory and Government Affairs Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**File document electronically as directed in case number 06-900-AU-WVR**

*or*

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

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

**EXHIBIT A- CURRENT TARIFF PAGE(S)**

LOCAL SERVICE TARIFF  
PUCO NO. 1

CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY LLC

Section 4  
1st Revised Page 2  
Cancels Original Page 2

LIFELINE (C)

A. LIFELINE ASSISTANCE (Continued)

1. Regulations (C)

b. Eligibility (C)

Lifeline Assistance is available to residential customers who are currently participating in one of the following federal or state low-income assistance programs that limit assistance based on household income:

1. Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
2. Survivor Pension Benefits Program (T)
3. Veteran Pension Benefits Program (T)
4. Medical Assistance under Chapter 5111 of the Ohio Revised Code (Medicaid) or any state program that might supplant Medicaid.
5. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) under Title XVI of the Social Security Act
6. Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps)
7. (D)
8. (D)
9. (D)

Lifeline Assistance is also available to customers whose total household income is at or below one- (C) hundred thirty-five percent (135%) of the federal poverty level.

The Company shall require as proof of eligibility for Lifeline Assistance a document, signed by the customer, that includes all customer identifying information, certifications, and documentation of eligibility required by state and/or federal regulations. To fulfill these requirements, a Customer must complete, sign, and return the Company's Lifeline application form with documentation of Lifeline eligibility attached to the form. Lifeline benefits will begin once the completed application form and documentation of eligibility are reviewed and processed in accordance with any applicable state and federal requirements. Customers will not receive retro-active Lifeline credits for periods prior to receipt of the completed application and supporting documentation of eligibility.

The Company shall establish procedures to verify and/or certify an individual's continuing Lifeline eligibility in accordance with FCC requirements.

If a customer disagrees with the Company's findings regarding continued eligibility for Lifeline benefits, the customer may make an informal/formal complaint with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Note: Some material on this page previously appeared on Original Page 8 of this section.

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Effective: December 2, 2016

By: Ted Heckmann, Assistant Secretary  
and Managing Director, Regulatory Affairs

In accordance with  
Case No. 16-2283-TP-TRF

LOCAL SERVICE TARIFF  
PUCO NO. 1

CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY LLC

Section 4  
5th Revised Page 9  
Cancels 4th Revised Page 9

LIFELINE

A. LIFELINE ASSISTANCE (Continued)

2. Rates and Charges

a. Price Flexibility

All of the Company's exchanges have been deemed competitive and have been accorded the pricing flexibility defined in 4901:6-14 (C) O.A.C. which caps BLES monthly rates at annual increases of no more than \$1.25 per line.

The annual period for rate increases is defined to begin on the anniversary date.

b. Monthly Pricing with Lifeline

All Lifeline customers receive an FCC prescribed \$7.25 discount on their local monthly service rates. This discount is first applied to waive the federal end user common line charge with the remainder applied to the Customer's monthly BLES, measured service, or bundle rate.

(D)

Lifeline customers with BLES receive an additional CBT-funded discount under the Commission's (D) previous alternative regulation rules, 4901:1-4-11 O.A.C. effective August 7, 2006. This additional discount varies by exchange as follows.

<u>Exchange</u>	<u>Additional Monthly Lifeline Discount</u>
Cincinnati and Hamilton	6.25
Bethany, Harrison, Little Miami, and Williamsburg	3.75
Clermont and Newtonsville	2.50
Bethel, Reily, Seven Mile, and Shandon	1.25

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Effective: December 1, 2019

By: Ted Heckmann, Assistant Secretary  
and Managing Director, Regulatory Affairs

In accordance with  
Case No. 12-1954-TP-ATA

**EXHIBIT B- REVISED TARIFF PAGE(S)**



LOCAL SERVICE TARIFF  
PUCO NO. 1

CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY LLC

Section 4  
2nd Revised Page 2  
Cancels 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Page 2

LIFELINE (C)

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1. Regulations (C)

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Lifeline Assistance is also available to customers whose total household income is at or below one hundred thirty-five percent (135%) of the federal poverty level.

Prior to receiving Lifeline benefits the customer will have to verify eligibility through the National Verifier. There are three ways in which to verify eligibility. One: the customer may apply for Lifeline on their own through the consumer portal at [www.checklifeline.org](http://www.checklifeline.org). Eligibility *may* be determined immediately after applying online. If the National Verifier cannot prove eligibility the customer will need to upload more documents as proof of eligibility. Two: the customer may apply by sending their completed application and all supporting documentation via mail. Completed documentation can be sent to the Lifeline Support Center.

Lifeline Support Center  
PO Box 7081  
London, KY 40742

Three: the customer may bring their completed application and supporting documentation to an authorized retail location where a Cincinnati Bell Telephone representative can assist with National Verifier eligibility. Lifeline benefits will only begin once the completed application form and documentation of eligibility are reviewed and approved through the National Verifier. Customers will not receive retro-active Lifeline credits for periods prior to the approval of National Verifier.

The Company shall follow established processes for recertification through the National Verifier in accordance with FCC requirements.

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and Managing Director, Regulatory Affairs

In accordance with  
Case No. 20-0367-TP-ATA

LOCAL SERVICE TARIFF  
PUCO NO. 1

CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY LLC

Section 4  
6th Revised Page 9  
Cancels 5th Revised Page 9

LIFELINE (C)

A. LIFELINE ASSISTANCE (Continued) (C)

2. Rates and Charges (C)

a. Price Flexibility (C)

All of the Company's exchanges have been deemed competitive and have been accorded the pricing flexibility defined in 4927.12(B) (2) O.R.C. which caps BLES monthly rates at annual increases of no more than \$2.00 per line.

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and Managing Director, Regulatory Affairs

In accordance with  
Case No. 20-0367-TP-ATA

## **EXHIBIT C- DESCRIPTION OF FILING**

With this filing Cincinnati Bell is revising page 2 of its Lifeline tariff page to reflect the changes in the Lifeline program mandated by the FCC's Modernization Order. These changes include verifying eligibility through the National Verifier, established by USAC, for the purposes of determining eligibility for the Lifeline program.

Additionally, with this filing Cincinnati Bell is revising page 9 of its Lifeline tariff page to reflect the recent increase in the price cap rate for BLES service. These revisions are pursuant to 4927.12(B) (1) O.R.C.

Changes in this filing do not have any affect on customers; therefore no customer notification took place.

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

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**in**

**Case No(s). 20-0367-TP-ATA**

Summary: Tariff Application to revise the Lifeline tariff electronically filed by Mr. Kevin R Mann  
on behalf of Cincinnati Bell Telephone