



February 26, 2020

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. 20-0435-TP-ATA

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Enclosed for filing is United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink's tariff to revise Federal Lifeline terms and conditions regarding the manner in which applicants may request Lifeline assistance. The changes reflected herein were previously implemented in compliance with FCC 16-38. The FCC established the National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier (NLEV), also known as National Verifier, in April 2016, to be rolled out in phases. The NLEV is utilized to make eligibility determinations and to perform other functions necessary to enroll eligible subscribers into the Lifeline Program. The following revisions are included in this filing:

Section 7, Fifth Revised Sheet 1

This tariff sheet is filed with a February 26, 2020 issue date and an effective date of March 28, 2020.

CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink concurs with this company's Lifeline section, therefore, a filing is not required for that company.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Debra Levy

Debra Levy

cc: Joshua Motzer, CenturyLink

OH2020-01

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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) TRF Docket No. 90-5041-TP-TRF
Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink to revise its Lifeline) Case No. 20-0435-TP-ATA
Assistance Program.)

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

Name of Registrant(s) United Telephone Company of Ohio
DBA(s) of Registrant(s) CenturyLink
Address of Registrant(s) 100 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe, LA 71203
Company Web Address www.centurylink.com/tariffs
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Josh Motzer Phone 614-221-5354 Fax 614-224-3902
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address Josh.Motzer@CenturyLink.com
Contact Person for Annual Report Ken Buchan Phone 318-362-1538
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 ☒ 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 Ohio Administrative Code Chapter [4901:1-6](#).

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

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

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 type="checkbox"/> 30-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 1-6-08 * (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE 1-6-08 * (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE 1-6-08 * (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE 1-6-10 (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC 1-6-09 * (Non-Auto)

*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		<input type="checkbox"/> ABN 1-6-26 (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN 1-6-26 (Auto 30 days)
Change of Official Name *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO 1-6-29(E) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO 1-6-29(E) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0 day Notice)
Merger *	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT 1-6-29(E) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT 1-6-29(E) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0 day Notice)
Transfer a Certificate *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 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 an approved agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG 1-7-07 (Auto 90 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG 1-7-07 (Auto 90 day)
Request for Arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB 1-7-09 (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB 1-7-09 (Non-Auto)
Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-7-14 (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-7-14 (Auto 30 days)
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC 1-7-04 or 05 (Non-Auto)	
Changes in rates, terms & conditions to Pole Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights- of-Way. (13-579-AU-ORD 11/30/16 Entry)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-3-04 (Auto 60 days)	
Wireless Providers See 4901:1-6-24	<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, CenturyLink, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

Debra A. Levy

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 February 26, 2020 at New Century, Kansas

*/s/ Debra A. Levy, Government Operations Manager

February 26, 2020

**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, Debra A. Levy, 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/ Debra A. Levy, Government Operations Manager

February 26, 2020

**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**

EXHIBIT A

United Telephone Company of Ohio
d/b/a CenturyLink

Section 7

P.U.C.O. NO. 5
GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

Fourth Revised Sheet 1
Cancels Third Revised Sheet 1

LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Pursuant to FCC order 15-71, adopted June 18, 2015, the Company no longer provides Lifeline discounted service to resellers as of August 15, 2016.

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I. Federal Lifeline Programs

A. Description

The Federal Lifeline Program assists qualified low-income applicants with reductions in their monthly Local Exchange Service rate. The assistance applies to a single telephone line or broadband service **or a bundle of broadband and single telephone line service** at the applicant's principal place of residence.

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B. Eligibility Requirements

To receive assistance an applicant must demonstrate an annual household income at or below 135 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, or must demonstrate participation by the applicant, applicant's dependent(s) or a member of applicant's household ^[1] in one of the following programs:

- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Veterans Pension Benefit and Survivors Pension

C. Terms and Conditions

1. An applicant may request Lifeline assistance through completion and submission of a form provided by the Company or by an agent of the state or Federal Communications Commission.

^[1] A household is defined, for purposes of administering this program, as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses.

Issued: December 1, 2019

Effective: December 1, 2019

United Telephone Company of Ohio
By Bill Hanchey, Vice President
Wake Forest, North Carolina
OH 19-09

In accordance with Case No.: 90-5041-TP-TRF
and Case No. 19-2005-TP-ATA
Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

EXHIBIT B

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C. Terms and Conditions

1. An applicant may request Lifeline assistance **directly through the on-line consumer portal of the National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier (NLEV), also known as National Verifier. Applicants may also mail a completed paper application, Household Worksheet, and proof of eligibility to the Lifeline Support Center. Applicants may contact the Company to request that paper copies of the application and Household Worksheet be mailed to them or may obtain the required forms from the following website: <https://www.lifelinesupport.org/ls/nv/default.aspx>.** ^[2]

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^[2] **National Verifier was launched March 24, 2020 in compliance with FCC 16-38.**

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Issued: February 26, 2020

Effective: March 28, 2020

United Telephone Company of Ohio
By Bill Hanchey, Vice President
Wake Forest, North Carolina
OH2020-01

In accordance with Case No.: 90-5041-TP-TRF
and Case No. 20-0435-TP-ATA
Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

EXHIBIT C

This filing includes revisions to the Federal Lifeline terms and conditions regarding the manner in which applicants may request Lifeline assistance. The changes reflected herein were previously implemented in compliance with FCC 16-38. The FCC established the National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier (NLEV), also known as National Verifier, in April 2016, to be rolled out in phases. The NLEV is utilized to make eligibility determinations and to perform other functions necessary to enroll eligible subscribers into the Lifeline Program.

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Summary: Tariff In the Matter of the Application of United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink to revise its Lifeline Assistance Program electronically filed by Ms. Debra A Levy on behalf of Levy, Debra A. Ms. and Mr. Josh Motzer