

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM

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In the Matter of the Application of WINDSTREAM OHIO, LLC

to increase residential single line rates

) TRF Docket No. 90 - 5002-TP-TRF

) Case No. - - **TP** -

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

Name of Registrant(s) Windstream Ohio

DBA(s) of Registrant(s) _____

Address of Registrant(s) 4001 Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, Arkansas 72212

Company Web Address www.Windstream.com

Regulatory Contact Person(s) Katherine Hoagland Phone 585-340-2709

Fax _____

Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address Katherine.Hoagland@windstream.com

Contact Person for Annual Report Sandra Blade

Phone _____

Address (if different from above) _____

Consumer Contact Information Yvette Gadson

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 Ohio Administrative Code [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 Adm.Code Chapter 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)	For Profit ILEC	Not For Profit ILEC	CLEC
Change terms & conditions of existing BLES	<input 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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* (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 type="checkbox"/> 30-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date Notice Sent:	Month of June- customers will be notified 30 days prior to increase			

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, WINDSTREAM OHIO, , and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.
Katherine Hoagland

(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 Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-7.

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

Executed on

(Date)

June 1, 2020

at (Location) 7628 VT RTE 14 CRAFTSBURY COMMON, VT 05827

*Signature and
Title

/s/ Katherine Hoagland, Regulatory and Tariff Analyst

Date

June 1, 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, , 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/ Katherine Hoagland, Regulatory and Tariff Analyst

Date

June 1, 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

GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF
P.U.C.O. NO. 2

S7. BASIC LOCAL ACCESS LINE SERVICE

S7.4 MONTHLY RATES FOR BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

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 is defined to begin on the anniversary date of this approval, which became effective June 21, 2015. For detailed exchange specific information, please see Section 7, Sheet No. 5.1.

Class of Service					
<u>Exchange</u>	<u>Residential Current</u>	<u>Residential Max</u>	<u>Business* Current</u>	<u>Business Max</u>	<u>School</u>
Chesterfield	\$ 12.20 (I)	\$ 12.20 (I)	\$16.50	\$16.50	\$10.75
Columbus Station	20.00 (I)	20.00 (I)	37.90	37.90	21.40
2 Party**	18.70 (I)	18.70 (I)	-	-	-
Covington	15.30 (I)	15.30 (I)	23.70	23.70	15.50
Delta	15.30 (I)	15.30 (I)	23.70	23.70	15.15
Elyria	18.30 (I)	18.30 (I)	32.20	32.20	20.00
2 Party**	17.25 (I)	17.25 (I)	-	-	-
Granville	15.30 (I)	15.30 (I)	23.70	23.70	15.15
2 Party**	14.40 (I)	14.40 (I)	-	-	-
Gratiot	15.30 (I)	15.30 (I)	23.70	23.70	15.15
2 Party **	14.40 (I)	14.40 (I)	-	-	-
Kenton	15.30 (I)	15.30 (I)	23.70	23.70	15.15
Marne	15.30 (I)	15.30 (I)	23.70	23.70	15.15
Neapolis	15.30 (I)	15.30 (I)	23.70	23.70	15.15
Newark	15.30 (I)	15.30 (I)	23.70	23.70	15.15
2 Party **	14.40 (I)	14.40 (I)	-	-	-
Paulding	15.30 (I)	15.30 (I)	23.70	23.70	15.15
2 Party**	14.40 (I)	14.40 (I)	-	-	-
Pleasant Hill	15.30 (I)	15.30 (I)	23.70	23.70	15.15
St. Louisville	15.30 (I)	15.30 (I)	23.70	23.70	15.15
2 Party**	14.40 (I)	14.40 (I)	-	-	-
St. Paris	15.30 (I)	15.30 (I)	23.70	23.70	15.15

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S7. BASIC LOCAL ACCESS LINE SERVICE

S7.4 MONTHLY RATES FOR BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Continued)

S7.4.1 COMPETITIVE EXCHANGES

The exchanges shown below have been deemed competitive. The pricing flexibility accorded to them has been defined in 4901:1-6-14.

<u>Competitive Exchange</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Approval Date</u>	<u>Anniversary Date</u>
Chesterfield	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2020 (T)
Columbia Station	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2020 (T)
Covington	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2020 (T)
Delta	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2020 (T)
Elyria	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2020 (T)
Granville	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2020 (T)
Gratiot	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2020 (T)
Kenton	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2020 (T)
Marne	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2020 (T)
Neapolis	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2020 (T)
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Paulding	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2020 (T)
Pleasant Hill	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2020 (T)
St. Louisville	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2020 (T)
St. Paris	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2020 (T)

EXHIBIT B

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Columbus Station	18.75 (I)	18.75 (I)	37.90 (I)	37.90 (I)	21.40
2 Party**	17.45 (I)	17.45 (I)	-	-	-
Covington	14.05 (I)	14.05 (I)	23.70 (I)	23.70 (I)	15.50
Delta	14.05 (I)	14.05 (I)	23.70 (I)	23.70 (I)	15.15
Elyria	18.30 (I)	18.30 (I)	32.20 (I)	32.20 (I)	20.00
2 Party**	16.00 (I)	16.00 (I)	-	-	-
Granville	14.05 (I)	14.05 (I)	23.70 (I)	23.70 (I)	15.15
2 Party**	13.15 (I)	13.15 (I)	-	-	-
Gratiot	14.05 (I)	14.05 (I)	23.70 (I)	23.70 (I)	15.15
2 Party **	13.15 (I)	13.15 (I)	-	-	-
Kenton	14.05 (I)	14.05 (I)	23.70 (I)	23.70 (I)	15.15
Marne	14.05 (I)	14.05 (I)	23.70 (I)	23.70 (I)	15.15
Neapolis	14.05 (I)	14.05 (I)	23.70 (I)	23.70 (I)	15.15
Newark	14.05 (I)	14.05 (I)	23.70 (I)	23.70 (I)	15.15
2 Party **	13.15 (I)	13.15 (I)	-	-	-
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2 Party**	13.15 (I)	13.15 (I)	-	-	-
Pleasant Hill	14.05 (I)	14.05 (I)	23.70 (I)	23.70 (I)	15.15
St. Louisville	14.05 (I)	14.05 (I)	23.70 (I)	23.70 (I)	15.15
2 Party**	13.15 (I)	13.15 (I)	-	-	-
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St. Paris	15-0923-TP-BLS	June 21, 2015	July 1, 2018 (T)

EXHIBIT C

Windstream Ohio seeks to increase single residential access line rates, and increase the maximum BLES rate caps; all residential single access line rates are included in the request.

EXHIBIT D

Bill message OH Residential Access Line Rate Increases

Billing system: CAMS

Audience: OH

Bill cycles: June 1st – June 28th

At Windstream, our goal is to continue to provide the best possible service while keeping the rates for all our customers as low as possible. However, we must occasionally make adjustments to our rates as the cost of doing business increases.

Effective with your next month's bill, your residential access line rate will increase by \$1.25 per month. Your current access line rate is in a range of \$10.95-\$18.75. Your new residential access line rate will be in a range of \$12.20-\$20.00 per month. For questions regarding this increase, please contact us at the Customer Service number on your bill. Plus, call to learn how you can bundle services and save!

Even with this adjustment, our rates are still competitive with other communications providers in your area. We will continue our pledge to provide quality service at affordable rates and keep you connected to family and friends.

Thank you for being a valued Windstream customer. We appreciate your business.

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Summary: Tariff Windstream Ohio seeks to increase single residential access line rates, and increase the maximum BLES rate caps; all residential single access line rates are included in the request. electronically filed by Ms. Katherine A Hoagland on behalf of Windstream Ohio, Inc.