

*The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio*  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM**

(Effective: 04-01-2020)

Per the Commission's 5/29/2019 "Implementation Order" in Case No. 19-0173-TP-ORD

This form is intended to be used with most types of required filings. It provide check boxes with rule references for the most common types of filings. It does not replace or supersede Commission rules in anyway.

In the Matter of the Application of <u>Cincinnati Bell Telephone</u>	)	TRF Docket No. 90-5013
<u>Company LLC to review its Lifeline Recovery Surcharge and</u>	)	Case No. 11-1339 -TP-ATA
<u>Report Associated Annual Expense and Revenue data</u>	)	NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave
	)	the "Case No." field BLANK.

Name of Registrant(s) Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC  
 DBA(s) of Registrant(s) [Click here to enter text.](#)  
 Address of Registrant(s) 221 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, OH 45201  
 Company Web Address [www.cincinnati-bell.com](http://www.cincinnati-bell.com)  
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 Contact Person for Annual Report Kevin Mann Phone (513)565-2421  
 Consumer Contact Information Kathy Campbell Phone (513)397-1296 Address  
 (if different from above) [Click here to enter text.](#)

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:**

Sections I and II are pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) [4901:1-6](#).  
 Section III – Part I - Carrier to Carrier is pursuant to OAC [4901:1-7](#) and Pole Attachment to OAC [4901:1-3](#)  
 Section III – Part II - Wireless is pursuant to OAC [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 identified section of the Ohio Administrative 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](http://www.PUCO.ohio.gov) under the docketing information system section (Procedural filing requirements), 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:**

<b>Carrier Type:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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.	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)(2)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge or fee to BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)		<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late Payment	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(E)</u> (0 day notice )		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(E)</u> (0 day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(E)</u> (0 day notice )	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(E)</u> (0 day notice )
Change BLES Rates	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-14(E) &amp; (G)</u> (0 day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-14(E)</u> (0 day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day notice)
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	<input type="checkbox"/> BLS <u>1-6-14(C)(1)(c)</u> (Auto 30 days)		
Notice of no obligation to construct facilities and provide BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day notice)	
Change in boundary	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	
Expand service operation area			<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-08(G)</u> (0 day notice)
BLES withdrawal	<input type="checkbox"/> WBL <u>4927.10</u> (120 day notice)		<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-25(B)</u> (0 day notice)
<b>Other</b> (explain):			

\*Other exhibits may be required under the applicable rule, see the 4901:106-14(E) Filing Requirements on the PUCO's webpage for a complete list of exhibits.

**Section I – Part II – Customer Notification Offerings Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-07 OAC**

<b>Type of Notice</b>	<b>Direct Mail</b>	<b>Bill Insert</b>	<b>Bill Notation</b>	<b>Electronic Mail</b>
<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"/>
<b>Date Notice Sent:</b>				

**Section I – Part III – Inmate Operator Service Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-22 OAC**

<b>Introduce New</b>	<b>Tariff Change</b>	<b>Price Change</b>	<b>Withdraw</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> TRF (0 day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF (0 day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC (Non-Auto)

**Section II – Part I – Carrier Certification – Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-08 & 10 OAC and Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation (CETC) – Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-09 OAC**

ILEC (Out of territory)	CLEC	Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local Service	CESTC	CETC
<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> (Auto 30-day)*	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> (Auto 30-day)*	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> (Auto 30-day)*	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE 1-6-10 (Auto 30-day)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC 1-6-09 (Non-Auto)*

\*Supplemental forms can be found on the PUCO webpage – [Telecommunications application forms](#).

**Section II – Part II – Change in Operation or Ownership**

Change in Operation or Ownership	ILEC	CLEC	Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local Service
Abandon all services		<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)
Change of official name *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0-day notice)
Change in ownership *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <u>1-6-29(E)(1)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <u>1-6-29(E)(1)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0-day notice)
Merger *	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <u>1-6-29(E)(1)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <u>1-6-29(E)(1)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0-day notice)
Transfer certificate *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0-day notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0-day notice)
FCC Authorized Change in Ownership or Merger	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29 (E)(2)</u> (0-day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29 (E)(2)</u> (0-day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29 (E)(2)</u> (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 webpage for a complete list of exhibits.

**Section III – Part I - Carrier to Carrier (Pursuant to 4901:1-7) & Attachments to Utility Equipment or Rights of Way (Pursuant to 4901:1-3)**

Carrier to Carrier	ILEC	CLEC
Interconnection agreement or amendment to an approved agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG <u>1-7-07</u> (Auto 90 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG <u>1-7-07</u> (Auto 90 days)
Request for arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)
Introduce or change carrier to carrier tariffs	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 days)
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-04 or 05</u> (Auto 30 days)	
Changes in rates, terms & conditions to pole attachments, conduit occupancy and rights of way. (13-579-AU-ORD 11/30/16 Entry)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-3-04</u> (Auto 60 days)	

**Section III – Part II – Facilities-based Wireless Service Providers (Pursuant to 4901:1-6-24)**

Registration and Change in Operations*	<input type="checkbox"/> RCC <u>1-6-24(B)</u> (0 day notice)
Interconnection Agreement or amendment to an approved Agreement.	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG <u>1-7-07</u> (0 day notice)

\*Change in Operations filing must be filed in the original RCC case designation code established during the registration process.

**Section IV. – Attestation**

**Registrant hereby attests to its compliance with the 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.

Theodore Heckmann  
(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.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Signature and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*\*This affidavit is required for every tariff-affecting filing. It may be signed by counsel, an officer of the applicant or an authorized agent of the applicant.*

**VERIFICATION**

I, Theodore Heckmann, verify I have utilized the Telecommunications Filing Form for the most proceedings provided by the Commission and that all of the information submitted here and all additional information in connection with this case, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ Theodore Heckmann, Sr. Director of Regulatory & Gov't Affairs 04/28/2021

\*Signature and Title

Date

*\*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.*

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

*or*

*Send your completed Filing 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**  
**Description of Filing**

## Description of Filing

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC (CBT) is making this filing as its annual Lifeline Recovery Surcharge report in compliance with 4901:1-6-19(R), O.A.C. and, pursuant to 4901:1-6-19(P)(1), O.A.C.

In July 2018, CBT reduced its Lifeline Surcharge from \$0.03 to \$0.01 based on a historic surplus in Lifeline Recovery Surcharge revenue compared to Lifeline service expenses. This reduction was due to a decrease in current Lifeline expenses that were a result of fewer Lifeline customers. The goal of the surcharge rate reduction was to reduce the historic revenue surplus to a level commensurate with the spirit and goals of the Commission and the Lifeline Program itself. The reduction of the recovery surcharge to \$0.01 succeeded in reducing the historic surplus from \$40,556 in March 2018 to \$30,259 in March 2019. In 2019 and 2020, the Commission approved CBT's proposal to keep the surcharge rate at \$0.01. The \$0.01 rate continued to successfully reduce the historic surplus to \$20,201 in 2020 and then to its current level of \$16,034.

CBT proposes to keep the Lifeline recovery surcharge at \$0.01 for the next year. The current historic surplus is insufficient to cover the projected Lifeline expense over the next year and the current surcharge rate of \$0.01 (the lowest recovery rate that could be charged) generates less monthly revenue than the monthly Lifeline expense, so CBT expects the current historic surplus to continue to decline.

## **Exhibit B**

### **Lifeline Surcharge True-Up Calculation**



**Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC**  
**Lifeline Recovery Surcharge Historic Revenue versus Expenses and True-Up Calculation**  
**April 2021**

**Historic Revenue and Expenses - Total**

A	Historic Revenue Surplus - CBT Annual Report Filing for 2020 Surcharge Revenue minus CBT Funded Discounts, May 2011 - Mar 2021 (See April 29, 2020 Filing in Case No. 11-1339-TP-ATA)	\$20,201
B	Surcharge Revenue April 2020 - March 2021	Redacted
C	CBT Funded Lifeline Discounts/Expenses April 2020 - March 2021	Redacted
D = B - C + A	Historic Surplus (Revenue minus Expenses) May 2011 - Mar 2021	\$16,034

**True-Up Calculation - Current Surcharge Revenue versus Current Lifeline Expenses**

E	Current CBT Funded Lifeline Discount/Expense per Month (Mar 2021)	Redacted
F	Current Lifeline Recovery Surcharge Revenue per Month (March 2021) Note: CBT uses booked revenue (net of adjustments) versus billed revenue for the Lifeline Recovery Surcharge Revenue.	Redacted
G	Projected CBT Lifeline Discount/Expense April 2020 - April 2021 Note: Annual Lifeline recertification has historically caused a surplus because a percentage of CBT's Lifeline customers do not recertify. In the last year, the number of Lifeline customers declined by 15%. To adjust for the anticipated future Lifeline enrollment decrease, this calculation assumes that the decrease in subscribership will continue at the same rate. At the midpoint of the next annual period, subscribership would be approximately 92.5% of the current figure, thus the calculation of projected expenses is estimated at (.925 * Mar 2021 exp * 13 months.)	Redacted
H = G - D	Projected Expense April 2021- April 2022 less Surplus	Redacted
I = 13 * F	Projected Revenue April 2021 - April 2022 assuming no change to surcharge using March 2021 data	Redacted
J	Current Surcharge	\$0.01
K = I - H	Projected surplus/shortfall April 2021 - April 2022	\$14,663

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC  
 Lifeline Recovery Surcharge  
 Revenue and Expenses April 2020-March 2021

Exchange	Total CBT Funded Lifeline Discounts	Apr 20	May 20	June 20	July 20	Aug 20	Sept 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21
		Bethany	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Bethel	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Cincinnati	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Clermont	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Hamilton	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Harrison	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Little Miami	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Newtownsville	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Reily	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Seven Mile	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Shandon	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Williamsburg	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
<b>Total Expenses</b>	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
<b>Surcharge Revenue</b>	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
<b>Over/Under Recovery</b>	-\$4,166	(\$397)	(\$312)	(\$511)	(\$371)	(\$431)	(\$459)	(\$306)	(\$353)	(\$243)	(\$293)	(\$245)	(\$246)

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC  
 Lifeline Recovery Surcharge Enrollment History  
 Revenue and Expenses April 2020- March 2021

CBT Lifeline Enrollment- BLES

Exchange	BLES Alt Reg Add'l LL Discount (Note 1)	Apr 20	May 20	June 20	July 20	August 20	Sept 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21
		(A)											
Bethany	\$3.75	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Bethel	\$1.25	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Cincinnati	\$6.25	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Clermont	\$2.50	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Hamilton	\$6.25	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Harrison	\$3.75	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Little Miami	\$3.75	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Newtownsville	\$2.50	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Reily	\$1.25	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Seven Mile	\$1.25	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Shandon	\$1.25	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Williamsburg	\$3.75	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Total		Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted

Note 1:  
 Lifeline customers with BLES receive an additional discount equal to the total price increase for BLES under previous alternative regulation rules, 4901:1-4-11 O.A.C., effective August 7, 2006, which capped Lifeline prices for BLES at the prices in effect when the previous alternative regulation plan became effective. This discount varies by exchange depending on the number of years BLES price flexibility was in effect in the exchange and the number of annual BLES price increases implemented in the exchange. See CBT Local Service Tariff, PUCO No. 1, Section 4, 4th Revised Page 9.

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