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June 1, 2021  
**Via Web Filing**

Ms. Tonawa Troupe, Acting Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: **Talk America LLC**  
**Revisions to PUCO Tariff No. 3**

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Enclosed for filing please find the above referenced tariff filing submitted on behalf of Talk America LLC ("Company"). This filing is made to revise certain switched access rates in compliance with the requirements of the Report and Order, FCC 20-143, on 8YY Access Charge Reform issued by the Federal Communications Commission in WC Docket No. 18-156. The Company respectfully requests an effective date of July 1, 2021 for this filing.

Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3031 or via email to [Sthomas@inteserra.com](mailto:Sthomas@inteserra.com). Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sharon Thomas

Sharon Thomas  
Consultant

tms: OHa2101 Talk America

Enclosures  
ST/sd

*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>Talk America LLC to Revise</u>	)	TRF Docket No. 90- -TP-TRF
<u>Carrier to Carrier Tariff</u>	)	Case No. 21-0645-TP-ATA
	)	NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave
	)	the "Case No." field BLANK.

Name of Registrant(s) Talk America LLC

DBA(s) of Registrant(s) [Click here to enter text.](#)

Address of Registrant(s) 4001 Rodney Parham Rd. Little Rock, AR 72212

Company Web Address [www.windstream.com](http://www.windstream.com)

Regulatory Contact Person(s) Kerry Smith

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Regulatory Person's Email Address [Kerry.Smith@windstream.com](mailto:Kerry.Smith@windstream.com)

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Phone ( ) -

Consumer Contact Information [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone ( ) -

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 type="checkbox"/> Other (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 <a href="#">1-6-14(I)(2)</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)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge or fee to BLES	<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)
Introduce or Increase Late Payment	<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)	<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(E)</a> (0 day notice )		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-14(E)</a> (0 day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-14(E)</a> (0 day notice )	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-14(E)</a> (0 day notice )
Change BLES Rates	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <a href="#">1-6-14(E) &amp; (G)</a> (0 day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <a href="#">1-6-14(E)</a> (0 day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <a href="#">1-6-14(H)</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)		
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 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 notice)
BLES withdrawal	<input type="checkbox"/> WBL <a href="#">4927.10</a> (120 day notice)		<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <a href="#">1-6-25(B)</a> (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

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"/>
<b>Date Notice Sent:</b>				

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

Introduce New	Tariff Change	Price Change	Withdraw
<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 <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 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 <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)(1)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <a href="#">1-6-29(E)(1)</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)(1)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <a href="#">1-6-29(E)(1)</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <a href="#">1-6-29(C)</a> (0-day notice)
Transfer 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"/> 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)
FCC Authorized Change in Ownership or Merger	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <a href="#">1-6-29 (E)(2)</a> (0-day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <a href="#">1-6-29 (E)(2)</a> (0-day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <a href="#">1-6-29 (E)(2)</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 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 <a href="#">1-7-07</a> (Auto 90 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG <a href="#">1-7-07</a> (Auto 90 days)
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 carrier to carrier tariffs	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-7-14</a> (Auto 30 days)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATA <a href="#">1-7-14</a> (Auto 30 days)
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <a href="#">1-7-04 or 05</a> (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 <a href="#">1-3-04</a> (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 <a href="#">1-6-24(B)</a> (0 day notice)
Interconnection Agreement or amendment to an approved Agreement.	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG <a href="#">1-7-07</a> (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, Talk America LLC, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.  
Sharon Thomas  
(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 June 1, 2021 at Maitland, FL

/s/ Sharon Thomas, Consultant

June 1 2021

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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, Sharon Thomas, 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/ Sharon Thomas, Consultant

June 1 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.*

**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**

**Talk America LLC**

**EXHIBIT A**

Existing Affecting Tariff Pages

## CARRIER-TO-CARRIER SERVICES

**CHECK SHEET**

Sheets of this tariff are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective sheet(s). Original and revised sheets as named below comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this page.

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13	Original		44	Original
14	Original		45	Original
15	Original		45.1	Original
16	Original		45.2	Original
17	Original		45.3	Original
18	Original		45.4	Original
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			60	Original

\*Indicates pages submitted with most recent filing.

Issued: February 1, 2017

Effective:

March 2, 2017

4001 N. Rodney Parham Road  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72212

Case No.



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**CARRIER-TO-CARRIER SERVICES**

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**CHECK SHEET *continued***

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**SECTION 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS RATES *continued***

**5.4 Rates and Charges *continued***

**5.4.4 Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Query**

Per Query	\$0.002304 (I)
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**5.4.5 [Reserved for Future Use]**

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Issued: September 22, 2008

By:

Frances McComb, Sr. Vice President - Law & Public Policy

2134 W. Laburnum  
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Effective: September 29, 2008

Case No. 08-1046-TP-ATA

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**Talk America LLC**

**EXHIBIT B**

Proposed Amended Tariff Pages

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CARRIER-TO-CARRIER SERVICES

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SECTION 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS RATES *continued*5.4 Rates and Charges *continued*5.4.4 Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Query

Per Query	AT&T Area	(C)
Effective July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022	\$0.002304	
Effective July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	\$0.001252 (R)	
Effective July 1, 2023	\$0.000200 (R)	(C)

## 5.4.5 [Reserved for Future Use]

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Issued: June 1, 2021

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July 1, 2021

By:

Senior Regulatory Counsel  
4001 Rodney Parham Rd  
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Case No. 21-0645-TP-ATA

**Talk America LLC**

**EXHIBIT C**

Summary of Changes

This filing is made to revise certain switched access rates in compliance with the requirements of the Report and Order, FCC 20-143, on 8YY Access Charge Reform issued by the Federal Communications Commission in WC Docket No. 18-156. The Company respectfully requests an effective date of July 1, 2021 for this filing.

**Talk America LLC**

**EXHIBIT D**

Customer Notice  
And  
Affidavit of Customer Notice

Not Applicable



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**in**

**Case No(s). 21-0645-TP-ATA**

Summary: Application Revisions to Access Tariff PUCO Tariff No. 3 electronically filed by Ms. Sara Dawson on behalf of Talk America LLC