

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 Bascom Mutual Telephone
Company to Reduce Intrastate Originating Toll-Free Access
Rates.

) TRF Docket No. 90-5006-TP-TRF
) Case No. 21-0711-TP-ATA
) NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave
) the "Case No." field BLANK.

Name of Registrant(s) Bascom Mutual Telephone Company

DBA(s) of Registrant(s) Bascom Communications

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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 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:

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(I)(2) (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)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge or fee to BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-14(I) (Auto 30 days)		<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-14(I) (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(E) (0 day notice)		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-14(E) (0 day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-14(E) (0 day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-14(E) (0 day notice)
Change BLES Rates	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF 1-6-14(E) & (G) (0 day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF 1-6-14(E) (0 day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF 1-6-14(H) (0 day notice)
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	<input type="checkbox"/> BLS 1-6-14(C)(1)(c) (Auto 30 days)		
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 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 notice)
BLES withdrawal	<input type="checkbox"/> WBL 4927.10 (120 day notice)		<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-25(B) (0 day notice)
Other (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"/>
Date Notice Sent:				

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 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 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 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)(1) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO 1-6-29(E)(1) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0-day notice)
Merger *	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT 1-6-29(E)(1) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT 1-6-29(E)(1) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0-day notice)
Transfer 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"/> ATC 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0-day notice)
FCC Authorized Change in Ownership or Merger	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29 (E)(2) (0-day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29 (E)(2) (0-day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29 (E)(2) (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 1-7-07 (Auto 90 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG 1-7-07 (Auto 90 days)
Request for arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB 1-7-09 (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB 1-7-09 (Non-Auto)
Introduce or change carrier to carrier tariffs	X 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 (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 1-3-04 (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 1-6-24(B) (0 day notice)
Interconnection Agreement or amendment to an approved Agreement.	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG 1-7-07 (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.

AFFIDAVIT

Compliance with Commission Rules

I am an officer/agent of the applicant corporation, Bascom Mutual telephone Company , and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

Nathan J. Brickner
(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 18, 2021 at Bascom, Ohio

/s/ Nathan J. Brickner
*Signature and Title

June 18, 2021
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, Nathan J. Brickner, 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/ Nathan J. Brickner, Manager

*Signature and Title

June 18, 2021

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**

EXHIBIT A
CURRENT TARIFF PAGES

P.U.C.O. NO. 4

INTRASTATE ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF

Certain rates, charges and conditions for the provision of Intrastate Carrier Access Service are as specified in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. ("NECA") Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, Tariff F.C.C. No. 3, and Tariff F.C.C. No. 4, as filed with the Federal Communications Commission, as each now exists and as each may be revised, added to, or supplemented. The effectiveness of Section No. 4, End User Access Service, of the NECA Tariff, as applied to intrastate customers, has been suspended by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO"). In addition to rates set forth in the NECA Tariff, where applicable, certain rates, terms, and conditions for switched access services, including Intrastate Carrier Common Line Access Service, are set forth herein. (T) (T)

The Telephone Company mirrors NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 (hereinafter, the "NECA Tariff") for the provision of Intrastate Carrier Access Service with the following exceptions:

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| Section 4 | End User Access Service | |
| | Suspended by the PUCO | |
| Section 6 | Switched Access Service: Switched access rates applied to the intrastate jurisdiction shall remain at the levels existing on December 31, 1997 except for those rates reduced pursuant to the FCC's Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., FCC No. 11-161 (released November 18, 2011): see rates in Section 7, Sheet No. 15 herein. | (T) |

The Telephone Company mirrors NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 3 (Special Construction) and Tariff F.C.C. No. 4 (Wire Center Information) in their entirety for the provision of Intrastate Carrier Access Service.

Issued: June 28, 2012

Effective: July 3, 2012

In Accordance with Case No. 12-1382-TP-ATA
Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Kathy Reinhart, General Manager
Bascom, Ohio

P.U.C.O. No. 4

INTRASTATE
ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF
REGULATIONS, RATES AND CHARGES

A. Bascom Exchange

1. <u>Carrier Common Line Charge</u>	Rate
Premium Access, per minute	
Terminating	\$ * (C)
Originating	\$.0150
2. <u>Transport Interconnection Charge (TIC)</u>	
Terminating	\$ * (C)
Originating	\$.015055
3. <u>Local Transport</u>	
Tandem Switched Transport	
a) Tandem Switched Facility, per access minute per mile	
Terminating	\$ * (C)
Originating	\$.000090
b) Tandem Switched Termination, per access minute per termination	
Terminating	\$ * (C)
Originating	\$.000443
4. <u>End Office</u>	
a) Local Switching	
Terminating	\$ * (C)
Originating	\$.040400
b) Information Surcharge, per 100 access minutes	
Terminating	\$ * (C)
Originating	\$.019800

* The rates, charges and conditions for the provision of intrastate terminating Carrier Access Service are as specified in the NECA Tariff FCC No. 5 as it now exists, and as it may be revised, added to or supplemented.

- B. Edge Out Exchanges: In accordance with the Commission's Finding and Order issued May 28, 2008, in Case No. 08-117-TP-WVR, the intrastate switched access rates in the Company's Edge Out exchanges equal the NECA switched access rates. The Company is a rural ILEC competing with a nonrural ILEC in a rural area.

Issued: May 1, 2013

Effective: July 2, 2013

In Accordance with Case No. 13-1012-TP-ATA
Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Kathy Reinhart, General Manager
Bascom, Ohio

EXHIBIT B

PROPOSED TARIFF PAGES

P.U.C.O. No. 4

INTRASTATE ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF

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The Telephone Company mirrors NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 (hereinafter, the "NECA Tariff") for the provision of Intrastate Carrier Access Service with the following exceptions:

Section 4 End User Access Service
 Suspended by the PUCO

Section 6 Switched Access Service: Switched access rates applied to the intrastate jurisdiction shall remain at the levels existing on December 31, 1997 except for those rates reduced pursuant to the FCC's Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., FCC No. 11-161 (released November 18, 2011) and the FCC's Report and Order, WC Docket No. 18-156, FCC 20-143 (released October 9, 2020): see rates in Section 7, Sheet No. 15 herein for intrastate exceptions.

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The Telephone Company mirrors NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 3 (Special Construction) and Tariff F.C.C. No. 4 (Wire Center Information) in their entirety for the provision of Intrastate Carrier Access Service.

P.U.C.O. No. 4

INTRASTATE
ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF
REGULATIONS, RATES AND CHARGES

A. Bascom Exchange

1. <u>Carrier Common Line Charge*</u>	<u>Rate</u>	(T)
Premium Access, per minute		(D)
Originating Non-Toll Free	\$0.0150	(T)
2. <u>Transport Interconnection Charge (TIC)*</u>		(T)
Originating Non-Toll Free	\$0.015055	(T)
3. <u>Local Transport</u>		
Tandem Switched Transport		
a) Tandem Switched Facility, per access minute per mile*		(T)
Originating Non-Toll Free	\$0.000090	(T)
b) Tandem Switched Termination, per access minute per termination*		(T)
Originating Non-Toll Free	\$0.000443	(T)
4. <u>End Office</u>		
a) Local Switching*		(T)
Originating Non-Toll Free*	\$0.040400	(T)
b) Information Surcharge, per 100 access minutes*		(T)
Originating Non-Toll Free	\$0.019800	(T)

* Intrastate rates for Originating Toll Free Only Access Service, Toll Free Database Access Service Queries and Terminating Access Service are as shown in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No.5, Section 17. (T)

B. Edge Out Exchanges: In accordance with the Commission's Finding and Order issued May 28, 2008 in Case No. 08-117-TP-WVR, the intrastate switched access rates in the Company's Edge Out exchanges equal the NECA switched access rates. The Company is a rural ILEC competing with a nonrural ILEC in a rural area.

EXHIBIT C

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DESCRIPTION OF FILING

Applicant proposes to modify its Intrastate Access Service Tariff to comply with the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Report and Order, WC Docket No. 18-156, FCC 20-143, *In re 8YY Access Charge Reform* (Released October 9, 2020) and this Commission's Entry of June 7, 2021 in Case No. 10-2387-TP-COI.

The FCC directed local exchange carriers ("LECs") to cap all originating toll-free end office, tandem switching, transport and toll free database query rates as of the effective date of the Report and Order. As part of a phased down approach to bill and keep over a three year period, all local exchange carriers must create separate rate elements for interstate and intrastate toll free originating end office access service and non-toll free originating end office access service. LECs are required to bring any intrastate originating 8YY end office access rates that exceed the comparable interstate rates into parity with the comparable interstate rates effective July 1, 2021.

LECs are also required to establish separate rate elements for interstate and intrastate non-toll free originating transport service between an end office switch and the tandem switch and remove its rates for intrastate and interstate originating toll free transport services. The FCC adopted a single uniform nationwide Joint Tandem Switched Transport Access rate element for toll free calls with a cap of \$0.001 per minute.

The FCC also required LECs to reduce interstate and intrastate rates for Toll Free Database Query charges to no more than \$0.00428 per query.

This filing modifies the intrastate tariff as required by the FCC Report and Order and this Commission's Entry in Case No. 10-2387-TP-COI, and provides references to Applicant's interstate tariff, NECA Tariff FCC No. 5, thereby accomplishing the required results.

EXHIBIT D

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NOTICE

No customer notice is required since this tariff modification is a rate reduction.

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in

Case No(s). 21-0711-TP-ATA

Summary: Application to Reduce Intrastate Originating Toll-Free Access Service Rates
electronically filed by Richard W. Jordan on behalf of Bascom Mutual Telephone Company