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 provides 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>Consolidated</u>)	TRF Docket No. 90-5	5033-TP-TRF	
Communications of Ohio Company, LLC to Change its Basic)) Case No. 21-0834-TP-TRF		
Local Exchange Services rates for Business Customers)) NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, lot the "Case No." field BLANK.		
Name of Registrant(s) Consolidated Communications of Ohio C	ompany,	<u>LLC</u>		
DBA(s) of Registrant(s)				
Address of Registrant(s) 5 Davis Farm Road, Portland, ME 04100	3			
Company Web Address www.consolidated.com				
Regulatory Contact Person(s) <u>Carole Williamson</u>		Phone (207) 535-3069	Fax (207) 797-5722	
$Regulatory\ Person's\ Email\ Address: \underline{carole.williamson@consolid}$	ated.com	<u>t</u>		
Contact Person for Annual Report <u>Darin Doughty</u>		Phone <u>(217</u>	7 <u>) 238-8451</u>	
Address (if different from above) 2116 S. 17th St. Mattoon, IL 619) 38			
Consumer Contact Information <u>Darin Doughty</u>		Phone <u>(217</u>	7 <u>) 238-8451</u>	
Address (if different from above)				
Motion for protective order included with filing? $\square Yes \boxtimes No$				
Motion for waiver(s) filed affecting this case? \square Yes \boxtimes No [Note	e: Waiver	s may toll any automatic tir	meframe.]	
Notes:				
Sections Land II are pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OA	C) 4901·1	-6		

Sections I and II are pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) <u>4901:1-6</u>.

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).
В	The tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s), reflecting the change, with the change(s) marked in the right margin.
С	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:

<u>Carrier Type:</u> ☐ Other (Explain below)	For Profit ILEC	Not for Profit ILEC	CLEC
Character of a lititude of a lititude DLEC	□ ATA <u>1-6-14(J)(2)</u>	☐ ATA <u>1-6-14(J)</u>	☐ ATA <u>1-6-14(J)</u>
Change terms & conditions of existing BLES.	(Auto 30 days)	(Auto 30 days)	(Auto 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge or	☐ ATA <u>1-6-14(J)</u>		☐ ATA <u>1-6-14(J)</u>
fee to BLES	(Auto 30 days)		(Auto 30 days)
Inter-land and Inter-land	☐ ATA <u>1-6-14(J)</u>	☐ ATA <u>1-6-14(J)</u>	☐ ATA <u>1-6-14(J)</u>
Introduce or Increase Late Payment	(Auto 30 days)	(Auto 30 days)	(Auto 30 days)
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Revisions to BLES Cap	(0 day notice)		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area	□ ZTA <u>1-6-14(E)</u>	☐ ZTA <u>1-6-14(E)</u>	□ ZTA <u>1-6-14(E)</u>
(calling area)	(0 day notice)	(0 day notice)	(0 day notice)
Cl. DIFC D.	⊠ TRF <u>1-6-14(E) & (G)</u>	☐ TRF <u>1-6-14(E)</u>	☐ TRF <u>1-6-14(H)</u>
Change BLES Rates	(0 day notice)	(0 day notice)	(0 day notice)
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To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	(Auto 30 days)		
Notice of no obligation to construct facilities	☐ ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u>	☐ ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u>	
and provide BLES	(0 day notice)	(0 day notice)	
	☐ ACB <u>1-6-32</u>	☐ ACB <u>1-6-32</u>	
Change in boundary	(Auto 14 days)	(Auto 14 days)	
P. 1			☐ TRF <u>1-6-08(G)</u>
Expand service operation area			(0 day notice)
DI FC :41 1 1	□ WBL <u>4927.10</u>		□ ZTA <u>1-6-25(B)</u>
BLES withdrawal	(120 day notice)		(0 day notice)
Other (explain):	<u>'</u>		1
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^{*}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
☐ 15-day Notice				
☐ 30-day Notice				
Date Notice Sent: July 27, 2021				

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

Introduce New	Tariff Change	Price Change	Withdraw
□TRF	□ата	□TRF	□unc
(0 day notice)	(Auto 30 days)	(0 day notice)	(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
☐ ACE <u>1-6-08</u>	☐ ACE <u>1-6-08</u>	□ ACE <u>1-6-08</u>	☐ ACE 1-6-10	☐ UNC 1-6-09
(Auto 30-day)*	(Auto 30-day)*	(Auto 30-day)*	(Auto 30-day)	(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		☐ ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)	☐ ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)
Change of official name *	☐ ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	☐ ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	☐ <u>CIO 1-6-29(C)</u> (0-day notice)
Change in ownership *	☐ ACO <u>1-6-29(E)(1)</u> (Auto 30 days)	☐ ACO <u>1-6-29(E)(1)</u> (Auto 30 days)	☐ <u>CIO 1-6-29(C)</u> (0-day notice)
Merger *	☐ AMT <u>1-6-29(E)(1)</u>	☐ AMT <u>1-6-29(E)(1)</u>	☐ <u>CIO 1-6-29(C)</u>
	(Auto 30 days)	(Auto 30 days)	(0-day notice)
Transfer certificate *	☐ ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u>	☐ ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u>	☐ <u>CIO 1-6-29(C)</u>
	(Auto 30 days)	(Auto 30 days)	(0-day notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	☐ ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u>	☐ ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u>	☐ <u>CIO 1-6-29(C)</u>
	(Auto 30 days)	(Auto 30 days)	(0-day notice)
FCC Authorized Change in	☐ CIO <u>1-6-29 (E)(2)</u> (0-day notice)	☐ CIO <u>1-6-29 (E)(2)</u>	☐ CIO <u>1-6-29 (E)(2)</u>
Ownership or Merger		(0-day notice)	(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	□ NAG <u>1-7-07</u>	□ NAG <u>1-7-07</u>
an approved agreement	(Auto 90 days)	(Auto 90 days)
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Request for arbitration	(Non-Auto)	(Non-Auto)
Introduce or change corrier to corrier tariffe	□ ATA <u>1-7-14</u>	□ ATA <u>1-7-14</u>
Introduce or change carrier to carrier tariffs	(Auto 30 days)	(Auto 30 days)
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier	□ UNC <u>1-7-04 or 05</u>	
suspension or modification	(Auto 30 days)	
Changes in rates, terms & conditions to pole	□ ATA 1-3-04	
attachments, conduit occupancy and rights of	(Auto 60 days)	
way. (13-579-AU-ORD 11/30/16 Entry)	(Auto 60 days)	

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

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

Section IV. - Attestation

Registrant hereby attests to it 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, Consolidated Communications of Ohio Company, LLC. , and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

(Name) Carole J. Williamson

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 July 30, 2021 at Portland, Maine 04103

/s/ Carole J. Williamson Director - Regulatory

*Signature and Title

July 30, 2021

Date

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

^{*}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, Carole J. Williamson, 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/ Carole J. Williamson, Director – Regulatory	July 30, 2021
*Signature and Title	Date
*Verification is required for every filing. It may be signed by con	ınsel or an officer of the applicant, or an authorized agent of the applicar

File document electronically as directed in case number 06-900-AU-WVR $\,$

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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 Sheets)

1.2 EXCHANGE RATES

A. Unless otherwise specified, the charges quoted in this Tariff are for periods of one month, and are payable in advance.

ORWELL, WINDSOR AND COLEBROOK EXCHANGE AREAS

Within the Orwell, Windsor and Colebrook Exchange Areas:

Individual Access Lin	ie				
Monthly Business	Max. Rate	<u>Monthly</u>	Max. Rate	BLES Anniversary	
Rates		Residence Rates		Date	
\$30.00	\$30.00	\$21.90 (I)	\$21.90 (I)	January 31, 2021	(C)

NORTH BLOOMFIELD EXCHANGE

Within the North Bloomfield Exchange Area:

Individual Access Lin		N f a m 4 la la v	Mary Data	DI EC A maissance	
Monthly Business Rates	Max. Rate	Monthly Residence Rates	Max. Rate	BLES Anniversary <u>Date</u>	
\$36.00	\$36.00	\$25.73 (I)	\$25.73 (I)	January 31, 2021	(C)

MT. CORY EXCHANGE

Within the Mt. Cory Exchange Area:

Individual Access Lir	ne				
Monthly Business	Max. Rate	<u>Monthly</u>	Max. Rate	BLES Anniversary	
Rates		Residence Rates		<u>Date</u>	
\$33.00	\$33.00	\$23.68 (I)	\$23.68 (I)	January 31, 2021	(C)

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1.2 EXCHANGE RATES (Continued)

BELMORE, GILBOA, LEIPSIC AND PANDORA EXCHANGE AREAS

Within the Belmore, Gilboa, Leipsic and Pandora Exchange Areas:

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Monthly Business Rates	Max. Rate	Monthly Residence Rates	Max. Rate	<u>X. Rate</u> <u>BLES Anniversary</u> <u>Date</u>	
\$30.00	\$30.00	\$21.90 (I)	\$21.90 (I)	January 31, 2021	(C)

For the Belmore, Colebrook, Gilboa, Leipsic, Mt. Cory, North Bloomfield, Orwell and Windsor Exchanges:

The semi-public paystation subscriber will be charged a monthly rate of forty-one and 25/100 (\$41.25) plus all of the long distance charges and taxes.

The standard, one party business rate currently in effect in each exchange area, or its equivalent, shall be the proper rate to be applied to the furnishing of COCOT Service.

GERMANTOWN EXCHANGE

Within the Germantown Exchange Area:

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Monthly Business	Max. Rate	<u>Monthly</u>	Max. Rate	BLES Anniversary	
Rates		Residence Rates		<u>Date</u>	
\$39.50	\$39.50	\$23.37 (I)	\$23.37 (I)	January 31, 2021	(C)
Other Lines:	Monthly Rate				
Public Pay Phone	\$36.42				
COCOT	\$19.50				
Coin Supervision					
<u>Additive</u>	\$7.20				

Issued: January 29, 2021 Effective: March 1, 2021

1.2 EXCHANGE RATES (Continued)

COLUMBUS GROVE EXCHANGE

Within the Columbus Grove Exchange Area:

Individual Access Line

Within the Base Rate Area*

Monthly Business	Max. Rate	Monthly	Max. Rate	BLES Anniversary	
<u>Rates</u>		Residence Rates		<u>Date</u>	
\$22.50	\$22.50	\$17.05 (I)	\$17.05 (I)	January 31, 2021	(C)
Individual Access Lin	ne				
Outside the Base Rat	e Area**				
Monthly Business	Max. Rate	<u>Monthly</u>	Max. Rate	BLES Anniversary	
Rates		Residence Rates		<u>Date</u>	

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Basic Coin Transmission Rate Within the Base Rate Area*

\$25.00

<u>Element</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Smart Payphone Line	\$19.60
Dumb Payphone Line	\$19.60
Coin Supervision Additive	\$7.20

Basic Coin Transmission Rate
Outside the Base Rate Area**

<u>Element</u>	Rate
Smart Payphone Line	\$22.20
Dumb Payphone Line	\$22.20
Coin Supervision Additive	\$7.20

\$25.00

Issued: January 29, 2021

Effective: March 1, 2021

January 31, 2021

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^{*} As defined on the map shown in Section 1, Sheet No. 5

^{**} As defined on the map shown in Section 1, Sheet No. 7

EXHIBIT B

(Proposed Tariff Sheets)

1.2 EXCHANGE RATES

A. Unless otherwise specified, the charges quoted in this Tariff are for periods of one month, and are payable in advance.

ORWELL, WINDSOR AND COLEBROOK EXCHANGE AREAS

Within the Orwell, Windsor and Colebrook Exchange Areas:

Individual Access Lin	e			
Monthly Business	Max. Rate	<u>Monthly</u>	Max. Rate	BLES Anniversary
Rates		Residence Rates		<u>Date</u>
\$32.00 (I)	\$32.00 (I)	\$21.90	\$21.90	January 31, 2021

NORTH BLOOMFIELD EXCHANGE

Within the North Bloomfield Exchange Area:

Individual Access Line Monthly Business Rates	e <u>Max. Rate</u>	Monthly Residence Rates	Max. Rate	BLES Anniversary <u>Date</u>
\$38.00 (I)	\$38.00 (I)	\$25.73	\$25.73	January 31, 2021

MT. CORY EXCHANGE

Within the Mt. Cory Exchange Area:

Individual Access Lin Monthly Business Rates	ne <u>Max. Rate</u>	Monthly Residence Rates	Max. Rate	BLES Anniversary <u>Date</u>
\$35.00 (I)	\$35.00 (I)	\$23.68	\$23.68	January 31, 2021

Issued: August 2, 2021 Effective: September 1, 2021

1.2 EXCHANGE RATES (Continued)

BELMORE, GILBOA, LEIPSIC AND PANDORA EXCHANGE AREAS

Within the Belmore, Gilboa, Leipsic and Pandora Exchange Areas:

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Monthly Business	Max. Rate	<u>Monthly</u>	Max. Rate	BLES Anniversary
Rates		Residence Rates		<u>Date</u>
\$32.00 (I)	\$32.00 (I)	\$21.90	\$21.90	January 31, 2021

For the Belmore, Colebrook, Gilboa, Leipsic, Mt. Cory, North Bloomfield, Orwell and Windsor Exchanges:

The semi-public paystation subscriber will be charged a monthly rate of forty-one and 25/100 (\$41.25) plus all of the long distance charges and taxes.

The standard, one party business rate currently in effect in each exchange area, or its equivalent, shall be the proper rate to be applied to the furnishing of COCOT Service.

GERMANTOWN EXCHANGE

Within the Germantown Exchange Area:

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Monthly Business	Max. Rate	<u>Monthly</u>	Max. Rate	BLES Anniversary
Rates		Residence Rates		<u>Date</u>
\$41.50 (I)	\$41.50 (I)	\$23.37	\$23.37	January 31, 2021
Other Lines:	Monthly Rate			
Public Pay Phone	\$36.42			
COCOT	\$19.50			
Coin Supervision				
<u>Additive</u>	\$7.20			

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1.2 EXCHANGE RATES (Continued)

COLUMBUS GROVE EXCHANGE

Within the Columbus Grove Exchange Area:

Individual Access Line

Within the Base Rate Area*

Monthly Business Rates	Max. Rate	Monthly Residence Rates	Max. Rate	BLES Anniversary <u>Date</u>
\$24.50 (I)	\$24.50 (I)	\$17.05	\$17.05	January 31, 2021

Individual Access Line

Outside the Base Rate Area**

Monthly Business	Max. Rate	<u>Monthly</u>	Max. Rate	BLES Anniversary
Rates		Residence Rates		Date
\$27.00 (I)	\$27.00 (I)	\$19.65	\$19.65	January 31, 2021

Basic Coin Transmission Rate Within the Base Rate Area*

<u>Element</u>	Rate
Smart Payphone Line	\$19.60
Dumb Payphone Line	\$19.60
Coin Supervision Additive	\$7.20

Basic Coin Transmission Rate Outside the Base Rate Area**

<u>Element</u>	Rate
Smart Payphone Line	\$22.20
Dumb Payphone Line	\$22.20
Coin Supervision Additive	\$7.20

Issued: August 2, 2021

Effective: September 1, 2021

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^{**} As defined on the map shown in Section 1, Sheet No. 7

EXHIBIT C

(Description of the Changes)

In this application, Consolidated Communications of Ohio Company, LLC requests a change in its business Basic Local Exchange Service (BLES) rates. Consolidated Communications of Ohio Company, LLC was granted BLES pricing flexibility, effective January 31, 2014. The company requests an increase of \$2.00 per month for business customers in each of the company's exchanges as detailed in Exhibit D, effective September 1, 2021. Obtaining increases at this time is essential for the Company to bring its rates more in line with the national average and continue to provide its customers with excellent telephone service.

EXHIBIT D

(Customer Message)

The following customer message appeared on bills that were mailed to Consolidated Communications residential customers on July 27, 2021. This notice was sent to the Commission's electronic mailbox (<u>Telecomm-Rule07@puc.state.oh.us</u>) prior to the rate increase:

NOTICE OF PRICE INCREASE

At Consolidated Communications, we strive to keep you informed of any changes to your billing and service options. **Effective September 1, 2021**, our local telephone rates will be increasing for business customers in the following exchange areas:

Germantown will increase from \$39.50 to \$41.50

Columbus Grove (In Town-Within the Base Rate Area) will increase from \$22.50 to \$24.50

Columbus Grove (Out of Town-Outside the Base Rate Area) will increase from \$25.00 to \$27.00

Orwell, Windsor and Colebrook will increase from \$30.00 to \$32.00

North Bloomfield will increase from \$36.00 to \$38.00

Mt. Cory will increase from \$33.00 to \$35.00

Belmore, Gilboa, Leipsic and Pandora will increase from \$30.00 to \$32.00

These increases are necessary to bring our local rates more in line with the national average and to continue to provide our customers with excellent telephone service. We value your business and look forward to providing you with the best services possible. For more information, please call 1.844.YOUR.CCI (1.844.968.7224).

EXHIBIT E

(Affidavit)

The following affidavit was prepared and filed with the Commission after the customer message was provided to customers on July 27, 2021.

I, Carole J. Williamson, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, Consolidated Communications, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

I attest that the customer notice accompanying this affidavit was sent to affected customers as a bill message on July 27, 2021, in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-07, Ohio Administrative Code. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 7/30/21 at Portland, Maine 04103.

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Case No(s). 21-0834-TP-TRF, 90-5033-TP-TRF

Summary: Tariff Increase of \$2.00 per monthly for business BLES customers electronically filed by Carrie L Patterson on behalf of Consolidated Communications of Ohio Co