

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM
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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 The Chillicothe Telephone Company to Approve Change in Control)	TRF Docket No. 90-5012-TP-TRF
)	Case No. 21-861-TP-ACO
)	NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave the "Case No." field BLANK.
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Name of Registrant(s) The Chillicothe Telephone Company

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

Address of Registrant(s) P.O. Box 480, Chillicothe, OH 45601

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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 checked="" 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	<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 (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 <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 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, Chillicothe Telephone Company, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

(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 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.

Andrew Emerson, Counsel for Chillicothe Telephone Company 8/17/21
*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

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LIST OF EXHIBITS

- Exhibit A: Ohio Secretary of State Certificate of Good Standing
- Exhibit B: Officers and Directors
- Exhibit C: Description of Nature of the Change and Statement of Public Interest
- Exhibit D: Customer Notice

EXHIBIT A

Ohio Secretary of State Certificate of Good Standing

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Frank LaRose, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and present acting Secretary of State for the State of Ohio, and as such have custody of the records of Ohio and Foreign business entities; that said records show THE CHILLICOTHE TELEPHONE COMPANY, an Ohio corporation, Charter No. 128994, having its principal location in Chillicothe, County of Ross, was incorporated on December 20, 1927 and is currently in GOOD STANDING upon the records of this office.



Witness my hand and the seal of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio this 10th day of August, A.D. 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank LaRose".

Ohio Secretary of State

Validation Number: 202122202770

EXHIBIT B

Officers and Directors

The officers and directors of The Chillicothe Telephone Company are listed below. Their address is 68 E. Main St, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601 and the phone number is 740-772-8200.

James Capuano, President and Chief Executive Officer
Pete Holland, Chief Financial Officer
Francois Laflamme, Secretary, Director
Ted Mocarski, Treasurer, Director
Samuel Nasso, Director

EXHIBIT C

Description of Nature of the Change and Statement of Public Interest

Under Ohio Rev. Code Section 4905.402 and Ohio Adm. Code Section 4901:1-6-29, The Chillicothe Telephone Company ("CTC") respectfully requests that the Public Utility Commission of Ohio ("Commission") approve this application for a change in control resulting from a private equity fund purchasing equity interests of Horizon Acquisition Parent LLC ("HAP"), which is the top-level holding company of Horizon Telcom Inc. and CTC, from the existing equity holders of HAP ("the Transaction").

Currently, HAP is majority-owned (approx. 65%) by funds managed by Novacap Investment Management, a large private equity fund manager ("Novacap"), with remaining ownership split among six other investors (each with less than approx. 11%). A fund managed by Grosvenor Capital Management, a very large private equity fund manager ("GCM"), will acquire equity units from existing holders of HAP, resulting in post-transaction ownership of HAP as follows: GCM-managed fund (approx. 38%), Novacap-managed funds (approx. 35%) and remaining ownership split among six other investors (each with less than 10%). Pursuant to the Limited Liability Company Agreement of HAP, Novacap will continue to have the right to appoint a majority of the directors of HAP and will continue to control the operations of HAP and its subsidiaries in the same manner as before the transaction with GCM.

As described above, the Transaction will result in a change in control solely at the holding company level and will be transparent to CTC's customers. CTC will continue providing service under its existing Commission-approved tariffs. There are no direct ownership changes to CTC, no customer transfers, and no changes to the rates, terms or conditions to any existing customer services. Thus, the Transaction is in the public interest and should be approved.

EXHIBIT D

Customer Notice

The Transaction will be transparent to CTC's customers as there will be no change in CTC's existing services. There are no direct ownership changes to CTC, no customer transfers, and no changes to the rates, terms or conditions to any existing customer services. Any future changes will be made in accordance with applicable Commission rules and requirements. Consequently, no customer notice is required under Ohio Adm. Code Section 4901:1-6-07.

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Summary: Application of The Chillicothe Telephone Company to approve change in control electronically filed by Mr. Ronald J Romito on behalf of The Chillicothe Telephone Company and Emerson, Andrew C. Mr.