



September 22, 2021
Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Tanowa Troupe, Secretary
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street, 13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-0573

Re: CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink
Case No. 90-5010-TP-TRF and Case No. 21-0988-TP-ZTA

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed for filing is CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink's tariff to increase Business and Residential/Church Initial Line rates. This filing also reflects the new maximum rates for these services.

Section 2, Tenth Revised Sheet 1
Section 2, Fourth Revised Sheet 3

These tariff sheets are filed with a September 22, 2021 issue date and an effective date of September 24, 2021.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please call me or Mr. Joshua Motzer at (614) 221-5354.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robyn Crichton".

Robyn Crichton

cc: Joshua Motzer, CenturyLink

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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM

(Effective: 10-11-2017)

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 any way.

In the Matter of the Application of CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc.)
d/b/a CenturyLink to increase Business and Residential/)
Church Initial Line rates and reflects the new maximum rates)
for these services.)

TRF Docket No. 90-5010-TP-TRF

Case No. 21-0988-TP-ZTA

NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave the "Case No" fields BLANK.

Name of Registrant(s) CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc.

DBA(s) of Registrant(s) CenturyLink

Address of Registrant(s) 100 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe, LA 71203

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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:

Section I and II are Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Chapter [4901:1-6](#).

Section III – Carrier to Carrier is Pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code [4901:1-7](#), and Wireless is Pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code [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 the identified section of Ohio Admin. Code Section 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, 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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For Profit ILEC	<input type="checkbox"/> Not For Profit ILEC	<input type="checkbox"/> CLEC
Change terms & conditions of existing BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-14(H) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-14(H) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-14(H) (Auto 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge, or fee to BLES			<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-14(H) (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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-14(F) (0 day Notice)		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-14(H) (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-14(H) (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-14(H) (0 day Notice)
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 BLES Rates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRF 1-6-14(F) (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF 1-6-14(F)(4) (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF 1-6-14(G) (0 day Notice)
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	<input type="checkbox"/> BLS 1-6-14(C)(1)(c) (Auto 30 days)		
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)
BLES withdrawal			<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-25(B) (0 day Notice)
Other*			

Section I – Part II – Customer Notification Offerings Pursuant to Chapter [4901:1-6-7 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date Notice Sent: Beginning July 1, 2021 by bill cycle.				

Section I – Part III –IOS Offerings Pursuant to Chapter [4901:1-6-22 OAC](#)

IOS	Introduce New	Tariff Change	Price Change	Withdraw
<input type="checkbox"/> IOS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section II – Part I – Carrier Certification - Pursuant to Chapter [4901:1-6-08, 09 & 10 OAC](#)

Certification	ILEC (Out of Territory)	CLEC	Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local	CESTC	CETC
* See Supplemental form	<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 Certification forms can be found on the PUCO webpage.

Section II – Part II – Certificate Status & Procedural

Certificate Status	ILEC	CLEC	Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local
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) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO 1-6-29(E) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0 day Notice)
Merger *	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT 1-6-29(E) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT 1-6-29(E) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (0 day Notice)
Transfer a 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"/> ATR 1-6-29(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO 1-6-29(C) (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's webpage](#) for a complete list of exhibits.

Section III – Carrier to Carrier (Pursuant to [4901:1-7](#)), and Wireless (Pursuant to [4901:1-6-24](#))

Carrier to Carrier	ILEC	CLEC
Interconnection agreement, or amendment to an approved agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG 1-7-07 (Auto 90 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG 1-7-07 (Auto 90 day)
Request for Arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB 1-7-09 (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB 1-7-09 (Non-Auto)
Introduce or change c-t-c service 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 (Non-Auto)	
Changes in rates, terms & conditions to Pole Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights- of-Way. (13-579-AU-ORD 11/30/16 Entry)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-3-04 (Auto 60 days)	
Wireless Providers See 4901:1-6-24	<input type="checkbox"/> RCC [Registration & Change in Operations] (0 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG [Interconnection Agreement or Amendment] (Auto 90 days)

Section IV. – Attestation

Registrant hereby attests to its compliance with pertinent entries and orders issued by the Commission.

AFFIDAVIT
Compliance with Commission Rules

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

Robyn Crichton

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 September 14, 2021 at Olathe, Kansas

*/s/ Robyn Crichton, Manager, Government Operations

September 14, 2021

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

VERIFICATION

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

*/s/ Robyn Crichton, Manager, Government Operations

September 14, 2021

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File document electronically as directed in Case Number 06-900-AU-WVR

or

Send your completed Application 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

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

2. Local Exchange Service

2.1 General

- a. The Company furnishes local exchange service in the following exchange areas: Avon Lake, Avon, Lorain, Amherst, Vermilion and Birmingham.
- b. Maps of those areas are on file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
- c. Each exchange service customer is entitled and enabled to make and receive calls on a local message basis (i.e., without the application of toll charges) as follows:
 - (1) to make calls to all stations in all exchange areas of the Company; and
 - (2) to receive calls from all customer stations in exchange areas of the Company.

2.2 Monthly Local Exchange Service Rates

2.2.1 Application of Rates

The following rates apply to all grades of main station local exchange service furnished in all exchanges by the Company.

2.2.2 Rates

Local Exchange Service ⁽¹⁾	<u>Current Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Maximum Monthly Rate</u>
a. Residential/Church ⁽³⁾		
Initial Line	\$22.80 (I)	\$24.80 (I)
b. Business ⁽³⁾		
Initial Line	37.00	39.00 (I)
c. Payphone ⁽²⁾		
Initial Line	14.32	14.32

⁽¹⁾ All rates are for access lines only.

⁽²⁾ The rates for payphones are governed by 96-1310-TP-COI.

⁽³⁾ The rates for basic local exchange service (BLES) as defined in OAC 4901:1-6-14 are capped at an annual increase of no more than \$2.00 per line.

BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

2. Local Exchange Service (Continued)

2.4 Competitive Exchanges

2.4.1 Pricing Flexibility

All of the Company exchanges have been deemed competitive. The pricing flexibility accorded them has been defined in 4901:1-6-14.

<u>Competitive Exchanges</u>	<u>Approval Date</u>	<u>Anniversary Date</u>	<u>Last Rate Increase</u>
Amherst	December 17, 2011	December 17, 2020	August 1, 2020
Avon	December 17, 2011	December 17, 2020	August 1, 2020
Avon Lake	December 17, 2011	December 17, 2020	August 1, 2020
Birmingham	December 17, 2011	December 17, 2020	August 1, 2020
Lorain	December 17, 2011	December 17, 2020	August 1, 2020
Vermilion	December 17, 2011	December 17, 2020	August 1, 2020

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EXHIBIT B

P.U.C.O. NO. 12
GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

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b. Business ⁽³⁾		
Initial Line	39.00 (I)	41.00 (I)
c. Payphone ⁽²⁾		
Initial Line	14.32	14.32

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Avon	December 17, 2011	December 17, 2021	September 24, 2021	
Avon Lake	December 17, 2011	December 17, 2021	September 24, 2021	
Birmingham	December 17, 2011	December 17, 2021	September 24, 2021	
Lorain	December 17, 2011	December 17, 2021	September 24, 2021	
Vermilion	December 17, 2011	December 17, 2021	September 24, 2021	

EXHIBIT C

This filing increases Business and Residential/Church Initial Line rates. This filing also reflects the new maximum rates for these services.

EXHIBIT D

In compliance with OAC 4901:1-6-07 Customer Notice Requirements, CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink will send the following bill messages on customer bills beginning July 1, 2021.

RESIDENTIAL

Effective August 1, 2021, the monthly rates for Residential, Church and Remote Call Forward lines will increase by up to \$2.00. The Telephone Assistance program (State Lifeline) Discount will decrease from \$3.50 to \$2.50. The following Calling Features will increase by up to \$1.00: Call Waiting, Multi-Ring Service (Personal Ring 1 Number), Call Waiting Deluxe and Personal Ring (up to 3 numbers). The following Obsolete Packages will increase by up to \$1.00: Basic Pak 1, Basic Pak 2, Basic Pak 3, Deluxe Pak 1 and Premium Pak. The Late Payment Fee will be the greater of 5% or \$13.00. The following bundles will increase by up to \$2.85: Economy Pack, Economy Pack Plus, Economy Pack Plus Lite, Simple Choice One, Simple Choice Two, Simple Choice, Simple Choice unlimited, Simple Choice Unlimited Plus, Additional Line with Call Waiting (Second line Bundle), Caller ID Extra, Caller ID Plus and Select Pak. If you have any questions, please contact Customer Care at the number located on this invoice.

BUSINESS

Effective August 1, 2021, the monthly rates for Business, Church and Remote Call Forward lines will increase by up to \$2.00. The following Calling Features will increase by up to \$1.00: Call Waiting, Multi-Ring Service (Personal Ring 1 Number) and Personal Ring (up to 3 numbers). The Late Payment Fee will be the greater of 5% or \$13.00. The following bundles will increase by up to \$2.00: Caller ID Extra, Caller ID Plus, Select Pak, Simple Choice One, Business Assist Advantage, Model Home Business Assist and Business Unlimited. If you have any questions, please contact Customer Care at the number located on this invoice.

CUSTOMER NOTICE AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF: KANSAS

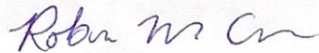
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COUNTY OF: JOHNSON

AFFIDAVIT

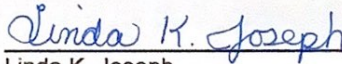
I, Robyn Crichton, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf. I attest that customer notices accompanying this affidavit are being sent to affected customers through bill message beginning July 1, 2021 in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-16, Ohio Administrative Code. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 1, 2021, Olathe, KS 66061



Robyn Crichton
Manager, Government Operations

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of July 2021.



Linda K. Joseph
Notary Public
State of Kansas
My Appointment Expires:



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Summary: Tariff CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink to increase Business and Residential/Church Initial Line rates and reflects the new maximum rates for these services. electronically filed by Mrs. Robyn Crichton on behalf of CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink