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March 19, 2003

Ms. Renee Jenkins Secretary Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re:

Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc. Case No. 03-747-TP-AAC

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

On behalf of Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc., I have been authorized to file the attached Application which consists of a completed Registration Form, Exhibit A (current tariffs), Exhibit B (proposed tariffs), Exhibit C (description of and rationale for the proposed change), a list of Ohio counties specifically involved or affected, and an exhibit indicating the status of interconnection agreements.

By this Application, Buckeye seeks to have Certificate No. 90-9037 amended and reissued. Currently, Certificate No. 90-9037 authorizes Buckeye to provide interexchange services throughout Ohio and local exchange services in Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Lucas, Ottawa and Wood Counties. Buckeye seeks to amend this Certificate to be authorized to provide local exchange service to Sandusky County. Buckeye plans to offer switched local exchange service to business customers in the Clyde Exchange within Sandusky County.

In addition, Buckeye seeks to have its tariff, PUCO No. 2, amended and approved to reflect local exchange service to the Clyde Exchange in Sandusky County as well as to the Oak Harbor Exchange in Ottawa County. Buckeye has updated its maps in its tariff to reflect those changes. The new service areas and local calling areas mirror those of the Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs) in those locales.

Buckeye respectfully requests that the Commission grant this application, reissue an amended Certificate No. 90-9037, and to approve Exhibit B as the new tariffs to become effective on April 18, 2003.

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen M. Howard

Attorneys for Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc.

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cc: Ohio Consumers' Counsel Thomas K. Dawson

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER REGISTRATION FORM

EFFECTIVE: July 15, 1997

In the Matter of the Application of Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc. to Amend Certificate No. 90-9037 and its tariff PUCO #2. Case No. 03-747-TP-AAC
Name of Registrant(s) Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc. Address of Registrant(s) 5566 Southwyck Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43614 Contact Person(s) Thomas K. Dawson (Phone- 419-724-9802 Fax- 419-724-7074) Date March 19, 2003 TRF Docket No. 90 - 9037 - TP-TRF Motion for protective order included with filing? Yes, No Request for waiver(s) included with filing? Yes, No
Note: This form must accompany all applications filed by NEC's. ILECs should utilize the appropriate form based on each ILEC's currently applicable regulatory framework. However, an ILEC must use this form if it has been granted tariff filing parity pursuant to Section V.I.L. of the guidelines established in Case No. 95-845 TP-COI, or if the ILEC is filing an ARB or NAG Case pursuant to the guidelines established in Case No 96-463-TP-UNC. It is preferable not to combine different types of filings, but if you do so, you must file under the process with the longest applicable review period.
 Indicate the reason for submitting this form (CHECK ONLY ONE):
1. (AAC) Application to Amend Certificate to expand Serving Area (30-day approval, 7 copies) 2. (ABN) Abandonment of all Service (NOT automatic, 10 copies) 3. (ACE) New Operating Authority (60-day approval, 7 copies) 4. (ACO) Application to Change Ownership (30-day approval, 10 copies) 5. (ACN) Application to Change Name (30-day approval, 10 copies) 6. (AEC) Application to Establish, Revise, or Cancel a Contract (30-day approval, 7 copies) End User Carrier-to-Carrier Contract Amendment to an agreement approved in a NAG or ARB case 7. (AMT) Merger (NOT automatic, 10 copies) 8. (ARB) Application for Arbitration (see 96-463-TP-COI for applicable process, 15 copies) 9. (ATA) Application for Tariff Amendment (Automatic timeframes vary with type of ATA filing-see below) a. New End User Service which has been preceded by a 30-day prefiling with Staff and OCC (0-day filing, 10 copies) b. New Carrier-to-Carrier Service which has been preceded by a 30-day prefiling with Staff and OCC (0-day filing, 10 copies) c. Change in Terms and Conditions (30-day approval, 10 copies) d. Withdrawal of Service (30-day approval, 10 copies) f. Filing at Staff's Direction (30-day approval, 10 copies) Initial Carrier-to-Carrier Services Tariff subsequent to ACE approval (60-day approval, 10 copies)
10. (ATC) Application to Transfer Certificate (NOT automatic, 7 copies) 11. (ATR) Application to Conduct a Transaction Between Utilities (NOT automatic, 10 copies) 12. (NAG) Negotiated Interconnection Agreement Between Carriers (0-day effective, 90-day approval, 15 copies)
13. (UNC) Unclassified (explain) (NOT automatic, 15 copies) 14. Other (explain) (NOT automatic, 15 copies)
THE FOLLOWING ARE TRF FILINGS ONLY, NOT NEW CASES (0-day notice, 3 copies) 15. Introduction or Extension of Promotional Offering 16. New Price List Rate for Existing Service 17. Designation of Registrant's Process Agent(s) 18. Update to Registrant's Maps
If Indicate which of the following exhibits have been filed. The numbers (corresponding to the list

above) indicate, at a minimum, the types of cases in which the exhibit is required:

	A copy of registrant's proposed tariffs. (Carrier-to-Carrier resale tariff also required if facilities-based) (3) Statement affirming that the registrant has notified the Ohio Department of Taxation of its intent to conduct operations as a telephone utility in the State of Ohio. (3)
	List of names, addresses, and phone numbers of officers and directors, or partners. (3-4,7,10) Brief description of service(s) proposed (3)
Ц	Explanation of whether applicant intends to provide resold services, facilities-based services, or both resold and facilities-based services. (3)
	Explanation as to whether NEC currently offers IXC services under separate CTS authority, and whether it will be including those services within its NEC filing, or maintaining such IXC services under a separate affiliate. (3)
H	Explanation of how the proposed services in the proposed market area are in the public interest. (3) Description of the proposed market area. (3)
	Description of the class of customers (e.g., residence, business) that the applicant intends to serve. (3) Documentation attesting to the applicant's financial viability, including, at a minimum, a pro forma income statement and a balance sheet. If the pro forma income statement is based upon a certain geographical area(s) or information in other jurisdictions, please indicate (3)
	Documentation attesting to the applicant's technical expertise relative to the proposed service offering(s) and proposed service area (3)
	Explanation of the applicant's managerial expertise relative to the proposed service offering(s) and proposed service area (3)
H	Documentation indicating the applicant's corporate structure and ownership. (3) Information regarding any similar operations in other states. (3)
	Verification that the applicant will maintain local telephony records separate and apart from any other accounting records in accordance with the USOA. (3)
	Verification of compliance with any affiliate transaction requirements. (3)
_	Letters requesting negotiation pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and a proposed timeline for construction, interconnection, and offering of services to end users. (3,8,10)
\boxtimes	Copy of superseded tariff sheet(s) & price list(s), if applicable, marked as Exhibit A. (1-2,4,6,8-10,12-15) Copy of revised tariff sheets & price lists, marked as Exhibit B. (1-2,4,6,8-10,12-15)
	Specify which notice procedure has been utilized: ☐ real time; or ☐ newspaper. NOTE: Price list increases
	must be within an approved range of rates. (8-9,15) Copy of real time or newspaper notice which is to be provided to customers. (2,4,6,9c-f,10,15)
	Copy of customer education and information material for new residential services. (8) Description of and rationale for proposed tariff changes, including a complete description of the service(s)
-	proposed or affected. Specify for each service affected whether it is ⊠ business; ☐ residence; ☐ or both. Also indicate whether it is a ☒ switched ☐ or dedicated service. Include this information in either the cover letter or Exhibit C. (1-2,4-6,9-10,12-15)
\boxtimes	Explanation as to which service areas company currently has an approved interconnection or resale agreement
	(1,3,9) Explanations as to whether rates are derived through (check all applicable): ☐ interconnection agreement, ☐ retail tariffs, or ☐ resale tariffs. (3)
	List of Ohio counties or exchanges the applicant intends to serve within 24 months of obtaining authorization. (1,3) List of Ohio counties specifically involved or affected (2,4,6,9-10,12)
	Certification from Ohio Secretary of State as to party's proper standing (domestic or foreign corporation, authorized use of fictitious name, etc.) 3,4,6,9c-f,10) In transfer of certificate cases, the transferee's good standing must be established.
\boxtimes	Maps depicting the proposed serving and calling areas of the applicant. (1,3,7,10)
	☐ If Mirroring ILEC exchanges for both serving area and local calling areas: • Serving area must be clearly reflected on an Ohio map attached to tariffs and textually described in tariffs by noting that it is reflecting a particular ILEC/NEC territory, and listing the involved counties. • Local calling areas must be clearly reflected on an Ohio map attached to the tariffs, and/or clearly delineated in tariffs, including a complete listing of each
	exchange being served and all exchanges to which local calls can be made from each of those exchanges. If Self-defining serving area and/or local calling area as an area other than that of the established ILEC
	exchanges(s): • Serving Area must be clearly reflected on an Ohio map attached to the tariffs, and textually described in tariffs by listing the involved counties. • Local Calling Areas must be described in the tariff through
	textual delineation and clear maps. Maps for self-defined serving and local calling areas are required to be traced
	on United States Geological Survey topography maps. These maps are the Standard Topographic Quadrangle maps, 7.5 minute 1:24,000.
	Other information requested by the Commission staff.
ш	Registrant hereby attests to its compliance with the following requirements in the Service
III.	Requirements Form, as well as all pertinent entries and orders issued by the Commission with respect to these issues. Further, registrant hereby affirms that it will maintain with its TRF docket an
	up-to-date, properly marked, copy of the Service Requirements Form available for public inspection.
Mandati	ory requirements for all basic local exchange providers:
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IV	Liet names, titles, phone numbers, and addresses of those persons authorized to make

v. List names, titles, phone numbers, and addresses of those persons authorized to make and/or verify filings at the Commission on behalf of the applicant:

Joseph D. Jensen

Thomas K. Dawson

Fritz Byers, Secretary

Joseph D. Jensen	Thomas K. Dawson	Fritz Byers, Secretary
President	Vice President	Spitzer Bldg, Suite 824
5566 Southwyck Blvd.	5566 Southwyck Blvd.	520 Madison Ave.
Toledo, OH 43614	Toledo, OH 43614	Toledo, OH 43604

NOTE: An annual report is required to be filed with the Commission by each company on an annual basis. The annual report form will be sent for completion to the address and individuals(s) identified in this Section unless another address or individual is so indicated.

 List names, titles, phone numbers, and addresses of those persons authorized to respond to inquiries from the Consumer Services Department on behalf of the applicant regarding end-user complaints:

Thomas K. Dawson, Vice President 5566 Southwyck Boulevard, Toledo, Ohio 43614 (419) 724-9802

VERIFICATION

I, <u>Thomas K. Dawson, Vice President,</u> verify that I have utilized, verbatim, the Commission's Local Exchange carrier Registration Form effective <u>July 15, 1997</u> 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.

March 19, 2003

* A 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.

Send your completed Registration Form, including all required attachment as well as the required number of copies, to:

Public Utilities Commission of Chio Attention: Docketing Division 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

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3.1.1.13 Addition of Exchange Prefixes

Additional Exchange Prefixes may be assigned to each of the Buckeye Service Areas by NANPA as the need arises, or as requested by a telecommunications service provider. Where facilities are available and where technically feasible, Buckeye will offer services in these Exchange Prefixes as well.

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3.1.2.12 Haskins-Tontogany Local Calling Area

Bowling Green – Verizon Grand Rapids – Sprint-United Toledo – SBC Ameritech

3.2 Service Connection Charges

3.2.1 Description

Service Connection Charges are one-time charges associated with a service or item of equipment which applies on a per-item basis each time the service or an item of equipment is provided and includes, but is not limited to the following:

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3.1.1.13 Clyde Service Area

Where facilities are available and where technically feasible, the Clyde Service Area, including EAS, is defined by the following Exchange prefixes:

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3.1.1.14 Oak Harbor Service Area

Where facilities are available and where technically feasible, the Oak Harbor Service Area, including EAS, is defined by the following Exchange prefixes:

419-432, 707, 898, 205, 206, 208, 213, 215, 218, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 254, 255, 259, 260, 261, 262, 265, 266, 269, 270, 276, 277, 279, 280, 283, 290, 291, 292, 297, 304, 309, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 327, 328, 329, 340, 343, 344, 345, 346, 349, 350, 351, 356, 360, 361, 364, 367, 376, 377, 380, 381, 382, 383, 385, 386, 389, 392, 407, 410, 418, 440, 442, 444, 449, 450, 460, 461, 466, 467, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 478, 479, 480, 481, 486, 490, 508, 509, 530, 531, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 574, 578, 593, 597, 620, 640, 654, 661, 662, 666, 690, 691, 693, 696, 697, 698, 699, 704, 705, 708, 710, 715, 720, 724, 725, 726, 727, 729, 730, 735, 742, 743, 745, 754, 764, 776, 779, 781, 787, 791, 793, 810, 818, 821,

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3.1.1.14 Oak Harbor Service Area (con't)

828, 831, 844, 851, 858, 902, 926, 930, 936, 944, 973, 201, 341, 573, 635, 732, 734, 797, 960.

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567-433, 202, 333.

3.1.1.15 Addition of Exchange Prefixes

Additional Exchange Prefixes may be assigned to each of the Buckeye Service Areas by NANPA as the need arises, or as requested by a telecommunications service provider. Where facilities are available and where technically feasible, Buckeye will offer services in these Exchange Prefixes as well.

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Service Descrip	otions (Cont'd)
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3.1 Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)

3.1.2 Local Calling Areas

3.1.2.10 Waterville Local Calling Area

Waterville – Sprint United Bowling Green – Verizon Grand Rapids – Verizon Haskins-Tontogany – Verizon Holland – Ameritech Maumee – Ameritech Perrysburg – Ameritech Toledo – Ameritech Whitehouse – Ameritech

3.1.2.11 Curtice-Oregon Local calling Area

Genoa – Verizon Toledo – Ameritech Woodville - Verizon

3.1.2.12 Haskins-Tontogany Local Calling Area

Bowling Green – Verizon Grand Rapids – Sprint-United Toledo – SBC Ameritech

3.1.2.13 Clyde Local Calling Area

Fremont – SBC Ohio Green Springs – Sprint-United Bellevue – Verizon

3.1.2.14 Oak Harbor Local Calling Area

Toledo – SBC Ohio Port Clinton - Verizon

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3.2 Service Connection Charges (cont'd)

3.2.1 Description (cont'd)

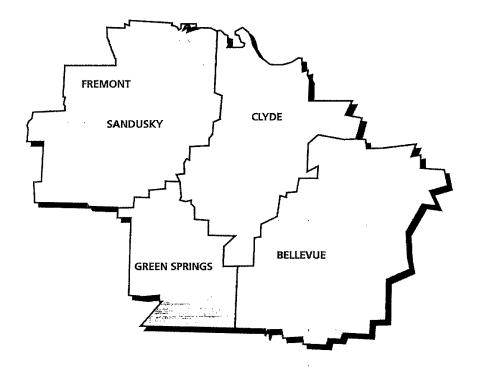
Service Connection Charges are one-time charges associated with a service or item of equipment which applies on a per-item basis each time the service or an item of equipment is provided and includes, but is not limited to the following:

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9. Service Area Maps (Cont'd)

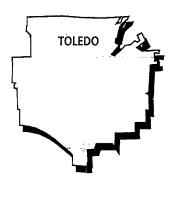
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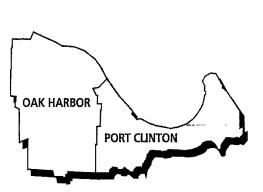


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9. Service Area Maps (Cont'd)

Oak Harbor Service Area





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Exhibit C

Description of and Rationale for the Proposed Tariff Change:

In this application, Buckeye TeleSystem is amending its Certificate No. 90-9037 to add Sandusky County to its service area, to amend its tariff to include service to Clyde and Oak Harbor exchange areas, and to update its maps to reflect those changes. The new service areas and local calling areas mirror those of the Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs) in those locales.

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List of Ohio Counties specifically involved or affected:

Lucas, Wood, Fulton, Erie, Hancock, Ottawa, Sandusky.

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Interconnection Agreements

Buckeye TeleSystem currently has interconnection agreements in force with Ameritech, GTE, and Sprint-United covering its entire service area.

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