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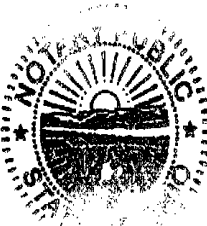
The undersigned, an agent of the *Morrow County Sentinel*, a newspaper published at Mt. Gilead, Morrow County, Ohio, personally appeared and made oath that the attached printed advertisement was published for one consecutive weeks in said newspaper, commencing with January 4 2006 and ending with January 4 2006. That said newspaper is of general circulation in said county of Morrow and the municipality of Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

Vicki Taylor

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 18th day of April, 2006

Becky S. Jones

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LEGAL NOTICE PUCO

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local public hearings in Case No. 05-1305-TP-ORD to afford customers an opportunity to comment on a staff proposal that would authorize alternative regulation of basic local telephone service. The staff proposal is in response to legislation adopted by the Ohio General Assembly directing the Commission to adopt rules by March 4, 2006, authorizing alternative regulation of basic local telephone service. Under the proposal, incumbent local telephone companies that have an approved elective alternative regulation plan and have complied with all advanced services and Lifeline commitment could apply to the Commission for pricing flexibility of basic local exchange service and caller ID. Applicants would be required to prove that competition exists in their service territory, and final approval would be subject to Commission review. Local public hearings shall be scheduled as follows:

Cleveland - Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, at 5:00 p.m., at Lausche State Office Tower, Second Floor Auditorium, 615 W. Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio;

Mansfield - Friday, Jan. 13, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., at Mansfield City Hall, Council Chambers, 30 N. Diamond Street, Third Floor, Mansfield, Ohio;

Columbus - Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 11th Floor, Borden building, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio;

Cincinnati - Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., at Cincinnati City Hall, Council Chambers, 801 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio;

Toledo - Monday, Jan. 23, 2006, at 5:00 p.m., at Toledo Government Center, Lucas County Commissioners hearing Room, 1 Government Center, First Floor, Toledo, Ohio;

Athens - Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., at Athens City Hall, Council Chambers, Third Floor, 8 East Washington Street, Athens, Ohio;

Dayton - Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006, at 5:00 p.m., at Dayton Municipal Building, City Commission Chambers, 101 W. Third Street, Dayton, Ohio.

Additionally, consumers can submit written comments of the Commission by mailing them to: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Attn: Docketing Division, 180 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215. These comments will be filed in the official case docket. The comments should reference Case Number 05-1305-TP-ORD and must be received by February 1, 2006. Persons seeking additional information about Case No. 05-1305-TP-ORD may contact the Commission at 1-800-686-7826 or visit the Commission's Web site at www.puco.ohio.gov.

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