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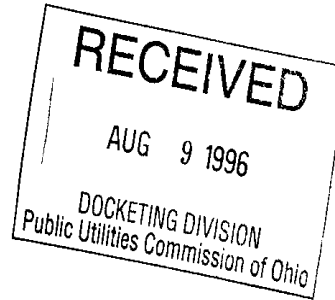
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96-786-TP-ATA

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Ms. Daisy Crockron
Chief of Docketing Division
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street, 10th Floor
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RE: In the Matter of Benton Ridge Telephone Company's Application to Comply with PUCO
Order in Case No. 95-845-TP-COI to Remove Resale Restrictions from Tariffs

Dear Ms. Crockron:

Enclosed for filing is an original and ten copies of an Application to be filed in connection with the above-referenced matter.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gerald A. Cooper".

Gerald A. Cooper

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Enclosures

cc: Donald E. Evans
Thomas E. Lodge, Esq.

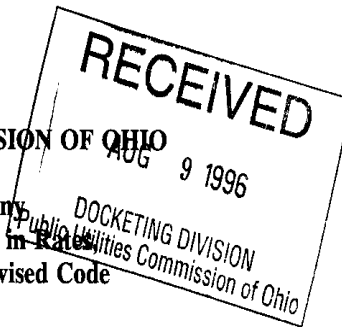
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BRUSSELS, BELGIUM CINCINNATI CLEVELAND COLUMBUS DAYTON PALM BEACH WASHINGTON, D.C.

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Small Telephone Company
Application not for an Increase in Rates
Pursuant to Section 4927.04, Revised Code



In the Matter of)
)
BENTON RIDGE TELEPHONE)
COMPANY to Comply with PUCO)
Order in Case No. 95-845-TP-COI)
to Remove Resale Restrictions from Tariffs)

96-MS6-TP-ATA
CASE NO. _____ TP-ATA

1. Applicant respectfully proposes: (Check applicable boxes)

- New service
- New classification
- Change in classification
- Change in rule or regulation
- Reduction in rates
- Correction of error
- Various related and unrelated textual revisions, without change in intent
- Other: _____

2. Description of service affected and proposal:

The applicant proposes to clarify its tariff regarding resale regulations, and to prohibit the purchase of residential service for resale as business service in accordance with the June 12, 1996 Order in Case No. 95-845-TP-COI.

3. Attached hereto and made a part hereof are: (Check applicable exhibits)

- Exhibit A - existing schedule sheets (to be superseded) if applicable
- Exhibit B - proposed schedule sheets
- Exhibit C-1


(a) if new service is proposed, describe;

- (b) if new equipment is involved, describe (preferably with a picture, brochure, etc.) and, where appropriate, state how proposed service is different from existing services;
 - (c) if proposed service results from customer requests, so state, giving if available, the number and type of customers requesting proposed service.
- [X] Exhibit C-2 - if a change of classification, rule or regulation is proposed, a statement explaining reason for change
- [] Exhibit C-3 - statement explaining reason for any proposal not covered in Exhibits C-1 or C-2
4. This application will not result in an increase in any rate, joint rate, toll, classification, charge or rental.
5. Applicant is filing this application under the alternative regulatory requirements established in Case No. 89-564-TP-COI for small local exchange telephone companies.
6. Applicant respectfully requests the Commission to permit the filing of the proposed schedule sheets, to become effective on the date, subsequent to filing, shown on the proposed schedule sheets; and to be in the form of the schedule sheets in Exhibit B, modified by any further revisions that have become effective prior to the effective date of the proposed schedule sheets.

Respectfully submitted,

BENTON RIDGE TELEPHONE COMPANY

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VERIFICATION

State of Ohio, Hancock County, ss:

Donald E. Evans,
Name of Officer

President
(President)(Vice President)

Kimberly K. Horne,
Name of Officer

Vice President & Secretary of
(Secretary)(Treasurer)

The Benton Ridge Telephone Company, being first duly sworn
Name of Applicant

hereby verify this application.

Donald E. Evans

Kimberly K. Horne

Sworn and subscribed before me this 31 day of July, 19 96

Jerry J. Perkins
Notary Public
Commission expires 10/30/99

EXHIBIT A

P.U.C.O. No. 6
GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICE TARIFFS

RESALE AND SHARED TENANT SERVICE (STS)

1. General

- A. The STS provider or other reseller may provide service only within a single building, or a contiguous complex of buildings under common ownership or management (such buildings may be intersected by public thoroughfares provided that the property segments created would be continuous in the absence of the thoroughfares). Where separate buildings are involved, they must have a related business purpose (e.g., industrial park, shopping center, university, etc.)
- B. The STS provider or other reseller is the Company's customer, and will therefore act as the sole point of contact with the Company for orders, service and billing purposes.
- C. Participation in reselling/sharing systems shall be limited to occupants of a building or contiguous complex of buildings which compose a resale/sharing system.
- D. The customer will be responsible for any trouble analysis charges and/or service charges that may be billed by the Company where the Company responds to repair and maintenance requests from the customer's tenants or users.
- E. Direct interconnection of PBX's serving different resale/sharing systems is prohibited.
- F. Facilities of resellers and/or STS providers must meet FCC Part 68 standards for inside wiring and interconnection of CPE at the point of demarcation with the Company's switched access network.
- G. Reselling or STS access line service will be provided on a flat business line or trunk rate basis until message rate service facilities become available.

Issued: March 31, 1987

Effective: April 23, 1987

Issued by
DICK DENMAN, President
Benton Ridge, Ohio

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P.U.C.O. No. 6
GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICE TARIFFS

- H. All applicable rates and charges for service will be billed to the customer. The Company will not be responsible for the manner in which the use of service or the charges are allocated to users or tenants by the customer who resells or shares service.
- I. The Company will provide direct local service, upon request, to any tenant in an STS or other resale/sharing system. The Company will obtain access to such tenants either by leasing the existing intra-building wiring from the STS provider, or by utilizing or installing its own facilities.

2. Rates

- A. The monthly rate for access line service which is resold or shared shall be determined as provided in Section 1 of this tariff.
- B. Directory listings for the tenants or users of customers who resell or share service will be provided at the rates for business additional listings as shown in Section 1C. of this tariff. Residential tenants listings will be placed in the residential section of the directory, when so notified by the STS provider.
- C. Service Connection Charges as specified in Section 1D. of this tariff will apply for the installation of access line service.

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EXHIBIT B

P.U.C.O. No. 6
GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICE TARIFFS

RESALE AND SHARED TENANT SERVICE (STS)

1. General

- A. Except where specifically noted herein, this tariff is not intended to apply to the resale of local exchange service by certified local exchange carriers. (N)
- B. This tariff does not permit, by a certified local exchange carrier or any other entity, the purchase of local residential service for resale as business service. Such resale is prohibited. (N)
- C. The STS provider or other reseller may provide service only within a single building, or a contiguous complex of buildings under common ownership or management (such buildings may be intersected by public thoroughfares provided that the property segments created would be continuous in the absence of the thoroughfares). Where separate buildings are involved, they must have a related business purpose (e.g., industrial park, shopping center, university, etc.) (T)
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- E. Participation in reselling/sharing systems shall be limited to occupants of a building or contiguous complex of buildings which compose a resale/sharing system.
- F. The customer will be responsible for any trouble analysis charges and/or service charges that may be billed by the company where the Company responds to repair and maintenance requests from the customer's tenants or users.
- G. Direct interconnection of PBX's serving different resale/sharing systems is prohibited.
- H. Facilities of resellers and/or STS providers must meet FCC Part 68 standards for inside wiring and interconnection of CPE at the point of demarcation with the Company's switched access network.
- I. Reselling or STS access line service will be provided on a flat business line or trunk rate basis until message rate service facilities become available.

Issued: August 9, 1996

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DONALD E. EVANS, President
Benton Ridge, Ohio
Filed in accordance with Case No. 96-___-TP-ATA
issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

BENTON RIDGE TELEPHONE COMPANY
BENTON RIDGE, OHIO

EXHIBIT B
SECTION 2
FIRST REVISED SHEET NO. 11
REPLACES ORIGINAL SHEET NO. 11

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EXHIBIT C

EXHIBIT C-2

The Telephone Company, pursuant to The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Order No. 95-845-TP-COI and to implement Sec. 251(b) of The Federal Communications Act of 1996, proposes to clarify the scope of its Resale and Sharing Tariff and to prohibit the purchase of local residential service for sale as local business service. The Company states that it is exempt from the provisions of Section 251(c) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and that the filing of this Application is in no way intended to waive the Company's exemption therefrom.