

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Century Telephone of Ohio, Inc. to )  
Introduce Additional Advanced Calling ) Case No. 97-517-TP-ATA  
Services (ACS) to its PUCO No. 12 )  
Tariff. )

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) On May 7, 1997, Century Telephone of Ohio, Inc. (Century or Applicant) filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to revise its PUCO No. 12 tariff sheets to offer four additional Advanced Calling Services (ACS), also known as Custom Local Area Signaling Services (CLASS). The ACS features included in Century's application are as follows: Selective Call Acceptance, Selective Call Forwarding, Distinctive Ringing, and Anonymous Call Rejection. These features will be available to single line residence and business customers where facilities are available.
- (2) Selective Call Acceptance enables customers to store up to twelve (12) numbers from which they wish to receive calls. An incoming call from a number that is not on the customer's Selective Call Acceptance list is routed to an announcement stating that the called party does not wish to receive the call. This feature is accessed by dialing a service-specific access code. The monthly price for Selective Call Acceptance is set at \$2.50 for residential subscribers, and \$3.50 for business subscribers.
- (3) Selective Call Forwarding enables customers to select up to twelve (12) numbers that can be forwarded to another number. An incoming call that is not on the customers' Selective Call Forwarding list will not be forwarded. This feature is accessed by dialing a service-specific access code. The monthly price for Selective Call Forwarding is set at \$2.50 for residential subscribers, and \$3.50 for business subscribers.
- (4) Distinctive Ringing enables customers to designate up to twelve (12) numbers that can be automatically identified by a distinctive ring. A distinctive ringing pattern accompanies incoming calls from the designated numbers. If a subscriber is engaged in

conversation and a call from one of the designated numbers arrives, a distinctive call waiting tone accompanies the incoming call. This feature is accessed by dialing a service-specific access code. The monthly price for Distinctive Ringing is set at \$2.50 for residential subscribers, and \$3.50 for business subscribers.

- (5) Anonymous Call Rejection (ACR) permits the customer with or without Caller ID to automatically reject calls marked "anonymous" from callers who have blocked their number/name, either through the use of per-call blocking or per line blocking. If the customer activates ACR by dialing \*77 from a touchtone telephone or 1177 from a rotary telephone, the rejected call is automatically routed to an announcement and disconnected. The called party receives no ringing for this call. Only calls for which the number/name have been intentionally blocked are rejected. The monthly price for Anonymous Call Rejection is set at \$2.50 for residential subscribers, and \$3.50 for business subscribers.
- (6) After a thorough review of this application, including Century's Selective Call Acceptance, Selective Call Forwarding, Distinctive Ringing, and Anonymous Call Rejection pricing structures, Staff has found that the proposal does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable and, therefore, has recommended its approval to the Commission.
- (7) This application has been filed pursuant to Section 4909.18, Revised Code, and the Commission finds, as the Applicant alleges, that it is not for an increase in any rate, joint rate, toll, classification, charge, or rental and does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable and should be approved. Therefore, the Commission finds it unnecessary to hold a hearing in this matter.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the proposed application be approved. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Applicant is authorized to file in final form three complete printed copies of its final tariffs consistent with this Finding and Order. Applicant should file its tariffs under one cover letter which references both this case number and its "TRF" case number. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs shall be a date not earlier than both the date of this Finding and Order and the date upon which three complete printed copies of final tariffs are filed with the Commission. The new tariffs shall be effective for services rendered on or after such effective date. It is, further,

ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any subsequent investigation or proceeding involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation, including any contracts and arrangements entered into pursuant to this tariff. It is, further,

ORDERED, That this case be closed of record. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon Applicant.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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