

*The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio*  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FORM for**  
**COMPETITIVE ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATION CARRIER**  
**(CETC) DESIGNATION HIGH-COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE**  
 Per the Commission's 01/19/2011 "Implementation Order" in Case No. 10-1010-TP-ORD  
 (Effective: 01/20/2011)

TRF Docket No. 90-\_\_\_\_\_

In the Matter of the Application of \_\_\_\_\_ ) Case No. \_\_-\_\_-\_\_-**TP-UNC**  
 Petition for Designation as a High-Cost Rural )  
 Competitive Eligible Telecommunications )  
 Carrier ) **Note: Unless you have a reserved a Case No. leave the "Case No" fields**  
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Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
 DBA(s) of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company Web Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I - Requirements:**  
**Facilities-based Wireline applicant must obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Ohio prior to applying for CETC Designation**

**Facilities-based Wireless applicant must register as a Wireless Service Provider in Ohio prior to applying for CETC Designation**

**Part II - Requirements:**

**Demonstration of Rural Telephone Company Status**

The Carrier provides that it meets at least one of the following four criteria for rural telephone company status (**check [✓] at least one**) consistent with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (SEC. 3 [47 USC § 153(37)]).

Section 3 [47 USC § 153(37)] states that the term "rural telephone company" means a local exchange carrier operating to the extent that such entity:

- \_\_\_\_\_ (A) provides common carrier service to any local exchange carrier study area that does not include either –
  - (i) any incorporated place of 10,000 inhabitants or more, or any part thereof, based on the most recently available population statistics of the Bureau of the Census; or
  - (ii) any territory, incorporated or unincorporated, included in an urbanized area, as defined by the Bureau of Census as of August 10, 1993;
- \_\_\_\_\_ (B) provides telephone exchange service, including exchange access, to fewer than 50,000 access lines:
- \_\_\_\_\_ (C) provides telephone exchange service to any local exchange carrier study area with fewer than 100,000 access lines; or
- \_\_\_\_\_ (D) has less than 15 percent of its access lines in communities of more than 50,000 on the date of enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

If the carrier checks any letter other than "B" or "C" above, it must attach supporting documentation to this application demonstrating how it meets the criteria delineated of either "A" or "D."

**Check** [✓]

**FCC-Required Services 47 C.F.R. §54.101**

The carrier provides that it is capable of providing the following services supported by the federal universal service fund:

- Voice grade access to the public switched network
- Local usage
- Touch-tone service or its functional equivalent
- Single-party service or its functional equivalent
- Access to emergency services, including 911 and enhanced 911
- Access to operator services
- Access to interexchange services
- Access to directory assistance
- Toll limitation for qualifying low-income customers

**Facilities 47 C.F.R. §54.201**

Offer the services that are supported by federal universal service support mechanisms under subpart B of this part and section 254(c) of the Act,

The carrier will provide these services through **(check [✓] the one that applies):**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Its own facilities;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Its own facilities (which includes the purchase of unbundled network elements);
- \_\_\_\_\_ Its own facilities and resale of another carriers services; or
- \_\_\_\_\_ Its own facilities (which include the purchase of unbundled network elements), and resale.

**Advertising 47 C.F.R. § 54.201**

**(check [✓] all that apply)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ The carrier will advertise the availability of supportable services and their rates annually in a print media(s) of general circulation throughout its service territory(s) utilizing the language recommended by the Commission. (Carriers are at liberty to propose their own advertising language, but are put on notice that it may lengthen the ETC approval process. Any proposed alternative language must be attached to this application.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate generally the type of media to be employed:
- \_\_\_\_\_ Intend to utilize the Commission's recommended advertising language

Copy of proposed advertising language and materials to advertise available services (Exhibit F)

**Public Interest Standard 47 C.F.R. §54.202**

Public Interest Standard determination of an application will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis considering increased customer choice, advantages and disadvantages. In the case of an applicant seeking designation below the study area level of a rural telephone company a cream-skimming analysis may be appropriate comparing the population density of each wire center in which the applicant seeks designation against that of the wire centers in the study area in which the applicant does not seek designation, as well as other determining factors. Explain in application benefits including unique advantages (Exhibit E)

**CETC requirements: 47 C.F.R. 54.202**

Under section 214(e)(6) common carrier in its application must (**check [✓] all**):

\_\_\_ Commitment to provide service throughout proposed designated service area to all customers making reasonable requests for service [§ 54.202 (1)(i)]

\_\_\_ Carrier certifies [§54.202(a)(1)] that it will:

1. Provide service on a timely basis to requesting customers within the applicant's service area where the applicant's network already passes the potential customer's premises
2. Provide service within a reasonable period of time, if the potential customer is within the applicant's licensed service area but outside its existing network coverage, if service can be provided at reasonable cost by:
  1. Modifying or replacing the requesting customer's equipment;
  2. Deploying a roof-mounted antenna or other equipment;
  3. Adjusting the nearest cell tower;
  4. Adjusting network or customer facilities;
  5. Reselling services from another carrier's facilities to provide service; or
  6. Employing, leasing or constructing an additional cell site, cell extender, repeater, or other similar equipment.

\_\_\_ Submit a five-year plan [54.202(B)(ii)] (Exhibit A)

\_\_\_ Remain functional in emergency situations [§54.201(a)(2)] (Exhibit C)

\_\_\_ Local usage plan [§54.202(a)(4)] (Exhibit D)

- Commit to satisfy applicable consumer protection and service quality standards. A commitment by wireless applicants to comply with the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Associations' Consumer Code for Wireless Service will satisfy this requirement. Other commitments will be considered on a case-by-case basis. [§54.202(a)(3)]
- Applicant acknowledges that per the FCC equal access rules it may be required to provide equal access to long distance carriers in the event that no other eligible telecommunication carrier is providing equal access within the service area. [§54.202(a)(5)]
- Retain all records required to demonstrate to auditors that the support received was consistent with the universal service high-cost program rules. This documentation must be maintained for at least five years from the receipt of funding. [§54.202(a)(5)(e)]. These records should include the following:
  - Data supporting line count filings;
  - Historical customer records; fixed asset property accounting records;
  - General ledgers;
  - Invoice copies for the purchase and maintenance of equipment;
  - Maintenance contracts for the upgrade or equipment;
  - and any other relevant documentation.

### Part III - Exhibits

Note that the following exhibits are required for all filings using this form.

Included	Identified As:	Description of Required Exhibit:
	Exhibit A	Submit 5-year plan specifically detailing proposed improvements or upgrades to applicants network on a wire-center by wire-center basis throughout its proposed designated service area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• how signal quality, coverage or capacity will improve due to the receipt of high-cost support;</li><li>• the projected start date and completion date for each improvement and the estimated amount of investment for each project that is funded by high-cost support;</li><li>• the specific geographic areas where the improvements will be made;</li><li>• and the estimated population that will be served as a result of the improvements.</li></ul>
	Exhibit B	If an applicant believes that service improvements in a particular wire center are not needed, it must explain its basis for this determination and demonstrate how funding will otherwise be used to further the provision of supported services in that area. [54.202(B)(ii)]
	Exhibit C	Demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.[ §54.201(a)(2)]
	Exhibit D	One-time customer notice of detariffing and related changes consistent with rule 4901:1-06-04. Demonstrate that it offers a local usage plan comparable to the one offered by the incumbent LEC in the service areas for which it seeks designation. [§54.202(a)(4)]
	Exhibit E	Public Interest Standard : Explain customer benefits or unique advantages
	Exhibit F	Copy of proposed advertising language and materials to advertise available services

**Part III – 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, \_\_\_\_\_, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.  
(Name)

I attest that this petition complies with all applicable rules for the state of Ohio. I understand that this petition filing does not imply Commission approval and that the Commission’s rules, as modified and clarified from time to time, supersede any contradictory provisions in our petition. 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 declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ at (Location) \_\_\_\_\_

\*(Signature and Title) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

*\*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, \_\_\_\_\_, verify that I have utilized the Supplemental Application for Petition for Designation as a Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for High-Cost Universal Service 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.

\*(Signature and Title) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

*\*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.*

**Make such filing electronically as directed in Case No 06-900-AU-WVR**

***Or***

***Send your completed Supplemental Application Form, including all required attachments as well as the required number of copies, to:***

**Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Attention: Docketing Division  
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