

THE MIDDLE POINT HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY
BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE TARIFF

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TARIFF DESCRIPTION

This Basic Local Exchange Service (BLES) Tariff applies to residential single-line customers and to the primary access line of business customers.

BLES is provided by The Middle Point Home Telephone Company (The “Company” or “Telephone Company”) in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-12, Ohio Administrative Code.

Basic local exchange service, as defined in Section 4927.01, Revised Code, means residential end-user access to, and usage of, telephone-company-provided services over a single line, or small-business-end-user access to and usage of telephone-company-provided services over the business’s primary access Line of Service, which in the case of residential and small-business access and usage is not part of a bundle or package of services. BLES enables a customer to originate or receive voice communications within a local service area and consists of the following services:

- (i) Local dial tone service;
- (ii) For residential end users, flat-rate telephone exchange service;
- (iii) Touch tone dialing service;
- (iv) Access to and usage of 9-1-1 services, where such services are available;
- (v) Access to operator services and directory assistance;
- (vi) Provision of a telephone directory in any reasonable format for no additional charge and a listing in that directory, with reasonable accommodations made for private listings;
- (vii) Per call, caller identification blocking services;
- (viii) Access to telecommunications relay service; and
- (ix) Access to toll presubscription, interexchange or toll providers or both, and networks of other telephone companies.

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EXCHANGE RATES

The classifications and rates provided in this section apply at any point within the Base Rate Area of the Middle Point, Ohio exchange as defined below. The rates hereunder entitle the subscribers connected with the Middle Point, Ohio Exchange of the Middle Point Home Telephone Company of Middle Point, Ohio.

	<u>MONTHLY RATE</u>	<u>MAX RATE</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY DATE</u>
Business - Individual Access Line	\$15.80 (I)	\$15.80 (I)	June 28, 2019
Residence - Individual Access Line	14.55 (I)	14.55 (I)	
Payphone			
Coin Operated Telephone Service Access Line	5.30		
Coin supervision Additive	7.20		

Any service provided in Section 1 hereof will be furnished to any applicant at any point outside the base rate Areas of the Middle Point, Ohio exchange at the rate specified in Section 1 for such service, plus the rate provided in this section for the distance beyond such Base Rate Area limits, defined above measured by airline.

	<u>MONTHLY RATE</u>	<u>MAXIMUM RATE</u>
Individual Access Line, each quarter mile or fraction thereof including pay stations	\$.50	\$.50

The following rates for rural party Access Line Service, apply at any point outside the base Rate Areas described in Section 1 hereof connected with the Middle Point, Ohio Exchange of the Middle Point Home Telephone Company.

BASE RATE AREA DEFINITION

That portion or portions of an exchange area, usually the continuously built-up section surrounding and including the central office or offices, within which any of the regularly offered classes of main station service, except rural service are offered at rates that do not vary with the distance from the central office.

This area may be described in one of the following ways:

1. as the village or city corporate limits
2. as the village or city corporate limits as of a given date
3. by means of a map specifically identifying the area

CHARGES FOR INITIAL INSTALLATION, CHANGES,
DISCONNECTS AND RECONNECTS

	<u>One Time Charge</u>
For the initial connection of an access line	\$5.00
For subscribers ordered disconnected for no-payment of rentals or tolls, or when subscriber requests to be disconnected, charge for the disconnect and charge for reconnecting regardless of the reason for the previous disconnect	\$5.00
For changing class of service (for example, from multi-party to private or from residence to business).	\$5.00

TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES (TRS) CHARGE

Customers may be assessed a monthly charge per line to fund the Telecommunications Relay Services for the State of Ohio in accordance with section 4905.84 of the Revised Code. This charge shall in no event exceed the per end user line (or equivalent) assessment of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio levied upon the Company.

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MISCELLANEOUS RATES AND CHARGES

1. (D)
2. Per Call Blocking
Enables customers to prevent the disclosure of their telephone number on a per call basis to the called party. The disclosure of the calling party's number can be prevented on a per call basis by dialing a preassigned access code before making a call. This action must be repeated each time a call is made to prevent the disclosure of the calling party's telephone number. If the called party has a display device, a privacy indication will appear instead of the calling party's telephone number. Per Call Blocking will be provided on a universal basis to all eligible customers at no charge.
3. (E911) 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE .25 per month

APPLICATION OF BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE RATES

A. Business Rates

Service is classified and charged for as business service at all business locations and at all other locations where the use is primarily or substantially of a business, professional, institutional, or occupational nature or where a business listing is furnished.

1. In offices, stores, shops, factories, and all other places of a strictly business nature.
2. In boarding houses (Residence rates apply in private apartments of hotels, rooming houses, or boarding houses where service is confined to the subscribers' use, and elsewhere in rooming and boarding houses which are not advertising as a place of business.), offices of hotels, halls, and offices of apartment buildings; quarters occupied by clubs; public, private or parochial schools or colleges, hospitals, libraries, and other similar institutions.
3. At residence locations when the subscriber has no regular business telephone, and the use of the service either by himself, members of his household, or his guests, or parties calling him can be considered substantially of a business nature, which fact might be indicated by advertising, either by business cards, newspapers, handbills, billboards, circulars, motion picture screens, or other advertising matter, such as on vehicles, etc., or when such business use is not such as commonly arises and passes over to residence telephones during the intervals, when, in compliance with the law or established custom, business places are ordinarily closed.
4. At residence locations, when an extension station or extension bell is located in a shop, office, or other place of business.
5. In any location where such location and expected usage of the service indicates a business.

B. Residence Rates

Service is classified and charged for as residence service:

1. At all residence where the primary use of the service is of a social or domestic nature and where the business use, if any, is merely incidental.
2. In churches, provided the use of the service is confined to the activities of the particular church subscribing for the service. Where residence service is furnished to a church or clergyman, it will be furnished only on an individual line or private branch exchange basis if the service is located in the church or if in the residence of a clergyman but listed in the name of the church.
3. Residence telephones installed with the understanding that they will be used for normal social or domestic purposes.

A residence telephone will be changed to business service if used primarily or substantially for business purposes, or if the residence telephone number is advertised in connection with the sale of products or services, and the subscriber has no business service elsewhere.

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CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES

A. General

Where facilities constructed on private right of way are used as a part of the Telephone Company's general distributing plant, the regulations and construction charges to be applied shall be those specified for the construction of facilities on public highways, but when not so used, the regulations and construction charges to be applied shall be those specified for the construction of entrance facilities.

B. Extension of Facilities

For extensions required either within or outside the base rate area where the proposed service is temporary and the plant to be put in place would not all be of value to the Telephone Company in the general conduct of its business upon discontinuance of that service, the customer shall be charged the estimated cost of construction and removal of the plant (including circuits, pole line or conduit as required) which is not of value to the Telephone Company, less the estimated immediate net recovery value of the material used.

If it is necessary to use private right of way and this cannot be obtained by the Telephone Company without expense to it, the subscriber shall obtain or pay the expense of obtaining the required right of way.

C. Underground Construction

Where aerial facilities are being used to provide service to a subscriber's location and the subscriber requests that facilities be placed underground, the change from aerial to underground will be made at an installation charge equal to the estimated cost of installing the underground facilities and removing the aerial facilities, less the immediate net recovery value of the aerial facilities displaced.

In case of a new installation where aerial entrance would normally be employed and the subscriber requests underground entrance, the subscriber shall pay the difference between the estimated costs of aerial and underground entrance.

When the subscriber requests that facilities be placed underground, the subscriber shall dig and backfill any and all trench or trenches necessary at his own expense.

D. Construction Charges on Private Right of Way

Where permanent construction is provided in territory where no Company-owned facilities are available, the type and route deemed most practicable by the company will be used. The applicant may be required to obtain the necessary right of way and pay the expense (or rental) incurred in securing and retaining it.

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CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES (Continued)

D. Construction Charges on Private Right of Way (Continued)

The Company will also furnish, place, own and maintain or replace five poles with fixtures, per applicant to be served by the extension, where they are to be used as a part of the general distribution system; and one pole with fixtures where it is not to be so used, but is needed to serve an individual applicant. Such poles and fixtures as are to be used as a part of the general distribution system shall be furnished and placed in accordance with requirements of the Company and by, or at the expense of all applicants to be served by the extension, and will be owned, and maintained or replaced by the Company. Such poles and fixtures as are not to be used as part of the general distribution system shall be owned by the applicant; and shall be furnished, placed and maintained or replaced in accordance with the requirements of the Company and by him or at its option, by the Company at his expense.

E. Construction on Public Right of Way

This Telephone Company complies with the rules and regulations concerning excess construction charges applicable to certain line extensions of the Telephone Company on the public highway.

F. Special Services and Facilities

Special services and facilities not ordinarily used in the furnishing of telephone service and not otherwise mentioned in, provided for, or contemplated by the tariff schedules of the Telephone company, may be furnished or leased pursuant to special contract for such special services or facilities for such periods as may be agreed upon, provided such services or facilities or the use made thereof is not lawful and does not interfere with the telephone service furnished by the Telephone Company.

In the event such special services or facilities or the use made thereof interferes with the furnishing of telephone service by the Company, the Telephone Company may terminate such contract and cease to furnish such special services after thirty days written notice to the subscriber.

N11 SERVICE
211 SERVICE FOR INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES

A. GENERAL

1. In Order No. 93-1799-TP-COI, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“P.U.C.O.”) locally assigned the three digit 211 abbreviated dialing code to the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider for use in providing community information and referral services to the public by way of voice grade facilities. The P.U.C.O. ordered incumbent local exchange carriers in each local calling area to make the 211 abbreviated dialing code available to the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider as a tariffed, local calling area based service (the “211 Service”).
2. The 211 Service allows a Company subscriber to access an Approved Information and Referral Service Provider call center by dialing only the 211 abbreviated dialing code. Subject to other terms and conditions of this Tariff, Company subscribers shall be able to make and the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall be able to receive calls using the 211 Service as part of their local exchange services. The 211 Service is supplemental to and is not a replacement for either party’s local exchange service.
3. All 211 abbreviated dialing code calls shall be local in nature and shall not result in any expanded local calling area (“ELCA”), intraLATA toll, interLATA long distance or pay-per-call charges to Company subscribers. However, 211 Service calls may result in local measured service charges where Company subscribers’ service plans include such charges as part of home and EAS exchange calling.
4. The 211 Service is not available for the following classes of service:
 - a. Hotel/motel/hospital service
 - b. Inmate service
 - c. 1+ and 0+ calling
 - d. O-operator assisted calling
 - e. 101XXXXX calling

B. OBLIGATIONS OF THE APPROVED INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE PROVIDER

1. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall make written application for 211 Service to the Company at the local exchange level. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider may establish 211 Service in all, part or none of the Company’s local exchanges.

N11 SERVICE (Continued)
211 SERVICE FOR INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES (Continued)

B. OBLIGATIONS OF THE APPROVED INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE PROVIDER (Continued)

2. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider's written application to establish 211 Service in a Company local exchange shall include the following:
 - a. The local, foreign exchange or toll free telephone number into which the Company is to translate the dialed 211 abbreviated code. If the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider desires to change the telephone number into which the 211 abbreviated dialing code is translated in an exchange, then the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall make a new application.
 - b. A location description of the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider call center where 211 calls made from the Company local exchange will be routed.
 - c. For network sizing and protection, an estimate of annual call volumes, the expected busy hour and holding time for each call to the 211 Service.
 - d. An acknowledgment of the possibility that the Commission's assignment of the 211 abbreviated dialing code may be recalled at any time.
3. Local Calling for Company Subscribers
 - a. The Company, in cooperation with the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider, shall assure that all 211 Service calls are local in nature and do not generate ELCA, intraLATA toll, interLATA long distance or pay-per-call charges for Company subscribers.
 - b. When the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider makes application for 211 Service in a Company local exchange, the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall supply the Company with a seven (7) or ten (10) digit telephone number that terminates within the Company local exchange or one of the local exchange's EAS exchanges. The Company's exchange facilities will translate the dialed 211 dialing code into the telephone number the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider provides once 211 Service is established in the local exchange.

N11 SERVICE (Continued)
211 SERVICE FOR INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES (Continued)

- B. OBLIGATIONS OF THE APPROVED INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE PROVIDER (Continued)
3. Local Calling for Company Subscribers (Continued)
 - c. When the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider makes application for 211 Service in a Company local exchange and an Approved Information and Referral Service Provider call center is not located within the local exchange or one of the local exchange's EAS exchanges, then the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall establish foreign exchange service or supply the Company with a toll free telephone number so that Company subscribers' 211 Service calls remain local in nature.
 4. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall develop an appropriate method for responding to 211 calls directed to it out of confusion or in error by Company subscribers.
 5. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider must be prepared to receive all calls to the 211 Service during normal business hours. To this end, the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider agrees to subscribe to termination facilities and lines in sufficient quantities to provide adequate service to the public.
 6. The 211 Service is provided on the condition that the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider subscribes to termination facilities and lines in sufficient quantities to adequately handle calls to the 211 Service without interfering with or impairing any service offered by the Company. For each line subscribed to by the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider, there will be one path available.
 7. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall comply with all present and future rules pertaining to abbreviated dialing codes adopted by the Federal Communications Commission, in rulemaking proceeding CC Docket No. 92-105, CC Docket No. 00-256, and otherwise, including any and all requirements to relinquish the 211 abbreviated dialing code in the event of a national assignment contrary to that made by the P.U.C.O.
 8. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider is responsible for obtaining all necessary permissions, licenses, written consents, waivers and releases and all other rights from all persons whose work, statements or performances are used in connection with the 211 Service, and from all holders of copyrights, trademarks and patents used in connection with the said service.

N11 SERVICE (Continued)
211 SERVICE FOR INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES (Continued)

B. OBLIGATIONS OF THE APPROVED INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE PROVIDER (Continued)

9. If requested by the Company, the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall assist the Company in responding to complaints made to the Company concerning the 211 Service.
10. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall not promote the 211 Service with the use of an autodialer or broadcasting of tones that dial the 211 abbreviated dialing code.
11. The Company can only make 211 Service available to end users located in Company local exchanges. To establish 211 calling to end users in non-Company local exchanges, the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider must make appropriate arrangements with the companies serving those local exchanges, even where Company subscribers may make local calls to the non-Company local exchanges.
12. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider should work separately with competitive local exchange carriers ("CLEC") operating and serving customers in the Company's local exchanges to ascertain whether 211 abbreviated dialing will be available to their end users.

C. OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMPANY

1. The Company shall provision 211 Service no later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of its tariff.
2. When a 211 Service call is placed by the calling party via interconnection with an interexchange carrier, the Company cannot guarantee the completion of said 211 Service call, the quality of the call or any features that may otherwise be provided with 211 Service.
3. The Company does not undertake to answer and forward 211 Service calls but furnishes the use of its facilities to enable the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider to respond to such calls at the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider established call centers.

N11 SERVICE (Continued)
211 SERVICE FOR INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES (Continued)

D. LIABILITY

1. The liability of the Company for losses or damages of any kind arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in transmission, or failure or defects in any facility furnished by the Company, occurring in the course of furnishing 211 Service, or of the Company in failing to maintain proper standards of maintenance and operation or to exercise reasonable supervision, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider for the 211 Service and local exchange services for the period of service during which such mistake, omission, interruption, delay, error or defect in transmission or defect of failure in facilities occurs.
2. The Company is not liable for any losses or damages caused by the negligence of the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider.
3. The Company's entire liability to any person for interruption or failure of the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider. is limited to the terms set forth in this and other sections of this Tariff.
4. The Commission's local assignment and the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider's use of the 211 abbreviated dialing code are subject to preemption by the Federal Communications Commission. The Company shall not be liable to the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider for any damages the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider may incur that result from a national assignment of the 211 abbreviated dialing code.
5. The Company will make every effort to route 211 calls to the appropriate Approved Information and Referral Service Provider call center. However, the Company will not be held responsible for routing mistakes or errors.

E. OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The 211 Service will not provide calling number information in real time to the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider. If this type of information is required, the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider must subscribe to compatible Caller ID service.

N11 SERVICE (Continued)
211 SERVICE FOR INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES (Continued)

E. OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Continued)

2. The 211 Service is provided solely for the benefit of the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider. The provision of the 211 Service by the Company shall not be interpreted, constructed or regarded, either expressly or implied, as being for the benefit of or creating any Company obligation toward any third person or legal entity other than the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider.
3. A written notice will be sent to the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider following oral notification when its 211 Service unreasonably interferes with or impairs other services rendered to the public by the Company or by other subscribers of abbreviated dialing codes. If after notification the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider makes no modification in method of operation or in the service arrangements that are deemed service-protective by the Company, or if the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider is unwilling to accept the modifications, or if the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider continues to cause service impairment, the Company reserves the right, at any time, without further notice, to institute protective measures, up to and including termination of service.
4. In an emergency situation as determined by the Company, the Company reserves the right, at any time, without notice, to institute protective measures, up to and including termination of service.

F. RATES AND CHARGES

1. Subject to other terms and conditions of this Tariff, Company subscribers shall be able to make and the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall be able to receive calls using the 211 Service as part of both parties' local exchange service. The 211 Service is supplemental to and is not a replacement for either party's local exchange service.
2. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall pay the normal tariffed charges for the local exchange access arrangements used for transporting and terminating messages at the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider's designated premises.
3. The Approved Information and Referral Service Provider shall pay the following nonrecurring charges upon establishment of 211 Service:

N11 SERVICE (Continued)
211 SERVICE FOR INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES (Continued)

F. RATES AND CHARGES (Continued)

	<u>Non-Recurring Charges</u>
Central Office Charge	\$115.00
Service Connection Charge	\$ 15.00
Number Change Charge – applicable when the Approved Information and Referral Service Provider makes application to change the telephone number into which the 211 abbreviated dialing code is translated. The Number Change Charge shall be applied on a per telephone number basis.	\$ 20.00

N11 SERVICE (Continued)
811 SERVICE FOR "ONE CALL" NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS

A. GENERAL

1. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) assigned the 811 dialing code for nationwide access to One Call Notification Systems. The 811 dialing code ("811 Service") is a nationwide toll-free number to be used by state "One Call" notification systems for providing advanced notice of excavation activities to underground facility operators.
2. The three digit 811 abbreviated dialing One Call Notification code is assigned to the approved "811 Provider" for use in providing One Call notification services to the public by way of voice grade facilities.
3. 811 Service is available from the Company within its services area only. To provide access to 811 to end users in another company's service area or to Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) end users within the local calling area, the 811 Provider must make appropriate arrangements with the other company or CLEC serving that territory. The 811 Provider should work separately with competing local providers to ascertain that its end user customers will be able to reach one-call services provided by dialing 811.
4. All 811 abbreviated dialing code calls must be local in nature and will not result in any expanded local calling area (ELCA), intraLATA toll, interLATA long distance, or pay-per-call charges to Company subscribers. However, 811 Service calls may result in local measured service charges where Company subscribers' service plans include such charges.
5. The 811 Service is not available for the following classes of service: inmate service, 1+ and 0+ calling, 0- operator assisted calling and 101XXXX calling. 811 Service is otherwise available wherever local service is accessible.

B. OBLIGATIONS OF THE APPROVED "ONE CALL" NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS PROVIDER

1. The 811 Provider must submit a written application for 811 Service to the Company. The 811 Provider may establish 811 Service in all or part of the Company's exchanges. There may be only one 811 Provider per exchange.
2. The 811 Provider's written application to establish 811 Service in a Company local exchange must include the following:
 - a. The local, foreign exchange, or toll free telephone number into which the Company should translate the dialed 811 abbreviated code. If the 811 Provider desires to change the telephone number into which the 811 abbreviated dialing code is translated, the 811 Provider must pay a Number Change Charge as set forth in Section F. below.

N11 SERVICE (Continued)
811 SERVICE FOR "ONE CALL" NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS (Continued)

- B. OBLIGATIONS OF THE APPROVED "ONE CALL" NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS PROVIDER
(continued)
- b. For network sizing and protection, an estimate of annual call volumes and holding time for calls to the 811 Service.
 - c. An acknowledgement of the possibility that the Commission's assignment of the 811 abbreviated dialing code may be recalled at any time.
3. Local Calling for Company Subscribers
- a. The 811 Provider, in cooperation with the Company, will assure that all 811 Service calls are local and do not generate ELCA, intraLATA toll, interLATA long distance, or pay-per-call charges for Company subscribers.
 - b. When the 811 Provider applies for 811 Service from the Company, the 811 Provider must supply the Company with a toll free number. The Company will translate the 811 digits into the telephone number provided by the 811 Provider.
4. The 811 Provider is liable for and will indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless the Company against all suits, actions, claims, demands and judgments, plus any expenses and counsel fees incurred by the Company on account thereof, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by the 811 Provider or any other party or person, for any personal injury to or death of any person or persons, or for any loss, damage, or destruction of any property, whether owned by the 811 Provider or others, arising out of or resulting directly from the 811 Service.
5. The 811 Provider must develop an appropriate method of responding to 811 calls directed to it out of confusion or in error by Company subscribers.
6. The 811 Provider must subscribe to termination facilities and lines in sufficient quantities to provide adequate service to the public, and enable the 811 Provider to receive calls to the 811 Service during normal business hours.
7. The 811 Service is provided on the condition that the 811 Provider subscribes to termination facilities and lines in sufficient quantities to adequately handle calls to the 811 Service without interfering with or impairing any services offered by the Company.
8. The 811 Provider must comply with all present and future state and federal rules pertaining to abbreviated dialing codes.
9. The 811 Provider is responsible for obtaining all necessary permissions, licenses, written consents, waivers and releases and all other rights from all persons whose work, statements or performances are used in connection with the 811 Service. The 811 Provider is also responsible for obtaining all necessary permissions, licenses, written consents, waivers, and releases and all other rights from all holders of copyrights, trademarks and patents used in connection with the 811 Service.

N11 SERVICE (Continued)
811 SERVICE FOR "ONE CALL" NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS (Continued)

- B. OBLIGATIONS OF THE APPROVED "ONE CALL" NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS PROVIDER
(Continued)
10. The 811 Provider must respond promptly to all complaints lodged with any regulatory authority against the 811 Service. If requested by the Company, the 811 Provider must assist the Company in responding to complaints made to the Company concerning the 811 Service.
 11. The 811 Provider shall not promote the 811 Service with the use of any auto dialer or broadcasting of tones that dial the 811 abbreviated dialing code.
 12. The 811 Provider must work separately with CLECs operating and serving customers in the Company's exchange(s) to ascertain whether 811 abbreviated dialing will be available to their end users.
- C. OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMPANY
1. The Company will establish the 811 Service within ninety days after receipt of the 811 Provider's completed application(s) for service or the effective date of this Tariff, whichever is later.
 2. When an 811 Service call is placed by the calling party via interconnection with an interexchange carrier, the Company cannot guarantee the completion of said 811 Service call, the quality of the call or any features that may otherwise be provided with the 811 Service.
 3. The Company will route 811 calls originating from end users on the Company's local exchange network whether they purchase service directly from the Company or from another provider reselling company service. Otherwise, the Company is not responsible for establishing 811 Service for calls originating from other telecommunications providers.
 4. The Company does not undertake to answer and forward 811 Service calls but furnishes the use of its facilities to enable the 811 Provider to respond to such calls at the 811 Provider-established call centers.
 5. The rates charged for 811 Service, if applicable, do not contemplate the inspection or constant monitoring of facilities to discover errors, defects, and malfunctions in service, nor does the Company undertake such responsibility. The 811 Provider must conduct such operational tests as, in the judgment of the 811 Provider, are required to determine whether the Company's facilities are functioning properly for its use. The 811 Provider must promptly notify the Company in the event the Company's facilities are not functioning properly.

N11 SERVICE (Continued)
811 SERVICE FOR "ONE CALL" NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS (Continued)

D. LIABILITY

1. The liability of the Company for losses or damages of any kind arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in transmission, or failure or defects in any facility furnished by the Company, occurring in the course of furnishing 811 Service, or of the Company in failing to maintain proper standards of maintenance and operation or to exercise reasonable supervision, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the 811 Provider for the 811 Service and local exchange services for the period of service during which such mistake, omission, interruption, delay, error or defect in transmission or defect of failure in facilities occurs.
2. The Company is not liable for any losses or damages caused by the negligence of the 811 Provider.
3. The Company's entire liability to any person for interruption or failure of the 811 Service is limited to the terms set forth in this and other sections of this Tariff.
4. The Commission's local assignment and the 811 Provider's use of the 811 abbreviated dialing code are subject to preemption by the Federal Communications Commission. The Company shall not be liable to the 811 Provider for any damages the 811 Provider may incur that result from a national assignment of the 811 abbreviated dialing code.
5. The Company will make every effort to route 811 calls to the appropriate 811 Provider call center. However, the Company will not be held responsible for routing mistakes or errors.

E. OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The 811 Service will not provide calling number information in real time to the 811 Provider. If this type of information is required, the 811 Provider must subscribe to compatible Caller ID service as described elsewhere in this Tariff.
2. The 811 Service is provided for the benefit of the 811 Provider. The provision of the 811 Service by the Company shall not be interpreted, constructed or regarded, either expressly or implied, as being for the benefit of or creating any Company obligation toward any third person or legal entity other than the 811 Provider.

N11 SERVICE (Continued)
811 SERVICE FOR "ONE CALL" NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS (Continued)

E OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Continued)

3. A written notice will be sent to the 811 Provider following oral notification when its 811 Service unreasonably interferes with or impairs other services rendered to the public by the Company or by other subscribers of abbreviated dialing codes. If, after such notification, the 811 Provider makes no modification in method of operation or in the service arrangements that are deemed service-protective by the Company, or if the 811 Provider is unwilling to accept the modifications, or if the 811 Provider continues to cause service impairment, the Company reserves the right, at any time, without further notice, to institute protective measures, up to and including termination of service.
4. In an emergency situation as determined by the Company, the Company reserves the right, at any time, without notice, to institute protective measures, up to and including termination of service.

F. RATES & CHARGES

1. A Central Office Charge applies for each Company host central office out of which the 811 Provider orders 811 Service, as follows:
 - a. When a Company exchange is served by more than one host central office, a Central Office Charge is applicable for each host central office in that exchange.
 - b. If the 811 Provider establishes 811 Service in multiple Company exchanges serviced by the same host central office, only one Central Office Charge applies.
2. A Number Change Charge applies when the 811 Provider establishes service or applies to change the telephone number into which the 811 abbreviated dialing code is translated. The Number Change Charge is applied on a per telephone number, per host central office basis.
3. When translating the seven or ten digit number to the 811 abbreviated dialing code, applicable Service Connection Charges will apply.

N11 SERVICE (Continued)
811 SERVICE FOR "ONE CALL" NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS (Continued)

F. RATES & CHARGES (Continued)

4. Rates:

	Nonrecurring <u>Charge</u>
Central Office Charge	\$115.00
Number Change Charge (per Telephone Number)	\$20.00
Service Connection Charge	\$15.00

* The Central Office Charge is applied at the host central office only, and covers all offices that are part of that host complex with a single translated number. This charge applies for each translated number if multiple numbers are required.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. APPLICATION

The rules and regulations specified herein apply to the provisions of BLES as defined in Section 1, Sheet No. 1 herein.

In the event of a conflict between any rates, rules, regulation or provision contained in these General Rules and Regulations and any rate, rule regulation or provision contained in the other section of this BLES Tariff, the rate, rule, regulation or provision contained in the specific section of this Tariff shall prevail.

B. OBLIGATION AND LIABILITY OF TELEPHONE COMPANY

1. Availability of Facilities

The Telephone Company's obligation to furnish exchange is dependent upon its ability to secure and retain, without unreasonable expense, suitable facilities and rights in the construction and maintenance of the necessary pole lines, circuits, equipment, etc.

2. Transmitting Messages

The Telephone Company does not transmit messages but offers the use of its facilities for communications between patrons. If because of transmission difficulties, the operator, in order to accommodate the subscriber, repeats messages, he or she is deemed to be acting as the agent of the persons involved and no liability shall attach to the Telephone Company because of any errors made by the operator or misunderstanding that may arise between subscribers because of the errors.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

B. OBLIGATION AND LIABILITY OF TELEPHONE COMPANY (Continued)

3. Use of Connecting Company Lines

When suitable arrangements can be made, lines of other telephone companies may be used in establishing wire connections to points not reached by this Company's lines. In establishing connections with the lines of other companies, the Telephone Company is not responsible or liable for any action of the connecting company.

4. The Telephone Company shall exercise due care in connection with all work done on the subscriber's premises. No liability shall attach to the Telephone Company by reason of any defacement or damage to the subscriber's premises resulting from the existence of the Telephone Company's instruments or removal thereof, unless such defacement or damage is the result of the sole negligence of the Telephone Company.

C. USE OF SERVICE AND FACILITIES

1. Ownership and Use of Equipment

Equipment and lines, other than inside wiring, furnished by the Telephone Company on the premises of a subscriber are the property of the Telephone Company, whose agents and employees shall have the right to enter said premises during normal company working hours (except where a mutually agreeable time has been prearranged) for the purpose of installing, inspecting, maintaining or repairing the equipment and lines, other than inside wiring, or for the purpose of making collections from coin boxes or upon termination of the service, for the purpose of removing such equipment, instruments and lines. The Company's agent will upon request, show his credentials or emblems of authority and state the reasons for requesting access to the customer's premises.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

C. USE OF SERVICE AND FACILITIES (Continued)

1. Ownership and Use of Equipment (Continued)

If the installation and maintenance of service are requested at locations which are or may be hazardous or dangerous to the Telephone Company's employees, to the public or to property, the Telephone Company may refuse to install and maintain such service, and if such service is furnished, may require the subscriber to indemnify and hold the Telephone Company harmless from any claims, loss or damage by reason of the installation and maintenance of such service.

2. Use of Subscriber Service

Subscriber telephone service, as distinguished from public and semi-public telephone service, is furnished only for use by the Subscriber, his family, employees or persons residing in the Subscriber's household as a member of the family unit. The Telephone Company has the right to refuse to install Subscriber service or to permit such service to remain on premises of a public or semi-public character when the instrument is so located that the public in general or patrons of the Subscriber may make use of the service. (At such locations, however, service may be installed, provided the instrument is so located that it is not accessible for public use.)

3. Tampering with Equipment

The Telephone Company may refuse to furnish or may deny telephone service to any person, firm or corporation on whose premises is located any telephone equipment owned by the Telephone Company which shows any evidence of tampering, manipulating, or operation, or use of any device whatsoever, for the purpose of obtaining telephone service without payment for the charges applicable to the service rendered.

4. Abuse or Fraudulent Use of Service

The Telephone Company reserves the right to discontinue or deny service because of the misuse or the fraudulent use of service. Misuse or fraudulent use of service includes the use of service or facilities of the Telephone Company to transmit a message, or to locate a person, or otherwise to give or to obtain information without the payment of a message toll charge.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

D. ESTABLISHMENT AND FURNISHING OF SERVICE

1. Application and Cancellation of Service

- a. The Telephone Company requires an application for service to be made and said application for service is to be made in writing on a form supplied by it. When an application for service is cancelled before service is established, the applicant or subscriber will be required to reimburse the Telephone Company for all expenses incurred in connection with the application for service and the installation of facilities before notice of cancellation is received, such charge, however, not to exceed all charges which would apply if the work had been completed and the service established, i.e., all applicable service, connection, non-recurring and termination charges.
- b. When requests for additions, rearrangements, relocations, or modifications of service are cancelled before the work involved has been completed, the subscriber will be required to reimburse the Telephone Company for all expenses incurred in connection with the handling of the request before notice of cancellation is received, such charge, however, not to exceed all charges which would apply if the work involved in complying with the request had been completed, i.e., all applicable service connection, change, non-recurring, and termination charges.
- c. Any change in rates or regulations authorized by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, effects a modification of all contracts for service to that extent, without further notice.
- d. Where any applicant has an outstanding account with the Telephone Company, the Telephone Company reserves the right to reject application for service until the amount due shall have been paid in full.

2. Telephone Numbers

The subscriber has no property rights in the telephone number, and the Telephone Company may change any number at any time whenever it deems it advisable in the conduct of its business.

3. The Subscriber agrees to notify the Company promptly whenever alterations or new construction on premises owned or leased by him will necessitate changes in the Company's wiring and equipment; and the Subscriber agrees to pay the Company's current charges, if any, for such changes.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

D. ESTABLISHMENT AND FURNISHING OF SERVICE (Continued)

4. Maintenance and Repair

The Telephone Company undertakes to maintain and repair the facilities which it furnishes to subscribers.

5. Unusual Installation Costs

Where special conditions or special requirements of the Subscriber involve unusual construction or installation costs, the Subscriber may be required to pay all or a reasonable proportion of such costs. If a charge is made, the ownership of all materials and equipment used shall remain with the Telephone Company.

6. Responsibility of Subscriber for Payment

The subscriber is required to pay all charges for exchange services and facilities in accordance with provisions contained herein. The subscriber is held responsible for all charges for telephone service rendered at his telephone

LIFELINE REQUIREMENTS

The Middle Point Home Telephone Company shall provide Lifeline services as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.401 (a) on a non-discriminatory basis to all qualifying low-income customers. The Company's Lifeline service offering shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, including, but not limited to 47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart E; the FCC's Lifeline reform order (Report and Order released February 6, 2012, WC Docket No. 11-42 *et.al.*), the FCC Modernization Order (Third Report and Order released on April 27, 2016, WC Docket No. 11-42, *et.al.*), and any subsequent clarifying orders; Section 4927.13, Ohio Revised Code; Rule 4901:1-6-19, Ohio Administrative Code; and the Commission's nontraditional Lifeline service order (Finding and Order adopted May 23, 2012, Case No. 10-2377-TP-COI) and any subsequent entries and/or orders.

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INTRALATA PRESUBSCRIPTION

1. General

IntraLATA Presubscription is a procedure whereby a subscriber designates to the Telephone Company the carrier which the subscriber wishes to be the carrier of choice for intraLATA toll calls. Such calls are automatically directed to the designated carrier, without the need to use carrier access codes or additional dialing to direct the calls to the designated carrier. IntraLATA presubscription does not prevent a subscriber who has presubscribed to an intraLATA toll carrier from using carrier access codes or additional dialing to direct calls to an alternative intraLATA toll carrier on a per call basis.

2. IntraLATA Presubscription Options

Option A. Subscriber may select the Telephone Company's intraLATA carrier as the presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.

Option B: Subscriber may select her/his interLATA toll carrier as the presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.

Option C: Subscriber may select a carrier other than the Telephone Company's intraLATA carrier or the subscriber's interLATA toll carrier as the presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.

Option D: Subscriber may select no presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription which will require the subscriber to dial a carrier access code to route all intraLATA calls to the carrier of choice of each call.

3. Rules and Regulations

Subscribers of record on the effective date of this tariff will retain their current dialing arrangements until they request that their dialing arrangements be changed. Until an affirmative choice is made, all subscribers will be assigned to the Telephone Company's intraLATA carrier.

Subscribers of record or new subscribers may select either Options A, B, C, or D for intraLATA Presubscription.

Subscribers may change their selected Option and/or their presubscribed IntraLATA toll carrier at any time subject to charges specified in Paragraph 5 below.

INTRALATA PRESUBSCRIPTION (Continued)

4. IntraLATA Presubscription Customer Notices

The Telephone Company will notify subscribers that intraLATA Presubscription is available no longer than sixty (60) days following the effective date of this tariff. The notice will contain a description of intraLATA toll presubscription, how to make an intraLATA toll presubscription carrier selection, and a description of when and what charges apply related to the selection of an intraLATA toll carrier.

5. IntraLATA presubscription Charges

a. Application of Charges

There will be no charges for a subscriber's initial intraLATA toll presubscription selection for a period beginning on the effective date of this tariff and ending no sooner than ninety (90) days following the mailing date of subscriber notification of intraLATA presubscription availability.

New local service subscribers will be asked to select a carrier(s) for their intraLATA toll and interLATA calls subject to presubscription at the time they place an order with the Telephone Company for local exchange service. If the new subscriber is unable to make a selection, at that time, the new subscriber will be read a random listing of all available intraLATA toll carriers to aid their selection. If the new subscriber is still unable to make a selection, at that time, the Telephone Company will inform the new subscriber that he/she will be given ninety (90) days in which to inform the Telephone Company of an intraLATA toll presubscription carrier choice at no charge. The new subscriber will also be informed that the Telephone Company will assess a charge for any selections made after the ninety (90) day window and that until a selection is made the subscriber will be required to dial a carrier access code to route all intraLATA toll calls.

New subscribers who do not make an intraLATA toll carrier presubscription choice at the time the new subscriber places an order establishing local exchange service with the Telephone Company will not be presubscribed to any intraLATA toll carrier, but rather will be required to dial a carrier access code to route all intraLATA toll calls to the carrier of choice for each call.

After a subscriber's initial selection for a presubscribed intraLATA toll carrier, for any change thereafter, an IntraLATA Presubscription Change Charge will apply as follows:

INTRALATA PRESUBSCRIPTION (Continued)

5. IntraLATA presubscription Charges (Continued)

a. Application of Charges (Continued)

- (1) The charge shall be no greater than those set forth in Paragraph 5.b., unless modified by a company-specific Commission-approved tariff.
- (2) If a Subscriber changes both the InterLATA and IntraLATA Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier at the same time, 50% of the otherwise applicable IntraLATA Presubscription Change Charge will apply.

b. Nonrecurring Charges IntraLATA Presubscription Change Charge

Per business or residence line, trunk, or port:

--	Manual Process	\$5.50
--	Electronic Process	\$1.25