

**Cincinnati Bell Telephone LLC**

**Tariff FCC No. 35**

**Transmittal No. 896**

**DESCRIPTION & JUSTIFICATION**

CBT proposes to revise the Universal Service Fund (USF) factor per Commission Order. The Commission released its *Proposed Second Quarter 2016 Universal Service Contribution Factor*, DA 16-266 on March 10, 2016. The Commission proposed a USF factor of 17.9 %, down from the previous factor of 18.2%. CBT recovers its USF contribution, pursuant to the Commission's Contribution Methodology Order<sup>1</sup> by applying the relevant USF Contribution factor to the following charges:

- \* EUCL
- \* Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier (PIC) change charge
- \* End-User Special Access
- \* Interstate IntraLATA Toll usage

The USF surcharge for these services is reflected as a separate line item, clearly identified on the customer's bill.

CBT also proposes to remove tariff language from Section 6 – Switched Access which was erroneously included in Transmittal No. 883, effective April 1, 2014.

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<sup>1</sup> Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, CC Docket No. 98-171, CC Docket No. 90-571, CC Docket No. 92-237, CC Docket No. 99-200, CC Docket No. 95-116, and CC Docket No. 98-179, FCC 02-329, Released December 13, 2002.

CBT also proposes to revise the footnote at the bottom of the tariff pages pertaining to Metallic Service and Digital Data Service found in Section 7 – Special Access Service. CBT filed Transmittal No. 891, effective March 17, 2015 adding a footnote to the tariff pages pertaining to Metallic Service and Digital Data Service stating that Metallic Service and Digital Data Service were no longer available in the Bethel, Ohio and Fairfield, Ohio wire centers. Transmittal No. 891 was filed to implement CBT's Section 214 Application to discontinue Metallic Service and Telegraph Service in the Bethel Ohio and Fairfield Ohio service areas as well as CBT's Section 214 Application to discontinue Digital Data Service in the Bethel Ohio and Fairfield Ohio service areas both of which were filed with the Commission on August 6, 2014.

The Commission issued Public Notice No. DA-1742 regarding CBT's Section 214 Metallic Service and Telegraph Service Application on December 3, 2014. The Commission stated in the Public Notice that, absent further Commission action, CBT could discontinue Metallic Service and Telegraph Service in the Bethel, Ohio and Fairfield, Ohio service areas on or after February 1, 2015. The Commission issued Public Notice No. DA-1743 regarding CBT's Section 214 Digital Data Service Application on December 3, 2014. The Commission stated in the Public Notice that, absent further Commission action, CBT could discontinue Digital Data Service in the Bethel, Ohio and Fairfield, Ohio service areas on or after February 1, 2015. CBT has decided not to discontinue Metallic Service and Digital Data Service in the Fairfield, Ohio wire center. Therefore, CBT proposes to revise the footnote in the Metallic Service and Digital Data Service found in Section 7 – Special Access to remove the reference to the Fairfield, Ohio wire center.