

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION OF THE)	CASE NO.
PROPOSED POLE ATTACHMENT TARIFFS OF)	2022-00108
INCUMBENT LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC D/B/A ALTAFIBER

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a Altafiber (Cincinnati Bell), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on June 2, 2022. The Commission directs Cincinnati Bell to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Cincinnati Bell shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Cincinnati Bell obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which Cincinnati Bell fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Cincinnati Bell shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, Cincinnati Bell shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to Cincinnati Bell's response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information, Item 4, (Staff's First Request) regarding the costs to perform a survey.
 - a. Provide a copy of the pathways application form.
 - b. Provide detailed cost support for the \$25 per pole and \$50 per manhole application fee and explain why Cincinnati Bell has established a minimum application fee of \$250.

2. Refer to Cincinnati Bell's response to Staff's First Request, Item 5. Explain whether Cincinnati Bell would charge new attachers for the cost to replace "red tagged pole[s]" as that term is used in 807 KAR 5:015. If not, explain why the tariff should not be amended to specifically include that exception to avoid confusion.

3. Refer to Cincinnati Bell's response to Staff's First Request, Item 6. Explain whether Account 2411 includes only the capitalized costs for poles owned or controlled by Cincinnati Bell or whether it includes costs related to poles owned by others, e.g. costs for Cincinnati Bell's fixtures to poles owned by others.

4. Refer to Cincinnati Bell's response to Staff's First Request, Items 6 and 7. Explain why the accumulated depreciation dropped significantly in 2021 but the plant in service did not reflect a similar change.

5. Refer to Cincinnati Bell's response to Staff's First Request, Items 8 and 9. Explain whether Cincinnati Bell contends that the useful life of 29 years for poles used to calculate the depreciation rate reflects the actual average service lives of its poles given the age of many of its poles reflected in Item 9.

6. Refer to Cincinnati Bell's response to Staff's First Request, Item 10.

a. Describe any defects that would cause a pole to be identified as red tagged for replacement.

b. If a pole is red tagged for replacement, explain the process for replacing the pole and how long it typically would take.

c. Explain the process and any documentation if a technician identifies an issue with the pole but determines that it does not require replacement.

d. State whether Cincinnati Bell performs any systematic, periodic inspections of its poles beyond inspecting poles when a technician is on sight for another reason. If so, explain that inspection process in detail. If not, explain why Cincinnati Bell does perform such inspections.

e. Explain whether and, if so, how Cincinnati Bell tracks the age and condition of its poles and makes determinations regarding when poles need to be replaced.

7. Refer to Cincinnati Bell's response to Kentucky Broadband and Cable Association's First Request for Information, Item 4.

a. Provide an itemized breakdown of the annual administrative costs associated with tasks related to managing third-party attachments.

b. Explain each basis for Cincinnati Bell's contention that the 10 percent mark-up is consistent with 807 KAR 5:015, which allows for the payment of estimated make-ready costs and then a true-up of make ready costs.

8. Identify the total number of poles Cincinnati Bell has replaced in Kentucky in each of the last ten years.

9. Provide an estimate of the average cost to perform a make-ready pole replacement, and explain each basis for your response.

10. Other than identifying specific defective poles through inspections that require replacement, state whether you have a policy or practice of replacing poles in a circuit on a periodic basis or as they reach the end of their useful lives and, if so, describe that policy or practice in detail, including how and when (e.g. how far in advance) such

replacements such replacements are identified or included in your projected capital spending budget.

11. Describe your recent efforts, if any, to reduce the number of above ground transmission and distribution lines, and identify the number of poles that have been eliminated in your system in each of the last ten years because the electric lines previously attached to those poles were placed underground.

12. Provide any current joint use agreements.



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