

4901:1-6-10

Competitive emergency services telecommunications carrier certification.

(A) An applicant seeking authority as a competitive emergency services telecommunications carrier (CESTC) in the state of Ohio, must submit an application for certification (ACE) with the items set forth in paragraph (E) of rule 4901:1-6-08 of the Administrative Code and any additional items requested by commission staff. A competitive local exchange carrier, or an incumbent local exchange carrier operating outside of its traditional service area, seeking to offer CESTC service, subsequent to initial certification, shall file a 30-day ACE seeking CESTC authority with a proposed CESTC tariff and any additional items requested by commission staff.

(B) Certificate timeline

(1) Interested entities who can show good cause why such application should not be granted must file with the commission a written statement detailing the reasons, as well as a motion to intervene, within fifteen calendar days after the application is docketed. The applicant shall respond to any motion to intervene within seven calendar days after the filing and service of the motion.

(2) Absent full or partial suspension, applications seeking certification as a CESTC will be approved in accordance with the thirty-day automatic approval process described in rule 4901:1-6-05 of the Administrative Code.

(C) A CESTC may not operate as a 9-1-1 system service provider until such time as the county has amended its 9-1-1 plan to identify that carrier as the 9-1-1 carrier of choice for a public safety answering point (PSAP)(s) serving end users in that county for the designated telecommunications traffic.

(D) A CESTC authorized to act as a 9-1-1 system service provider to a PSAP must carry all calls for that PSAP for those services designated to it by the PSAP. In addition to the ILEC, there may be no more than one CESTC designated by the PSAP as set forth in the approved county plan.

(E) Once the county plan has been amended, a CESTC shall update its tariff to reflect the PSAP(s) served by the CESTC and which type of telecommunications traffic will be provided to that PSAP. Contracts between a CESTC and all individual counties for the provision of emergency service to a PSAP(s) within that county shall be submitted to the state of Ohio's 9-1-1 coordinator.

(F) A CESTC shall interconnect with each PSAP in a county and adjacent 9-1-1 systems across county lines to ensure transferability of all 9-1-1/E9-1-1 calls.

(G) The commission shall grant a CESTC, statewide operating authority provided the company meets the associated certification requirements. As a CESTC seeks to expand its operation within its statewide authorization, it must update its tariff by

filing, in its TRF case, an up-to-date list of the counties in which the CESTC is actually provisioning service.

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Certification

Date

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