



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4901:1-6-10 Competitive emergency services telecommunications carrier certification.

Effective: August 31, 2023

(A) No person may be authorized as a competitive emergency services telecommunications carrier (CESTC) in the state of Ohio, unless it submits 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. No competitive local exchange carrier or incumbent local exchange carrier operating outside of its traditional service area that is seeking to offer CESTC service, subsequent to its initial certification is authorized to offer such service unless it files a thirty-day ACE seeking CESTC authority, a proposed CESTC tariff, and any additional items requested by commission staff and receives authorization to provide that service.

(B) Certificate timeline

(1) Parties seeking to contest the application may intervene as provided by rule 4901-1-11 of the Administrative Code on or before fifteen calendar days after the application is filed. The applicant may respond to any motion to intervene not later than 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 operate as a 9-1-1 system service provider only after 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 will 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 will 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 are to be submitted to the statewide emergency services internet protocol network steering committee or its designee.

(F) A CESTC will 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 may 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 should 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.