BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Commission)	
Investigation into the Allocation of)	
Abbreviated Dialing Arrangements,) .	Case No. 93-1799-TP-COI
Such as N-1-1.)	

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) On June 21, 2001, the Commission issued a finding and order (the Order) in this matter by which we, among other things, assigned the 2-1-1 abbreviated dialing code to information and referral service providers within the state of Ohio and designated the Ohio Council of Information and Referral Providers (OCIRP) and the 211 Ohio Collaborative (211 Ohio) (collectively OCIRP/211 Ohio) as the statewide joint 2-1-1 implementation coordinator for the purpose of establishing 2-1-1 call centers throughout Ohio.
- (2) Finding (26) of the Order requires OCIRP/211 Ohio to file at six-month intervals progress reports regarding 2-1-1 implementation. OCIRP/211 Ohio has consistently filed the required reports semiannually ever since. Other than the filing of these semiannual progress reports, nothing concerning 2-1-1 has ever been filed in this docket since the issuance of the Order and nothing relating to any other topic or aspect of this docket appears to be either currently pending or to have been filed in this docket since June 1, 2005.
- (3) The latest 2-1-1 implementation progress report, filed by OCIRP/211 Ohio on August 18, 2009, reflects that approximately 79 percent of Ohioans currently have, and approximately 85 percent of Ohioans are expected by the end of 2009 to have, access through use of the 2-1-1 dialing code, to information and referral assistance regarding health and human services. Meanwhile, OCIRP/211 Ohio has reported that it will continue its ongoing work toward the long-term goal of ensuring that every person in Ohio has access to information and referral services in their community via the 2-1-1 three-digit dialing code.

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(4) Under the circumstances presented, the Commission finds it appropriate to relax the reporting requirements that were established for OCIRP/211 Ohio in Finding (26) of the Order. On a going forward basis from the date of this entry, OCIRP/211 Ohio shall no longer be required to file 2-1-1 implementation reports on a semiannual schedule, but rather must submit to the Commission's staff any such report only upon a request for such made by the Commission, the attorney examiner, or the Chief of the Telecommunications Section of the Utilities Department. Further, even in the event that the submission of such a report is requested, on a going forward basis, OCIRP/211 Ohio must formally file any such report only if it is directed to do so by the Commission or the attorney examiner.

(5) This relaxation of the reporting requirement previously established in this case presents an opportunity for the Commission to close this case of record and, accordingly, we will do so through this entry.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the reporting requirement established for OCIRP/211 Ohio in Finding (26) of the June 21, 2001, finding and order in this docket shall be relaxed pursuant to and in the manner described in Finding (4) of this entry. It is, further,

ORDERED, That, in accordance with the above findings, this case be closed of record. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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