

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Collection and )  
Submission of Study Area Boundaries of ) Case No. 13-710-TP-UNC  
Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers to the )  
Federal Communications Commission. )

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) Pursuant to statutory authority, this Commission serves as the administrator of telephone exchange boundaries, boundary changes, and borderline boundaries. Specifically, in Rule 4901:1-6-32(A), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), the Commission has determined that Commission-maintained telephone exchange boundary maps shall be the official source/documentation of incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) service areas and boundaries.
- (2) On November 6, 2012, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released a Report and Order in *Connect America Fund; High-Cost Universal Service Support (Connect America Fund)*, WC Docket No. 10-90, *et al.*, that, *inter alia*, established requirements for the collection of study area boundary data from ILECs or state entities on the ILECs' behalf.
- (3) On February 26, 2013, the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) released a subsequent *Order on Reconsideration* that adopted certain modifications and clarifications to the requirements for that data collection. As set forth in the orders, each ILEC must submit data on the boundary(ies) of the area(s) it serves in a state (study area boundary), unless a state commission voluntarily submits this data for the ILECs in its state.
- (4) On March 18, 2013, the Bureau released a *Public Notice* establishing the procedures and deadlines for the submission of ILEC study area boundary information to the FCC. The Bureau encouraged state commissions to submit data on the study area boundaries of the ILECs operating in their respective states. State commissions planning to submit study area boundary

data were directed to file notice of their intent to do so with the FCC by no later than April 12, 2013.

- (5) As the administrator of ILEC service areas and boundaries in Ohio, this Commission is willing to submit ILEC study area boundary information to the FCC on the ILECs' behalf. In order to satisfy the FCC's April 12, 2013, notice of intent deadline, all ILECs are instructed to file, by no later than April 10, 2013, in this docket the attached affidavit. Concurrent with the docketing of the affidavit, the ILECs shall submit to Commission Staff (Staff) electronically, in a format acceptable to Staff, the following information: the ILEC's name, the ILEC's operating company number (OCN), the 11-character CLLI code for all of the ILEC's switches, and, for each exchange area, the exchange area name, the four-character CLLI code for the exchange area, a statement explaining whether the exchange was acquired as a sale or transfer subject to 47 CFR 54.305, and the study area code for the exchange area.

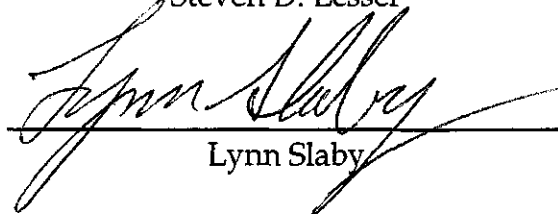
Staff should then prepare and submit on the Commission's behalf a letter to the FCC, by April 12, 2013, documenting our intent to submit study area boundary information in accordance with the FCC's orders as well as the names and study area codes for those ILECs on whose behalf the filing is made. Once the Commission has verified and reconciled the remaining information at the state level, we will issue, before June 28, 2013, an order certifying the remaining information on the ILECs' behalf to the FCC. Any ILEC that fails to docket the affidavit and submit the additional information to Staff electronically will be responsible, on its own, for complying with the FCC's study area boundary orders.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the ILECs comply with finding (5). It is, further,

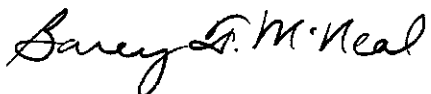
ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served via the Commission's telephone industry electronic mail listserve upon the Ohio Telecom Association and all incumbent local exchange carriers in Ohio.

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

  
Todd A. Snitchler, Chairman  
Steven D. Lesser  
Andre T. Porter  
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Barcy F. McNeal  
Secretary



4. I affirm that all study area boundary data relating to \_\_\_\_\_ has been filed and/or submitted pursuant to the Commission's March 27, 2013, Entry issued in Case No. 13-710-TP-UNC and is, to the best of my belief and knowledge, correct and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Affiant

Sworn and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission expires\_\_\_\_\_.