

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Commission's Review )  
of Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-6, ) Case No. 14-1554-TP-ORD  
Telephone Company Procedures and )  
Standards. )

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) R.C. 119.032 requires all state agencies to conduct a review, every five years, of their rules and to determine whether to continue their rules without change, amend their rules, or rescind their rules. The rules in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-6 set forth standards and procedures for the provision of retail telecommunications services.
- (2) R.C. 119.032(C) requires the Commission to determine whether:
  - (a) The rules should be continued without amendment, be amended, or be rescinded, taking into consideration the purpose, scope, and intent of the statute(s) under which the rules were adopted;
  - (b) The rules need amendment or rescission to give more flexibility at the local level;
  - (c) The rules need amendment or rescission to eliminate unnecessary paperwork, or whether the rule incorporates a text or other material by reference and, if so, whether the text or other material incorporated by reference is deposited or displayed as required by R.C. 121.74, and whether the incorporation by reference meets the standards stated in R.C. 121.71, 121.75, and 121.76; and
  - (d) The rules duplicate, overlap, or conflict with other rules.
- (3) In addition, on January 10, 2011, the governor of the State of Ohio issued Executive Order 2011-01K, entitled "Establishing

the Common Sense Initiative,” which sets forth several factors to be considered in the promulgation of rules and the review of existing rules. Among other things, the Commission must review its rules to determine the impact that a rule has on small businesses; attempt to balance properly the critical objectives of regulation and the cost of compliance by the regulated parties; and amend or rescind rules that are unnecessary, ineffective, contradictory, redundant, inefficient, or needlessly burdensome, or that have had negative unintended consequences, or unnecessarily impede business growth.

- (4) Additionally, in accordance with R.C. 121.82, in the course of developing draft rules, the Commission must conduct a business impact analysis regarding the rules. If there will be an adverse impact on business, as defined in R.C. 107.52, the agency is to incorporate features into the draft rules to eliminate or adequately reduce any adverse impact. Furthermore, the Commission is required, pursuant to R.C. 121.82, to provide the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) office the draft rules and the business impact analysis.
- (5) Prior to issuing Staff’s proposed revisions to the rules for comment, it is appropriate for Staff to hold a workshop with interested stakeholders. At the workshop, Staff should elicit feedback on any proposed revisions to the rules which Staff may have and may permit stakeholders to propose their own revisions to the rules for Staff’s consideration. Interested stakeholders should come to the workshop prepared with necessary technical experts to provide appropriate feedback. After Staff has an opportunity to consider the feedback received at the workshop, proposed rule amendments will be issued for comments and reply comments by interested parties.
- (6) Accordingly, the attorney examiner finds that, at this time, a workshop should be scheduled for October 6, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-B, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. The workshop is intended as an opportunity for Staff to receive feedback from interested stakeholders before it issues draft rules and opens them up for formal comment. Any interested stakeholder that does not participate in the workshop may file formal comments with the Commission once the draft rules have been issued.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That, in accordance with finding (6), a workshop be scheduled for October 6, 2014. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a notice or copy of this Entry be served upon the Ohio Telecom Association, the office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, and the telephone industry list-serve.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/Jeffrey R. Jones

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry scheduling a workshop for October 6, 2014, at 10:00 a. m.; electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of Jeffrey R. Jones, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio