

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of United)	Case No.16-1702-TP-ATA
Telephone Company of Ohio dba CenturyLink)	
to revise its local exchange tariff to comply)	TRF No. 90-5041-TP-TRF
with the FCC Lifeline Order.)	

**REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

On August 15, 2016, United Telephone Company of Ohio dba CenturyLink (UTC) filed an ATA seeking to revise its Local Exchange Access Service Tariff P.U.C.O. No. 5. Pursuant to 4901:1-6-14(H)(2) O.A.C. of the Telephone Company Procedures and Standards, an application for material change in terms and conditions of an existing BLES shall be filed as an ATA subject to the thirty-day automatic approval process. In this application, UTC proposes to modify the terms and conditions of Lifeline basic local exchange service as it pertains to resellers.

On June 18, 2015, the FCC adopted the Second Report and Order, *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization*, FCC Docket 15-71. In this docket, the FCC eliminated the requirement for ILECs to resell its retail Lifeline discounted service and instead requires Lifeline service to be provided only by eligible telecommunications carriers who have federal or state designations. The revised Lifeline rule, 47 C.F.R. 54.201(a)(1), became effective February 17, 2016. Therefore, since ILECs are no longer required to offer their Lifeline discounted services to resellers, UTC's proposed language reflects this rule change.

The Staff reviewed all documents and exhibits filed with this application and found them to be compliant with federal and state Commission rules. Thus, Staff has determined that the proposed revisions to the local exchange access tariff appear to satisfy the Commission's requirements set forth in 47 C.F.R. 54.201(a)(1) and 4901:1-6-14 of the Administrative Code. Staff recommends that this application be approved with an effective date of September 15, 2016.

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