

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Teleport	)	Case No.16-1822-TP-ATA
Communications America, LLC to increase the	)	90-9010-TP-TRF
late Payment Charge (Factor)	)	
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**REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION**  
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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On September 1, 2016, the Teleport Communications America, LLC (Applicant) filed this ATA seeking to revise its Local Telephone Exchange Services Tariff. In this filing, the Applicant is proposing to increase its late payment charge percentage factor. The current late payment charge is (1.0%) percent. The proposed late payment charge is one and half (1.5%) percent.

Pursuant to rule 14(I) of the Telephone Company Procedures and Standards, late payment charges for basic local exchange service may be introduced or increased through a thirty-day ATA filing. Rule 14(I) also states that a standard of reasonableness will be applied to late payment charges including, but not limited to, a comparison with similar charges previously approved by the Commission and similar charges assessed by non-regulated providers. Staff verified that there are other Commission approved late payment charges for other carriers that are comparable and/or higher than the Applicant proposed increase. There were no objections filed in this case. As such, Staff finds that the Applicant proposed late payment charge is reasonable.

Lastly, rule 14(I) requires that a customer notice be filed in accordance with rule 4901:1-6-07. The Applicant gave notice to its customers via a bill message and provided a copy with this application. Staff reviewed the notice and found it meets the requirements set forth in rule 4901:1-6-07.

The Staff reviewed all documents and exhibits filed on September 1, 2016; and in conclusion, the Staff review found that the application is reasonable. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Applicant's application for tariff amendment (ATA) be approved.

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