BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of WANRack,)	Case No.17-2390-TP-ACO
LLC to Reorganize and Transfer Control.)	90-9428-TP-TRF
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REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

On November 20, 2017, WANRack, LLC (Applicant) filed an application for approval of a parent level change in ownership and to reorganize as a Delaware limited liability company. Pursuant to the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) §4901:1-6-29(E), as adopted in Case No. 10-1010-TP-ORD, this is an application for a change in control of a local exchange carrier (LEC) providing basic local exchange service (BLES). As such, this application for a change in control (ACO) is subject to the 30-day notice filing process as described in rule 4901:1-6-05 of the Administrative Code. The automatic approval date is December 20, 2017, with an effective date of December 21, 2017.

Pursuant to Rule 29(E) of the Telephone Company Procedures and Standards, a LEC providing BLES shall obtain the prior approval of the Commission for a change in control (ACO). The rule also states that an applicant shall file with the Commission the telecommunications filing form and required attachments. The rule further states that a ACO application must demonstrate that the change in control will promote public convenience and result in the provision of adequate service for a reasonable rate, rental, toll, or charge. Rule 29(D) states that unless the change in operation is completely transparent to the customer, the telephone company must give notice to each affected customer, in accordance with rule 490:1-06-07 of the Administrative Code.

The Applicants filed all requires documents and exhibits, except for a customer notice. However, this change in control is transparent, therefore, no customer notice is required. The Staff reviewed all documents and exhibits filed on November 20, 2017

and in conclusion, the Staff review found that the application does meet all the requirements set forth in Rule 29 of the Telephone Company Procedures and Standards. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Applicants application for a change in control (ACO) be approved.

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