

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the matter of the Application of XO	)	Case No.18-0932-TP-ACO
Communications Services, LLC to Transfer	)	
Control to MCI Communications Services, Inc.	)	
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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 May 29, 2018, MCI Communications Services, Inc. (MCI) and XO Communications Services, LLC (XO), collectively known as the Applicants, filed an ACO application seeking approval of an internal corporate restructuring that will transfer ownership of XO to MCI. MCI is a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) authorized to provide toll and local exchange telecommunications services pursuant to certificate 90-9006. XO is a CLEC authorized to provide toll and local exchange telecommunications services pursuant to certificate 90-9017.

The Applicants state that the proposed transaction will serve the public interest because the internal restructuring of the companies will promote administrative simplicity in that it will greatly simplify MCI's tax accounting and income tax return preparation creating significant administrative efficiencies and cost savings.

Pursuant to rule 4901:1-6-29(E) of the Retail Rules, a local exchange carrier (LEC) offering basic local exchange service (BLES) must apply for approval for any change in ownership.

The Staff reviewed all documents and exhibits filed with this application. Staff has determined that the Applicant has complied with the requirements of 4901:1-6-29 of the Administrative Code. Staff further finds that a customer notice is not necessary because this transaction is occurring at a holding company level and will be transparent to customers. As such, Staff recommends that this application be automatically approved with an effective date of June 29, 2018, pursuant to the automatic approval process set forth in 4901:1-6-05 of the Administrative Code.

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