

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the matter of the Application of Valtech)	Case No.18-0935-TP-ACO
Enterprises, LLC dba Valtech Communications)	
to change ownership of Valtech)	
Communications)	

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

On May 28, 2018, Valtech Enterprises, LLC dba Valtech Communications filed an ACO application seeking approval to transfer control of Valtech Communications (VC) to Valtech Enterprises, LLC dba Valtech Communications (VE). VC is a local exchange carrier (LEC) providing basic local exchange service (BLES) in Ohio under certificate 90-9270. The sole member of VC has retired as of January 17, 2018, and has transferred VC to Adam Gerari who has been the president of the company for the past 10 years. He and Eric Hullibarger have created VE as the acquiring entity. Customer notices were sent as bill inserts in the May/June invoices indicating the change in ownership.

Pursuant to rule 4901:1-6-29(E) of the Telephone Company Procedures and Standards, a local exchange carrier (LEC) offering basic local exchange service (BLES) must apply for approval for any change in ownership (ACO) as a 30-day automatic approval application.

The Staff reviewed all documents and exhibits filed with this application and has determined that the Applicant has complied with the requirements of 4901:1-6-29 of the Administrative Code. As such, Staff recommends that this application be automatically approved with an effective date of June 29, 2016, pursuant to the automatic approval process set forth in 4901:1-6-05 of the Administrative Code. Finally, Staff will re-issue certificate 90-9270 to reflect the company name as Valtech Enterprises, LLC dba Valtech Communications.

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