BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Application of Little Miami Communications Corporation to Revise and Standardize Non-Recurring Charges

Case No. 18-831-TP-ATA

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

On July 3, 2018, Little Miami Communications Corporation (Little Miami), a TDS-owned company, filed an application seeking to revise its local exchange tariff P.U.C.O. NO. 7. In the application, Little Miami proposes to revise and standardize non-recurring charges for service connection as well as the descriptions of the service connection charges. The changes are being made to standardize the language and rates of Little Miami and four other TDS-owned, Ohio ILECs (Arcadia Telephone Company, Continental Telephone Company, Oakwood Telephone Company and Vanlue Telephone Company). With respect to rates, in its Fayettesville exchange, Little Miami is proposing to increase the Central Office Work, Premise Visit charge and Reconnect for Non-payment charges and to reduce the charges for Service Order Initial Request, Service Order Subsequent Request, Record Order Change and Line Connection charges. In its Butlerville exchange, Little Miami is proposing to increase the Central office Work, Line Connection and Premise Visit Charges and to reduce their Service Order Initial Request and Service Order Subsequent Request for residential customers. For business customers in the Bulerville Exchange, Little Miami has proposed rates for Service Order Initial Request, Service Order Subsequent Request, Central Office Work, Line Connection and Premise Visit charges. Currently business customers in the Butlerville exchange are billed on a time and material basis for these services.

This application is being filed pursuant to Section 4901:1-6-14 of the Ohio Administrative Code as adopted in Case No. 14-1554-TP-ORD. O.A.C 4901:1-6-14 (J) requires the filing of an ATA application to increase the installation and reconnection charges for single residential or primary business BLES lines. Customer notice was provided to existing customers on July 13, 2018, in accordance with Section 4901:1-6-7 (A) O.A.C. The application is deemed approved 30 days after filing unless suspended or subjected to hearing. According to Section 4901:1-6-14 (J) O.A.C., a standard of reasonableness applies to applications for an increase in nonrecurring service charges for installation and reconnection. The staff has reviewed all documents filed with the application as well as the existing nonrecurring service charges of other similarly situated companies and has determined that the application has satisfied the requirement set forth in the rule. As such, Staff recommends the application be approved on August 2, 2018, with an effective date of August 8, 2018.

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