

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Fiber)	
Technologies Networks, LLC, Sunesys, LLC)	
and Crown Castle Fiber LLC to Perform a Pro)	Case No. 18-1611-TP-CIO
Forma Internal Consolidation)	

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

On October 26, 2018, Fiber Technologies Networks, LLC (FTN), Sunesys, LLC (Sunesys) and Crown Castle Fiber LLC (CCF) filed an application seeking approval of a merger that will consolidate FTN and Sunesys into CCF. FTN, Sunesys and CCF are all wholly owned indirect subsidiaries of Crown Castle International Corp. (CCIC). FTN is authorized to provide competitive telecommunications services in Ohio pursuant to Revised Certificate No. 90-9220 granted in Case No. 90-9220-TP-TRF. Sunesys is authorized to provide competitive telecommunications services in Ohio pursuant to Revised Certificate No. 90-6177 granted in Case No. 06-1243-TP-CIO. CCF is a newly formed entity created for the purpose of consolidating FTN, Sunesys and other indirect affiliates of CCIC and was recently granted authority to provide competitive telecommunications services in Ohio pursuant to Certificate No. 90-6429 granted in Case No. 18-1544-TP-ACE. After the merger of FTN and Sunesys into CCF, FTN and Sunesys will cease to exist and CCF will continue providing services to FTN and Sunesys's existing customers pursuant to the same contracts and other service arrangements as those customers currently have with their respective providers. This application is being filed pursuant to Section 4901:1-6-29(C) as adopted in Case No. 12-922-TP-ORD.

O.A.C. 4901:1-6-29 requires the filing of a CIO application to conduct a transaction involving the merger of one or more telephone companies not providing BLES. Section 4901:1-6-29(C) O.A.C. allows for a zero day notice filing for merger of one or more telephone companies not providing BLES. Customer notice was provided to customers of FTN and Sunesys notifying them of the merger and the change in the name of their provider to CCF effective January 1, 2019.

The Staff has reviewed all documents filed with the application and has determined that the application has satisfied the requirements set forth in the rule. As such, Staff recommends that the application be approved with an effective date of October 26, 2018.

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