BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Crown)	Case No.19-0367-TP-ABN
Castle NG East LLC to Abandon its Certificate)	
of Public Convenience and Necessity		

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

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

On February 4, 2019, Crown Castle NG East LLC (Applicant) filed an application to abandon all telecommunications services and relinquish its certificate 90-6225 pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-6-26. The Applicant received certification as a competitive telecommunications service provider (CTS) in the state of Ohio on March 21, 2005 under case number 05-240-TP-ACE.

The Applicant offered RF Transport services to cellular providers using dedicated transport facilities. The Applicant's customers were consolidated into Crown Castle Fiber LLC (CCF) under Case Nos. 18-1610-TP-CIO and 18-1611-TP-CIO. In these applications, an internal restructuring merged three subsidiaries (Applicant, Fiber Technologies Networks, L.L.C. and Sunesys, LLC) into CCF with the subsidiaries ceasing to exist. Customer notices were sent October 24, 2018, to affected customers advising that, effective January 1, 2019, all contracts, rates, terms and conditions remained unchanged with services being rendered by CCF.

Absent full or partial suspension, abandonment applications will be approved in accordance with the thirty-day automatic approval process described in rule 4901:1-6-05 of the O.A.C. The Staff reviewed all documents filed with this application and has determined that the proposed application appears to satisfy the Commission's requirements set forth in 4901:1-6-26 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Staff recommends that this application be approved on March 6, 2019. Upon approval of the application, Staff will cancel Certificate No. 90-6225 and the associated TRF docket within ten business days.

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