

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE COLLECTION
AND SUBMISSION OF STUDY AREA
BOUNDARIES OF INCUMBENT LOCAL
EXCHANGE CARRIERS TO THE FEDERAL
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.

CASE NO. 13-710-TP-UNC

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on April 3, 2019

{¶ 1} Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-32 this Commission serves as the administrator of telephone exchange boundaries, boundary changes, and borderline boundaries. Specifically, Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-32 requires incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) to file an application seeking Commission approval whenever the company seeks to change the boundary of an exchange area. This rule further reflects that Commission-maintained telephone exchange boundary maps are the official source/documentation of ILEC service areas and boundaries.

{¶ 2} On November 6, 2012, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released a Report and Order in *Connect America Fund; High-Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 10-90, *et al.*, that, inter alia, established requirements for the collection of study area boundary data from ILECs or state entities on the ILECs' behalf. The FCC uses this study area boundary data for multiple purposes associated with awarding federal universal service funds back to the states, including for purposes of high cost funding and broadband. The initial study area boundary data was due in 2013 and is to be recertified every two years.

{¶ 3} On February 26, 2013, the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau released a subsequent *Order on Reconsideration* that adopted certain modifications and clarifications to the requirements for that data collection. As set forth in the orders, each ILEC must submit data on the boundary(ies) of the area(s) it serves in a state (study area boundary), unless a state commission voluntarily submits this data for the ILECs in its state.

{¶ 4} In Finding and Orders issued on July 2, 2013, May 20, 2015, and June 21, 2017, the Commission certified the study area boundary data to the FCC on behalf of those Ohio ILECs that chose not to file directly with the FCC.

{¶ 5} As the administrator of ILEC service areas and boundaries in Ohio, this Commission is willing to submit ILEC study area boundary information to the FCC as a benefit to the ILECs. In order to satisfy the FCC's May 28, 2019 deadline, all ILECs not filing with the FCC on their own are instructed to file, by no later than April 19, 2019, in this docket the attached affidavit. Concurrent with the docketing of the affidavit, the ILECs shall submit to Staff electronically, in a format acceptable to Staff, the following information: the ILEC's name, the ILEC's operating company number, the 11-character CLLI code for all of the ILEC's switches, and, for each exchange area, the exchange area name, the four-character CLLI code for the exchange area, a statement explaining whether the exchange was acquired as a sale or transfer subject to 47 CFR 54.305, and the study area code for the exchange area. In the alternative, an ILEC may submit to Staff, electronically, a letter certifying that none of the information identified above has changed since the ILEC's 2017 submission.

{¶ 6} Once the Commission has verified and reconciled the remaining information at the state level, we will issue, before May 28, 2019, an order certifying the remaining information on the ILECs' behalf to the FCC. Any ILEC that fails to docket the affidavit and submit the additional information to Staff electronically will be responsible, on its own, for complying with the FCC's study area boundary recertification directive.

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That the ILECs comply with Paragraphs 5 and 6. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That notice of this Entry be served upon the telephone list-serve. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon the Ohio Telecom Association and all incumbent local exchange carriers in Ohio.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/ Jeffrey R. Jones

By: Jeffrey R. Jones
Attorney Examiner

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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

State of _____)
) ss:
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County of _____)

AFFIDAVIT

Affiant, _____, having first been duly cautioned and sworn, affirms, declares and says the following:

1. I am the duly appointed agent/representative of _____ and am authorized to make this statement on the company's behalf.
2. I have personally reviewed and examined the November 26, 2012 *Report and Order* released by the Federal Communications Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 05-337 as well as the Bureau's subsequent February 26, 2013 *Order on Reconsideration*, and am aware of the requirements set forth in these documents for the collection of study area boundary data from incumbent local exchange carriers or state entities on their behalf.
3. _____ has chosen to have the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio file with and certify to the Federal Communications Commission on its behalf study area boundary data in accordance with the processes and procedures established by the Bureau.
4. I affirm that all study area boundary data, including the study area code for the exchange, relating to _____ has been filed and/or submitted pursuant to the Entry issued on April 3, 2019, in Case No. 13-710-TP-UNC and is, to the best of my belief and knowledge, correct and accurate.

Signature of Affiant

Sworn and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 2019.

Notary Public

My Commission expires _____

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry ordering incumbent local exchange carriers to comply with FCC requirement due by 5/28/19 electronically filed by Ms. Mary E Fischer on behalf of Jeffrey R. Jones, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio