BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Application of Matrix Telecom, LLC dba Matrix Business Technologies dba Trinsic Communications dba Lingo to modify its Ohio P.U.C. Tariff No. 8. Case No. 20-1799-TP-ATA

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

On December 15, 2020, Matrix Telecom, LLC dba Matrix Business Technologies dba Trinsic Communications dba Lingo (Applicant) filed an ATA seeking to revise its Local Service Tariff Ohio P.U.C. Tariff No. 8. The Applicant proposes to revise the tariff language pertaining to basic local exchange service (BLES) by incorporating the tariff language pertaining to the grandfathered BLES of Lingo Telecom of the Great Lakes (Lingo) into its own tariff as Section 9. Lingo provided grandfathered BLES to business and residential customers.

On July 16, 2020, the customers of Lingo were transferred to Matrix in Case No. 20-1210-TP-CIO as part of an internal reorganization. Then on December 8, 2020, Lingo filed Case No. 20-1769-TP-ABN to abandon its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, 90-9134. In this application, the grandfathered BLES service that was originally located in Lingo's P.U.C.O. Tariff No. 4 now resides in Matrix's Ohio P.U.C. Tariff No. 8.

Additionally, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-07, no customer notice was necessary for this application because this is the final step of the internal reorganization that took place in the previously mentioned cases.

Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-14(I)(2), an application to make a material change in the terms and conditions of an existing BLES by a local exchange carrier (LEC) must be filed as an ATA tariff amendment subject to the thirty-day automatic approval process. Staff reviewed all documents and exhibits filed with this application and finds them to be compliant with Commission rules. Thus, Staff has determined that the request to revise the Applicant's Ohio P.U.C.O Tariff No. 8 appears to satisfy the Commission's requirements set forth in Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-14. Therefore, Staff recommends that this application be approved on January 14, 2021, and made effective on January 15, 2021.

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