

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the matter of the Application of Windstream	)	Case No. 11-3235-TP-ATA
Ohio to Revise its Lifeline Recovery	)	
Surcharge and Report Associated Annual	)	
Expense and Revenue Data	)	
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**REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION**  
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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On June 16, 2016, as amended July 12, 2016, Windstream Ohio (Windstream) filed its annual true up calculations in support of their Lifeline Recovery Surcharge. 4901:1-6-19, O.A.C. allows an ILEC to recover through a customer billing surcharge on retail customers of the ILEC's telecommunications service other than lifeline service customers, any lifeline service discounts and any other lifeline service expenses that are not recovered through federal or state funding. ILECs that establish Lifeline Recovery Surcharges are required to annually file with the commission a report that identifies actual amounts recovered and the actual lifeline service discounts and any other lifeline service expenses incurred for the prior period. The company shall provide such data as necessary to enable the commission to validate such amounts to ensure that the company did not over recover its approved expenses from customers. With this filing Windstream seeks to reduce its current Lifeline Recovery Surcharge of \$.08 per month to \$.03 per month. In the prior year Windstream's Lifeline service discounts and service expenses were significantly reduced due to efforts to remove Lifeline benefits from households and individuals with duplicate Lifeline services. This reduction in discounts and expenses as well as a slight over recovery of the prior year's lifeline expenses has resulted in the decrease to \$.03 per month

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 and the current Lifeline Recovery Surcharge of \$.08 be reduced to \$.03 per month effective July 16, 2016.

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