

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of CenturyTel)	Case No.16-2127-TP-ATA
of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink to revise its tariff to)	90-5010-TP-TRF
comply with the FCC <i>Lifeline Modernization</i>)	
<i>Order</i> .)	

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

The Applicant filed this ATA seeking to revise its General Exchange Tariff. In this filing, the Applicant is proposing to amend its tariff to comply with the FCC's *2016 Lifeline Modernization Order*¹, which changed the qualifying assistance program and supported services for the Federal Lifeline Program. The *2016 Lifeline Modernization Order* also removed state-specific eligibility criteria for Lifeline support.

The Applicant's proposed tariff changes incorporated all of the changes mentioned above. The Staff reviewed all documents and exhibits filed on October 28, 2016; and in conclusion, the Staff review found that the application is reasonable. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Applicant's application for tariff amendment (ATA) be approved.

¹ *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order in Reconsideration 31 FCC Rcd. at 4123, para 444 (2016) (*2016 Lifeline Modernization Order or Order*).

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