BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of The)	Case No.16-2253-TP-ATA
Champaign Telephone Company to revise its)	90-5011-TP-TRF
tariff to comply with the FCC Lifeline)	
Modernization Order.)	

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 PUCO No. 6 tariff (telecommunications utility service). In this filing, the Applicant is proposing to amend its tariff to ensure compliance with the FCC's 2016 Lifeline Modernization Order¹, 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 revisions remove existing tariff language that is not necessary for compliance with the FCC's Order. Commission Staff has reviewed the documents and exhibits filed by the Applicant on November 28, 2016 and has 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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