

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Zayo	)	
Group, LLC, Northeastern ITS, LLC and	)	
Spread Holdings, LLC to transfer Indirect	)	Case No. 17-2471-TP-CIO
Control of Northeastern ITS, LLC to Zayo	)	
Group, LLC	)	

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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 December 8, 2017, Zayo Group, LLC (Zayo), Northeastern ITS, LLC NITS, and Spread Holdings, LLC (Spread) filed an application seeking Commission approval to transfer indirect control of NITS to Zayo. NITS is a wholly owned subsidiary of Spread and is authorized to provide competitive telecommunications services in Ohio. According to the Agreement and Plan of Merger Zayo will acquire all of the outstanding equity interests in Spread. Following the merger, Spread will become a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Zayo. As NITS will continue to be a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Spread, control of NITS will be indirectly be transferred to Zayo. After the changes, applicants state that NITS will continue to offer the same services under the same rates, terms and conditions as currently offered. This application is being filed pursuant to Section 4901:1-6-29(C) as adopted in Case No. 12-922-TP-ORD.

O.A.C. 4901:1-6-29 requires the filing of a CIO application to conduct a transaction involving one or more telephone companies not providing BLES for any change in ownership which is transparent to customers. Section 4901:1-6-29(C) O.A.C. allows for a zero day notice filing for changes in ownership transparent to customers.

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 with an effective date of December 8, 2017.

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