

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

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| In the Matter of the Application of McClure |) | Case No.17-2560-TP-BLS |
| Telephone Company dba M2X |) | |
| Communications to Obtain BLES Pricing |) | |
| Flexibility |) | |

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

On December 29, 2017, McClure Telephone Company dba M2X Communications (Applicant) filed an application requesting to obtain pricing flexibility for its Basic Local Exchange Service (BLES) in its only exchange, McClure. In order for an ILEC to obtain BLES pricing flexibility: (1) the Commission must not have made a prior determination that the exchange area qualified for alternative regulation of BLES under Chapter 4901:1-4 OAC, as that chapter existed prior to September 13, 2010; (2) the ILEC must submit a BLS application; and (3) the Commission must determine that the application demonstrates that two or more alternative providers offer competing service to the BLES offered by the ILEC in the specified exchange area(s), regardless of technology and facilities used by the alternative provider, the alternative provider's location and the extent of the alternative provider's service area within the specified exchange area(s). To demonstrate the presence of alternative providers' coverage in the McClure exchange, the Applicant submitted publicly available information found on the alternative providers' websites that indicate sufficient coverage in the exchange. Verizon Wireless and AT&T Mobility were found to have coverage in the McClure Exchange.

The application is being filed pursuant to the Commission's 10-1010-TP-ORD Retail Rules, as codified in 4901:1-6-14 of the OAC. The Commission shall be deemed to have found that the BLES application meets the requirements, set forth above, unless the Commission, within thirty days after the filing of the application, issues an order finding that the requirements have not been met. If the Commission does not issue such an order, an ILEC will be granted BLES pricing flexibility, in the specified exchanges, on the thirty-first day after the ILEC filed the application.

The Staff reviewed all documents and exhibits filed with this application and has determined that the proposed application appears to satisfy the Commission's requirements set forth in 4901:1-6-14 of the OAC. Staff recommends that this application be approved on January 28, 2018.

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