

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Cox Ohio)	Case No.17-2479-TP-ATA
Telcom, LLC to modify its Local Exchange)	
Services Tariff P.U.C.O. Tariff No. 1.)	TRF No. 90-9361-TP-TRF
)	

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

On December 20, 2017, Cox Ohio Telcom, LLC (Applicant) filed an ATA seeking to revise its Local Exchange Service Tariff P.U.C.O. No. 1. The Applicant proposes to grandfather equal access provisions to third party long distance carriers for residential customers because it is no longer economically feasible as a business plan due to the continual decline in stand-alone long distance service. With approval of this application, new residential customers wanting to subscribe to stand-alone long distance service will receive the Applicant as the long distance provider. Existing residential customers subscribing to a third party carrier's stand-alone long distance service will see no change in the terms, conditions, or rates of their service. Currently, the Applicant has a total of 24,033 residential customers in Ohio with 89 of them subscribing to the stand-alone long distance service of a third party provider. In Ohio, ACN offers service in the ILEC territory of AT&T Ohio.

Therefore, pursuant to 4901:1-6-14(H)(2) O.A.C. of the Telephone Company Procedures and Standards, an application to make a material change in the terms and conditions of an existing BLES by a LEC must be filed as an ATA tariff amendment subject to the thirty-day automatic approval process. The Staff reviewed all documents and exhibits filed with this application and found them to be compliant with Commission rules. Thus, Staff has determined that the request to grandfather equal access provisions to third party carriers for stand-alone long distance service appears to satisfy the Commission's requirements set forth in 4901:1-6-14 of the Administrative Code. Staff recommends that this application be approved on January 19, 2018.

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