

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of The)
Commission’s Investigation of the)
Financial Impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs) Case No. 18-47-AU-COI
Act of 2017 on Regulated Ohio Utility)
Companies.)

**MOTION TO INTERVENE OF
THE OHIO CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION**

The Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association (“OCTA”), representing the interests of Ohio’s cable telecommunications industry, moves for intervention in the above-styled proceeding as a full party of record pursuant to Section 4903.221, Revised Code and Rule 4901-1-11, Ohio Administrative Code. The OCTA has participated in this proceeding via a filing on March 7, 2018, and now seeks to intervene. Supporting reasons are set forth in the accompanying Memorandum in Support.

WHEREFORE, the OCTA respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio grant this motion to intervene and make the OCTA a full party of record.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF
THE MOTION TO INTERVENE OF
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Section 4903.221, Revised Code, and Rule 4901-1-11, Ohio Administrative Code, establish the standard for intervention in the above-styled proceeding. Rule 4901-1-11, Ohio Administrative Code, states in part:

Upon timely motion, any person shall be permitted to intervene in a proceeding upon a showing that:

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(2) The person has a real and substantial interest in the proceeding, and the person is so situated that the disposition of the proceeding may, as a practical matter, impair or impede his or her ability to protect that interest, unless the person's interest is adequately represented by existing parties.

In addition to establishment of a direct interest, the factors that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") considers in implementing the above rule are the nature of the intervenor's interest, the extent that interest is represented by existing parties, the intervenor's potential contribution to a just and expeditious resolution of the issues involved, and whether intervention would result in an undue delay of the proceeding. *See*, Section 4903.221(B), Revised Code, upon which the above rule is authorized. A review of these factors in light of following facts supports granting the OCTA's intervention in this matter.

The Commission initiated this proceeding to consider the impacts of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 ("TCJA") on the Commission's jurisdictional rate-regulated utilities and to consider how to pass the benefits on to ratepayers. The TCJA affects pole attachment and conduit occupancy rates of Ohio's utility pole/conduit owners. The Commission's decision in this matter, therefore, could affect multiple utilities' pole attachment and conduit occupancy tariffs.

The OCTA represents the cable telecommunications industry in Ohio. The OCTA's

members pay the utilities' pole attachment and conduit occupancy rates, and will be directly and substantially affected by the outcome of this proceeding. Access to the poles, conduits and rights-of-way of Ohio's public utilities is a vitally important aspect of the OCTA's members' provision of their own services in Ohio. More specifically, pole and conduit access is essential for the OCTA's members to provide a variety of communications services, including video, voice, and Internet access services throughout Ohio. The OCTA and its members, therefore, have a direct and significant stake in ensuring that the benefits of the TCJA are recognized in those rates, and that those rates are just and reasonable.

The OCTA seeks to intervene in this case to protect the interests of its members. The OCTA's motion is timely filed. In addition, the OCTA has unique knowledge and perspective that will contribute to a just and expeditious resolution of the issues involved in this proceeding, particularly as to pole attachment and conduit occupancy tariffs which are established under a special formula and process, apart from other rates of the utility pole/conduit owners. The OCTA's intervention will not result in an undue delay of the proceeding. Finally, the OCTA's interests are not represented by any other party in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, for all of the foregoing reasons, the OCTA respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion to intervene and that the OCTA be made a full party of record.

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