

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application for Approval	)	
to Transfer of Indirect Control of Matrix	)	
Telecom, LLC from TNCI Impact LLC to	)	Case No. 18-1183-TP-ACO
Lingo Communications, 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 July 25, 2018, Matrix Telecom, LLC (Matrix), Lingo Communications, LLC (Lingo), Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes (Birch) and TNCI Impact LLC (TNCI) filed an application seeking approval of a purchase agreement that will result in indirect ownership of Matrix to be transferred to Lingo from TNCI. Under the terms of the Agreement, Lingo will acquire all issued and outstanding membership interests in Impact which is currently an indirect parent of Matrix. As a result, indirect ownership of Matrix will be transferred to Lingo as a result of the transaction. After the transaction, applicants state that Matrix 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(E) as adopted in Case No. 14-1554-TP-ORD.

O.A.C. 4901:1-6-29(E) requires the filing of an ACO application to conduct a transaction involving one or more telephone companies providing BLES for any change in ownership. Section 4901:1-6-29(E) O.A.C. allows for a 30 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 August 24, 2018.

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