BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Network)	Case No.19-0512-TP-ACN
Billing Systems, L.L.C. to change its name to)	
Fusion Connect, LLC.)	

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

On February 28, 2019, Network Billing Systems, L.L.C. (Applicant) filed an application to change its official name. The Applicant proposes to change its name to Fusion Connect, LLC under Certificate No. 90-9386. The Applicant was issued a CLEC certificate under Case No. 11-1160-TP-ACE.

This name change was effectuated by the merger of Fidelity Connect LLC, Fidelity Telecom LLC, and Network Billing Systems, L.L.C. that occurred in Case No. 18-289-TP-AMT. In this merger, Network Billing Systems, L.L.C. was the surviving entity.

The Applicant provided a customer notice via bill message to all its customers in Ohio. The Applicant states it will continue to offer its service in Ohio under the same rates, terms and conditions as before.

The application is being filed pursuant to the Commission's 14-1554-TP-ORD Retail Rules, as codified in 4901:1-6-29 of the Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.). Absent full or partial suspension, applications to change a name will be approved in accordance with the thirty-day automatic approval process described in rule 4901:1-6-05 of the O.A.C.

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 4901:1-6-29 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Staff recommends that this application be approved on March 30, 2019. Upon approval of the application, Staff will ensure that Certificate 90-9386 is modified to reflect the new name.

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