BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Application of Hudson Fiber Network Inc. to Provide Telecommunications Services Throughout the State of Ohio

Case No. 19-1743-TP-ACE 90-6433-TP-TRF

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

On September 5, 2019, Hudson Fiber Network Inc. (Hudson) filed an application seeking authority to provide telecommunications services throughout Ohio on a facilities-based and resale basis. Specifically, Hudson intends to provide point to point private line and ethernet services to wholesale carriers, government, health care, education, financial services and other enterprise customers. Hudson will provide services primarily using its own facilities and facilities leased from other carriers as well as providing service through resale arrangements. Hudson does not intend to offer telecommunications service to residential customers.

The Application is being filed pursuant to the Commission's 14-1554-TP-ORD Retail Rules, as codified in 4901:1-6-08 of the Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.). Absent full or partial suspension, certification applications 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 has reviewed all documents and exhibits filed with this application. The Applicant has demonstrated that it has the requisite technical, financial and managerial expertise to provide service in Ohio.

Staff has determined that the proposed application satisfies the Commission's requirements set forth in 4901:1-6-08 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Staff therefore recommends that this application be automatically approved on October 5, 2019.

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