BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Application of Common Point, LLC to Abandon its Certificate of Public) Convenience and Necessity

Case No. 20-0035-TP-ABN

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

On January 8, 2020 Common Point, LLC (Applicant) filed an application to abandon all telecommunications services and relinquish its certificate 90-9405 pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-6-26. The Applicant received certification as a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) in the state of Ohio on January 7, 2013 under case number 12-2751-TP-ACE. The Applicant offered wholesale services to other telecommunications carriers by interconnecting local traffic with interexchange and wireless traffic. Essentially, the Applicant was a tandem access or meet point provider transporting traffic for rural LECs in AT&T Ohio, Frontier North, and CenturyLink ILEC territories.

The Applicant is relinquishing its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) because it is closing its business and has transitioned all its customers in the state of Ohio as of January 1, 2017. Customer notices were sent via email to the affected customers prior to the transition.

Absent full or partial suspension, abandonment 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 reviewed all documents filed with this application and has determined that the proposed application appears to satisfy the Commission's requirements set forth in 4901:1-6-26 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Staff recommends that this application be approved on February 7, 2020. Upon approval of the application, Staff will cancel Certificate No. 90-9405 and the associated TRF docket within ten business days.

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