IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATIONS OF AT&T OHIO FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.

CASE NO. 20-616-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-617-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-618-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-619-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-620-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-621-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-622-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-623-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-624-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-625-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-626-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-627-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-628-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-629-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-630-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-631-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-632-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-633-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-634-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-635-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-636-TP-NAG

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATIONS OF UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY DBA CENTURYLINK FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CENTURYTEL OF OHIO, INC. DBA CENTURYLINK FOR AMENDMENT TO THE RESALE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CENTURYTEL OF OHIO, INC. DBA CENTURYLINK AND BULLSEYE TELECOM. INC. CASE NO. 20-535-TP-NAG CASE NO. 20-905-TP-NAG

CASE NO. 20-693-TP-NAG

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on May 20, 2020

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the applications in the above-captioned proceedings for interconnection agreement amendments.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} R.C. 4927.04 provides that the Commission has the authority to approve agreements under the "Telecommunications Act of 1996," 110 Stat. 56, 47 U.S.C. 252, as amended.

 $\{\P 3\}$ Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-7-07(D)(2) provides that all amendments to negotiated interconnection agreement amendments shall be approved pursuant to the 90-day process set forth in 47 U.S.C. 252(e)(4).

{¶ 4} On February 28, 2020, United Telephone Company of Ohio dba CenturyLink filed an application in Case No. 20-535-TP-NAG to amend the interconnection agreement with Super-Net, Inc.

{¶ 5} On April 20, 2020, United Telephone Company of Ohio dba CenturyLink filed an application in Case No. 20-905-TP-NAG for approval of amendment of the interconnection agreement with BullsEye Telecom, Inc. (BullsEye).

{¶ **6}** Applications were filed by AT&T Ohio on March 19, 2020, in the abovecaptioned proceedings for approval of interconnection agreement amendments.

{¶ 7} On April 2, 2020, CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. dba CenturyLink filed an application in Case No. 20-693-TP-NAG for an amendment to the resale agreement with BullsEye.

{¶ 8} On March 9, 2020, the governor signed Executive Order 2020-01D (Executive Order), declaring a state of emergency in Ohio to protect the well-being of Ohioans from the dangerous effects of COVID-19. As described in the Executive Order, state agencies are required to implement procedures consistent with recommendations from the Department

of Health to prevent or alleviate the public health threat associated with COVID-19. Additionally, all citizens are urged to heed the advice of the Department of Health regarding this public health emergency in order to protect their health and safety. The Executive Order was effective immediately and will remain in effect until the COVID-19 emergency no longer exists.

(¶ 9) On March 16, 2020, an attorney examiner issued an Entry in Case No. 20-591-AU-UNC, directing that any time period prescribed by order, statute, or rule for the Commission to act upon a pending application or other filing should be tolled during the state of emergency and also during the 14 days thereafter, including the 30-day automatic approval process for certification applications to operate as a telephone company in the state of Ohio, as well as the 90-day period for the Commission to take action to approve or deny a suspended application. Further, the attorney examiner indicated that, during the declared emergency, Staff would continue to investigate pending applications and the Commission would act on such applications on a case-by-case basis. *In re the Proper Procedures and Process for the Commission's Operations and Proceedings during the Declared State of Emergency and Related Matters*, Case No. 20-591-AU-UNC, Entry (Mar. 16, 2020) at ¶ 5.

{¶ 10} The applications filed in the above-captioned proceedings were, thus, subject to the March 16, 2020 Entry and suspended from automatic approval during the state of emergency.

{**¶ 11**} Upon further review, the Commission approves the applications to amend the interconnection agreements in the above captioned cases.

III. ORDER

 $\{\P \ 12\}$ It is, therefore,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That the applications filed in the above-captioned cases be approved. It is, further,

{¶ 14} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

COMMISSIONERS: *Approving:* Sam Randazzo, Chairman M. Beth Trombold Lawrence K. Friedeman Daniel R. Conway Dennis P. Deters

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