BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Application of Uniti Fiber, LLC and Everstream Solutions LLC to Transfer Certain Assets Case No. 20-1662-TP-CIO

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

On November 3, 2020, Uniti Fiber, LLC ("Uniti") and Everstream Solutions LLC ("Everstream") filed notice of an Asset Purchase Agreement entered between the parties in which Uniti sold certain customer contracts and the telecommunications equipment utilized to provision the services offered in the contracts to Everstream. Uniti was issued a Competitive Local Exchage Carrier (CLEC) certificate, 90-9408, under Case No. 13-571-TP-ACE on April 24, 2013 as Peg Bandwidth, LLC. Then under Case No. 17-851-TP-ACN a revised certificate was issued on May 4, 2017, as the new name Uniti Fiber, LLC. Everstream was issued a CLEC certificate, 90-9424, under Case No. 16-1659-TP-ACE on October 28, 2015.

No rates, terms or conditions will change as a result of the asset transfer and change in operations as the transaction is transparent to customers who are either enterprises or other carriers under contract. No customer will have interruption of service as the provisioning equipment is being sold as well and remaining in the same location alleviating the need for a cutover. Simply, the only change in the transaction is the owner of the customers and equipment.

Affected customers of the transaction will be advised prior to consummation that the operations transferred to Everstream but no customer notice pursuant to 4901:1-6-07 (F) Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) will be issued because it is unnecessary for this transaction since service will not be impacted. After the completion of the transaction, Uniti will realize operational efficiencies and additional capital to continue servicing its remaining customers.

This notice is being filed pursuant to the Commission's 19-173-TP-ORD Telephone Company Procedures and Standards, as codified in 4901:1-6-29 (C) (1) (a) of the O.A.C which states the procedures for notifying the Commission of certain changes in operation by telephone companies to file a CIO for any change in ownership which is transparent to customers as a zero-day notice which is approved on the day of filing in accordance with rule 4901:1-6-05 (B) of the O.A.C.

The Staff reviewed all documents and exhibits filed with this notice and has determined that the proposed notice appears to satisfy the Commission's requirements set forth in 4901:1-6-29 of the O.A.C. as filed on November 3, 2020.

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