BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of FiberNet of)	Case No. 21-0675-TP-CIO
Ohio, LLC dba Segra to Notify the)	
Commission of Changes in Control)	

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

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

On June 7, 2021, FiberNet of Ohio LLC dba Segra (FiberNet), MTN Infrastructure TopCo LP (MTN TopCo), and Cox Communications, Inc. (Cox) filed notice of a transaction of proposed changes in the indirect control of the wholly owned subsidiaries of MTN TopCo which includes FiberNet. In the transaction MTN TopCo will separate the residential and commercial service segments of the business that operate under the "Segra" brand. Cox will acquire indirect control of the Segra commercial segment only, which includes FiberNet, through a Merger Agreement, dated April 26, 2021, to purchase 100% stock from MTN TopCo's parent, MTN Intrastructure TopCo Blocker, Inc. (MTN Parent). Consummation of the transaction will result in MTN Parent becoming a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Cox who will then indirectly own and control the Segra commercial companies, including FiberNet.

FiberNet holds a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) certificate in Ohio, 90-9201, under Case No. 00-2326-TP-ACE. In Ohio, FiberNet operates under the Segra commercial brand only. Cox Communications, Inc. is the parent of Cox Ohio Telcom, LLC, who also holds a CLEC certificate in Ohio, 90-9361, under Case No. 08-766-TP-ACE but is not directly impacted by the transaction.

Pursuant to R.C. 4905.402(G) and Ohio Admin.Code 4901:1-6-29(E)(2), an internet link to the applicants' FCC application was included in the notice. The FCC application was filed May 18, 2021, in WC Docket 21-224. On June 4, 2021, the FCC released a public notice indicating it had accepted the application and will consider it on a streamlined basis.

No certificate changes, assets, rates, terms or conditions will change as a result of the transactions as the changes are transparent to the customers occurring at the holding company level and do not affect the services provisioned by FiberNet.

The notice is being filed pursuant to the Commission's 19-173-TP-ORD Telephone Company Procedures and Standards, as codified in Ohio Admin.Code 4901:1-6-29(C)(1)(a), which states the procedures of notifying the Commission of changes in operation by telephone companies which are transparent to customers must file a zero-day notice which is approved on the day of filing in accordance with Ohio Admin.Code 4901:1-6-05(B).

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 Ohio Admin.Code 4901:1-6-29, as filed on June 7, 2021.

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