

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Euro)	Case No. 21-0693-TP-ABN
Connect Inc. to Abandon Certificate of Public)	
Convenience and Necessity)	
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**REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

On June 14, 2021, Euro Connect Inc. (“Applicant”) filed an application to abandon its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN). The Applicant is requesting to cancel its CPCN to provide interexchange services throughout the state of Ohio. The Applicant is an Interexchange Carrier (IXC) who offered speed dial service to residential customers. In 2019, the Applicant states it lost all retail customers due to competition, thus, went out of business nationally the same year.

Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-07, a customer notice is required. Due to the Applicant losing all customers in 2019, no customer notice was sent.

The Applicant was issued CPCN, 90-6344, as an IXC under Case No. 05-1314-TP-ACE on December 1, 2005.

Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-36 and 4901:1-6-37, all telephone companies are required to file annual reports and TRS reports, if required by the FCC, for the Commission to calculate the appropriate assessment fees. The Applicant filed its 2021 annual and TRS reports on April 27, 2021. Staff discovered the 2020 assessment invoice remained unpaid. Staff requested Fiscal generate the 2021 invoice to ensure payment prior to abandonment. Both invoices were paid on July 13, 2021.

This application is being filed pursuant to the Commission’s 19-173-TP-ORD Telephone Company Procedures and Standards, as codified in Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-26, which states a telephone company seeking to abandon entirely telecommunications service in this state, including its tariff and CPCN, shall not abandon the service(s) it provides under a certificate without filing an abandonment application (ABN) to abandon service and to cancel its certificate of operation. Absent full or partial suspension, an application in which the company is

abandoning operations are approved in accordance with the thirty-day automatic approval process set forth in Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-05.

Staff reviewed all documents and exhibits filed with this application and has determined that the proposed application appears to satisfy the Commission's requirements set forth in Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-26. Staff recommends that application be approved on July 14, 2021. Staff will cancel the Applicant's certificate, 90-6344, and make the necessary changes in Salesforce for reporting purposes after the application is approved. Staff will ensure the Applicant's TRF docket is closed within ten days of approval also.

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