

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Teleport	)	Case No. 21-1203-TP-ATA
Communications America LLC to modify its	)	
Local Exchange Services Tariff P.U.C.O.	)	
Tariff No. 2	)	

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

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On December 1, 2021, Teleport Communications America LLC (Applicant) filed an ATA seeking to revise its Local Exchange Service Tariff P.U.C.O. No. 2. The Applicant proposes to revise its tariff language to change the terms and conditions of its business basic local exchange service (BLES), known as PrimePath, by grandfathering the service to existing customers and eventually discontinuing the service. Specifically, the Applicant added language indicating that as of 12/31/21, it will no longer accept new, add, or change orders to the PrimePath service. In addition, the Applicant will not renew service agreements and, upon an agreement's expiration, the service will be provided on a month-to-month basis until it is discontinued. The Applicant provisions the PrimePath service in the AT&T Ohio and Cincinnati Bell Telephone territories.

Additionally, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-07, customer notices were sent via direct mail on November 15, 2021, advising of other equivalent business service options and instructions advising customers how to file comments with the FCC about the discontinuance.

All telephone companies requesting to discontinue certain telecommunications services must file an application for Section 214 Discontinuance with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214. The FCC releases a public notice inviting comments and, depending on the comments submitted, the application is automatically approved on the 25th day after the release of the public notice. The Applicant submitted its application to the FCC on November 17, 2021. The FCC Section 214 Discontinuance Public Notice inviting comments was released on December 8, 2021, with an automatic approval date of January 2, 2022 in *WC Docket 21-452, Comments Invited on Section 214 Application to Grandfather Domestic Legacy Voice and/or Low Speed Data Services*. To date no comments have been filed.

Link to the Applicant's Section 214 Discontinuance application and the FCC Section 214 Discontinuance Public Notice: [https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/filings?proceedings\\_name=21-452&sort=date\\_disseminated,DESC](https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/filings?proceedings_name=21-452&sort=date_disseminated,DESC)

Therefore, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-14(H)(2), an application to make a material change in the terms and conditions of an existing basic local exchange service (BLES) by a local exchange carrier (LEC) must be filed as an ATA tariff amendment subject to the thirty-day automatic approval process. Staff reviewed all documents and exhibits filed with this application and finds them to be compliant with Commission rules. Thus, Staff has determined that the request to revise the Applicant's PUCO Tariff No.2 appears to satisfy the Commission's requirements set forth in Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-14. Staff recommends that this application be approved on December 31, 2021 and made effective on January 1, 2022.

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