

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Onvoy, )  
LLC to Revise Its Intrastate Switched )  
Access Tariff to Comply with the Federal )  
Communications Commission 8YY Access )      Case No. 22-0651-TP-ATA  
Charge Reform )  
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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 October 9, 2020, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released its Report and Order (Report and Order) in WC Docket No. 18-156, *In re 8YY Access Charge Reform*.<sup>1</sup> In its Report and Order, the FCC capped all originating toll-free end office; tandem switching and transport; and database query charges of the date of the Report and Order. With respect to originating toll-free end office charges, the FCC established a phased down approach to bill and keep over a three-year period. As part of the first phase, effective July 1, 2021, all local exchange carriers were required to bring any intrastate originating toll-free end office access rates that exceed the comparable interstate rates into parity with the comparable interstate rates, unless the carrier’s intrastate rates are already below its interstate rates. Regarding originating toll-free tandem switching and transport charges, the FCC adopted a joint tandem switched transport access service charge for toll-free traffic with a uniform nationwide rate cap of \$0.001 per minute. Relative to toll-free database query charges, the FCC reduced the cap

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<sup>1</sup> FCC 20-143.

to \$0.0002 per query in three steps ending July 1, 2023. As part of the first phase, effective July 1, 2021, the toll-free database query rates were capped at the national average query rate of \$0.004248, unless the carrier toll-free database query rate is already below the national average. Additionally, the FCC ended double dipping by prohibiting carriers from charging for more than one toll-free database query per call.

In the second phase, effective July 1, 2022, all local exchange carriers (LEC) were required to reduce its originating 8YY end office charges to half of its capped rates established in phase one. Also, as a part of the second phase, all LECs were required to transition its database query rates to halfway to the final target rate of \$0.0002.

On May 17, 2022, the FCC issued a Public Notice clarifying that while incumbent LECs (ILEC) had to file its effective tariffs by July 1, 2022, competitive LECs (CLEC) that benchmark its rates to an ILEC were required to file its effective tariff revisions reducing its benchmarked rates by July 18, 2022.

On June 1, 2022, the Legal Department of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, issued an entry in case 10-2387-TP-COI, *In the Matter of the Commission's Investigation into Intrastate Carrier Access Reform Pursuant to Sub. S. B. 162 (8YY Access Reform Entry)*, directing all CLECs to file an appropriate application on or before June 17, 2022, reflecting the required toll-free access service rate revisions as described above or as codified in 47 C.F.R. 51.911.

Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-7-14(B), any change in a local exchange carriers' intrastate switched access tariffs shall be filed as an application for tariff amendment (ATA) and shall be subject to the thirty-day approval procedure set forth in Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-05.

In its application, Onvoy, LLC (Applicant) amended its intrastate switched access tariff to comply with the requirements set forth 47 C.F.R 51.911, as applicable; and provided all the documentation as described on the most up-to-date Telecommunications Filing Form.

Staff reviewed all documents and exhibits filed on June 28, 2022. From the review, staff finds that the application reflects the required toll-free access service rate revisions as codified in 47 C.F.R. 51.911. However, since the applicant did file its application by June 17, 2022, as directed in the 8YY Access Reform Entry, this application is subject to

the 30-day approval procedure set forth in Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-05. Therefore, staff recommends that the Applicant's ATA be automatically approved on July 28 with an effective date of July 29, 2022.

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