### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Application of Peerless Network of Ohio for Approval of Access Tariff Revisions

Case No. 22-0684-TP-ATA

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

On July 7, 2022, Peerless Network of Ohio (Peerless) filed an application seeking to revise its intrastate access carrier to carrier tariff in order to comply with the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) October 9, 2020, Report and Order (Report and Order) in WC Docket No. 18-156, In re 8YY Access Charge Reform.

In its Report and Order, the FCC capped all Competitive Local Exchange Carrier's (CLECs) originating toll-free database query charges at the rate in effect on December 28, 2020. The Report and Order further required CLECs to revise their tariff as necessary to ensure that their intrastate Toll Free Database Query Charges do not exceed the rate charged by the competing Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC).

In this application, Peerless has modified its intrastate switched access tariff to effectuate the reduction in intrastate Toll Free Database Query Charges and 8YY Originating Access in accordance with the Report and Order by reducing their 8YY database query rate to the ILEC equivalent.

This application is being filed pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-7-14 as adopted in Case No. 16-2066-TP-ORD. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-7-14 requires the filing of an ATA application to amend existing carrier to carrier tariffs. Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-7-14(B), the application is deemed approved 30 days after filing unless suspended or subjected to hearing. The staff has reviewed all documents filed with the application and has determined that the application has satisfied the requirement set forth in the Report and Order. As such, Staff recommends the application be automatically approved on August 6, 2022, with an effective date of August 7, 2022.

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