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PUCO RESPONSE MEMORANDUM

To: Mark Hamlin
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From: Angela Hawkins
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Legal Department

Date: May 24, 2017

Re: PUCO Response – Local Exchange Carriers (Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-7)

In Case No. 16-2066-TP-ORD, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) is reviewing its rules in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-7. These rules, which are authorized by R.C. 4901.13 and 4927.03, concern the interrelationships between telephone carriers in providing telephone service to end use customers. Prior to issuing the proposed rules, the PUCO held a workshop on November 29, 2016, to enable interested stakeholders to offer proposals for Staff's consideration. Several stakeholders attended the workshop but none offered any comments at that time.

Following a formal comment period, during which three parties filed comments and three parties filed reply comments, the PUCO issued a Finding and Order on April 19, 2017, adopting the proposed rules. On May 24, 2017, CSI replied to the PUCO, stating that CSI had no recommendations, and concluding that the PUCO should proceed with formal filing of the rules package with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). In light of CSI's conclusion, the PUCO will proceed and file these rules with JCARR.

cc: Jeff Jones, Chief, Telecommunications, Water, and Power Siting Sections, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio