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PUCO RESPONSE MEMORANDUM

To: Emily Kaylor
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From: Angela Hawkins
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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Legal Department

Date: February 28, 2018

Re: PUCO Response – Telephone Company Procedures and Standards (Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-6)

In Case No. 14-1554-TP-ORD, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) is conducting its five-year review of rules in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-6 as well as new rules to implement House Bill 64 of the 131st Ohio General Assembly. These rules, which are authorized by R.C. 4901.13 and 4927.03, set forth procedures and standards regarding the provision of retail telecommunications services. Prior to issuing the proposed rules for written comment, the PUCO held workshops on October 6, 2014 and August 26, 2015, to enable interested stakeholders to offer proposals for Staff's consideration. Several stakeholders attended the workshops and all comments offered at the workshops were considered prior to issuing the rules for formal written comment.

Following the two formal comment periods, during which six parties filed comments and/or reply comments, the PUCO issued a Finding and Order on November 30, 2016, adopting the proposed rules. On February 26, 2018, 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