

PUCO RESPONSE MEMORANDUM

To: Michael Bender
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Ohio Lieutenant Governor's Common Sense Initiative Office

From: Jeffrey Jones
Legal Director
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Date: February 7, 2023

Re: PUCO Response for: Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-6 (Retail Telecommunication Services).

In Case No. 22-829-TP-ORD, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) reviewed Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-6 to comply with R.C. 121.951(A)(1) which requires state agencies to reduce their total number of regulatory restrictions. The rules in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-6 establish the procedures and standards for the provision of retail telecommunication services in the Ohio.

By Entry issued October 19, 2022, the PUCO established a formal comment period to receive stakeholder feedback regarding the PUCO's proposed regulatory restriction reductions. modifications. Comments were filed by the Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association (OCTA) and the Ohio Telecom Association (OTA). Thereafter, the PUCO issued a Finding and Order on December 14, 2022, adopting a number of suggested revisions offered by OCTA and OTA proposed changes to the rules as set forth in the order. On December 29, 2022, the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Office 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: Joseph Baker, Director, Common Sense Initiative Office
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