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**APPLICATION OF ASHTON §
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**COMMISSION STAFF'S SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION
ON SUFFICIENCY OF THE APPLICATION**

COMES NOW the Commission Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this response to Order No. 2, Staff's Supplemental Recommendation on Sufficiency of the Application. Staff recommends that the application be deemed sufficient for further review. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On June 27, 2019, Ashton Communications Corporation (ACC) filed an application to amend service provider certificate of operating authority (SPCOA) No. 60461, pursuant to Public Utility Regulatory Act, Tex. Util. Code Ann. §§ 54.001-.008, §§ 54.151-.159 (PURA) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 26.111(i), to reflect a change in ownership and control.

On July 12, 2019, Staff filed its insufficiency recommendation of the application. On July 15, 2019, Order No. 2 was issued, finding the application insufficient and establishing an opportunity to cure the deficiencies by August 12, 2019. ACC supplemented its application on July 18, 2019.

Furthermore, Order No. 2 required Commission Staff to file its supplemental recommendation on the sufficiency of the application by August 26, 2019. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF APPLICATION AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

After reviewing the application and supplemental information filed in this docket, Staff recommends that the application be deemed sufficient for further review. This recommendation does not address the merits of the application.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, Staff respectfully recommends that the application be deemed sufficient for further review.

Dated: August 23, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on August 23, 2019, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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