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RE: Docket No: 25-00093 – Notification of the Proposed Transfer of Control of Loretto Telephone Company, Inc. and Loretto Communication Services, Inc.

The agency received a letter on December 10, 2025, that was assigned to TPUC Docket 25-00093. The letter describes a transaction that results in the indirect transfer of control of Loretto Telephone Company, Inc. (“Loretto Telephone”) and Loretto Communication Services, Inc. (“Loretto Communications”). Loretto Telephone is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SkyBest Communications, Inc. (“SkyBest”), and Loretto Communications is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Loretto Telephone. UCH owns United Telephone Company (“UTC”), a rural ILEC, and UTC Long Distance, LLC (UTC Long Distance), a provider of resold interstate and intrastate long-distance services to customers in Tennessee. The result of the transaction is that control of Loretto Telephone and Loretto Communications will transfer from SkyBest to UCH.

Loretto Telephone elected to market regulation via a letter filed on December 29, 2014, which was assigned to TPUC Docket Number 14-00167. Loretto Communications elected market regulation via a letter filed on January 31, 2018, which was assigned to TPUC Docket Number 18-00015. T.C.A. § 65-5-109(n) outlines the regulatory requirements applicable to companies that opt for market regulation. The transfer of control, as described, is governed by T.C.A. § 65-4-113, which is not a regulatory requirement applicable to companies that have elected market regulation. As such, the transaction described in the correspondence dated December 10, 2025, does not require approval. As no action is required by the agency, please close the above-referenced docket.