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INTERIM CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

IN RE: DOCKET NO. 44127: Application of CenturyTel Broadband Services, LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Resell and Provide Facilities-Based Competitive Local Exchange Services.

Certificate No. L-7861

Approved: February 17, 2022

Effective: February 17, 2022

BY THE COMMISSION:

I. BACKGROUND

On October 15, 2021, CenturyTel Broadband Services, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "the Applicant") filed with the Georgia Public Service Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") an application for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Competitive Local Exchange Services pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-5-163(b). In Administrative Session on February 17, 2022, the Commission voted to waive a public hearing on this matter.

The statutory authority governing certificates of authority of the type the Applicant is seeking is found at O.C.G.A. § 46-5-163. This code section provides that a telecommunications company, including a telecommunications services reseller, shall not provide telecommunications services without a certificate of authority issued by the Commission. A certificate may not be issued without adequate proof that the applicant possesses satisfactory financial and technical capability. A showing of public convenience and necessity is not a condition for issuing a competing certificate of authority.

In support of its application, the Applicant presented evidence through exhibits and

additional materials routinely requested by the Commission Staff. After carefully analyzing all evidence of the record in this case, the Commission makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

**II.
FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. TECHNICAL CAPABILITY.

The Applicant intends to offer local exchange telecommunications services to business and residential customers in Georgia. Applicant has demonstrated adequate technical capabilities to implement its business plan through evidence regarding its management team, technical understanding and customer service plans.

2. FINANCIAL CAPABILITY.

The Applicant has demonstrated that it possesses sufficient and adequate financial capability to provide the local exchange telecommunications services for which it is seeking a Certificate of Authority.

**III.
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Commission Staff certifies the record in this docket to the Commission and issues this recommendation pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 46-2-58(d) and 50-13-17(a). Based upon the evidence, the Commission Staff finds that the Applicant has shown that it possesses satisfactory financial and technical capability pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-5-163(h) in order to be granted an interim certificate, consistent with the Commission's guidelines in Docket No. 5778-U for the issuance of interim certificates of authority for the provision of local exchange telecommunication service.

Having reviewed the record and considered this case, the Commission finds and concludes that it should adopt the Commission Staff's recommendation as its decision in this docket.

WHEREFORE, it is

ORDERED, that the above numbered certificate is granted to CenturyTel Broadband Services, LLC, whose principal business address is 100 CenturyLink Dr Monroe, LA 71203, to resell and provide facilities-based competitive local exchange telecommunication services.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Applicant is hereby granted authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

d/b/a AT&T Georgia exchanges set forth below:

Acworth	Cumming	Leesburg	Savannah
Adairsville	Cusseta	Lithonia	Senoia
Albany	Dallas	Loganville	Smithville
Alpharetta	Douglasville	Louisville	Smyrna
Americus	Dublin	Lula	Social Circle
Appling	Duluth	Lumber City	Sparks
Arlington	Eastman	Lumpkin	Sparta
Athens	Eatonton	Luthersville	Stockbridge
Atlanta	Elberton	Lyons	Stone Mountain
Augusta	Fairburn	Macon	Swainsboro
Austell	Fayetteville	Madison	Sylvester
Baconton	Flowery Branch	Marietta	Tallapoosa
Bainbridge	Forsyth	McCaysville	Temple
Barnesville	Fort Valley	McDonough	Tennega
Baxley	Franklin	Millen	Thomasville
Blackshear	Gainesville	Monticello	Thomson
Bogart-Statham	Gay	Newnan	Tifton
Bowdon	Gibson	Newton	Tucker
Bremen	Grantville	Norcross	Tybee Island
Brunswick	Greensboro	Palmetto	Valdosta
Buchanan	Greenville	Panola	Vidalia
Buford	Griffin	Pelham	Villa Rica
Calhoun	Hamilton	Pine Mountain	Wadley
Camilla	Hampton	Pooler	Warner Robins
Carrollton	Harlem	Powder Springs	Warrenton
Cartersville	Hazelhurst	Richland	Watkinsville
Cave Spring	Hephzibah	Rockmart	Waycross
Cedartown	Hogansville	Rome	Waynesboro
Chamblee	Jackson	Roopville	Woodbury
Claxton	Jekyll Island	Rossville	Woodstock
Clermont	Jesup	Roswell	Wrens
Cochran	Johnson Corner	Royston	Wrightsville
Colquitt	Jonesboro	Rutledge	Zebulon
Columbus	Kingston	St. Simons	
Concord	LaGrange	Island	
Conyers	Lake Park	Sandersville-	
Cordele	Lawrenceville	Tennille	
Covington	Leary	Sardis	

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Applicant is hereby granted authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the Windstream exchanges set forth below:

Abbeville
Adel
Alamo
Alapaha
Ashburn
Barwick
Batesville
Berlin
Big Canoe
Blairsville
Blakely
Bluffton
Boston
Braselton
Broxton
Buena Vista
Byromville
Byron
Cairo
Calvary-Reno
Carlton
Carnesville
Canton
Cedar Springs
Centerville
Chatsworth
Clarkesville
Clayton
Cleveland
Cohutta
Colbert
Collins
Comer
Commerce
Coolidge
Cornelia

Crawford-
Lexington
Cuthbert
Dalton
Danville
Dahlonega
Danielsville
Dawson
Dawsonville
Demorest
Doerun
Donalsonville
Douglas
Eastanollee
Edison
Ellaville
Enigma
Fargo
Fitzgerald
Folkston
Ft. Gaines
Funston
Glenville
Gray
Haddock
Hahira
Helen
Hiawassee
Homer
Homerville
Ideal
Ila
Iron City
Irwinville
Jacksonville
Jakin
Jasper

Jefferson
Jeffersonville
Kensington
Layfayette
Lakeland
Lake Sinclair
Lavonia
Ludowici
Lyerly
McRae
Manchester
Marshallville
Maxeys
Maysville
Meigs
Menlo
Milan
Milledgeville
Monroe
Montezuma
Montrose
Morgan
Morven
Moultrie
Mt. City Dillard
Mt. Vernon
Nashville
Nicholson
Noble
Norman Park
Northside
Ochlocknee
Ocilla
Odum
Parrott
Pavo
Pendergrass

Perry
Pineview
Pitts
Preston
Quitman
Ray City
Rebecca
Reidsville
Reynoldsville
Rincon
Rochelle
Rhine
Sasser
Shellman
Springfield
Screven
Summerville
Suches
St. George
Sylvania
Toccoa
Thomaston
Trion
Tunnel Hill
Unadilla
Union Point
Uvalda
Villanow
Warm Springs
Whigham
White Plains
Winder
Winterville
Woodland
Yatesville
Young Harris

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Applicant is hereby granted authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the Tier II exchanges set forth below:

**Accucom:
(Windstream)**

Gordon
Irwinton
Toombsboro

Alma:

Alma
Nicholls
Patterson

**Blue Ridge
(TDS):**

Blue Ridge
Dial
Lakewood

Brantley:

Hoboken
Hortense
Nahunta
Waynesville

Bulloch:

Anderson
Brooklet
Clito
Nevils
Portal
Stilson

Camden (TDS):

St. Marys

Chickamauga:

Chickamauga
High Point

Citizens:

Lake Blackshear

Leslie
Plains
Vienna

Coastal:

Hinesville
Keller
Midway
Richmond Hill

ComSouth:

Hawkinsville

Darien:

Darien
Eulonia
Sapelo Island

Ellijay: Ellijay

**Frontier
Communications of**

Fairmount:

Fairmount
Ranger

**Frontier
Communications of**

Georgia:

Register
Statesboro

Glenwood:

Glenwood

Hart:

Hartwell

Interstate:

West Point

**Nelson-Ball
Ground (TDS):**

Big Canoe
Marble Hill
Nelson

Pembroke:

Ellabell
Pembroke

Pineland:

Adrian
Bartow
Cobbtown
Davisboro
Kite
Lexsy
Metter
Midville
Oak Park
Twin City

Plant:

Lenox
Omega
Pearson
Pinehurst
Soperton
Warwick
Willacoochee

Planters:

Dover
Guyton
Hiltonia
Newington
South Guyton

Progressive:

Cadwell
Cedar Grove
Chester
Dexter
Dudley
Rentz

Public Service:

Butler
Culloden
Geneva
Lizella
Reynolds
Roberta
Talbotton

Quincy (TDS):

Attapulugus

GT Com:

Chattahoochee

Trenton:

Rising Fawn
Trenton
West Brow

Ringgold:

Ringgold

Waverly Hall:

Waverly Hall

Wilkes:

Crawfordville
Lincolnton
Metasville
Rayle
Tignall
Washington

ORDERED FURTHER, that as a condition precedent to the Applicant offering local service that requires interconnection in any of the requested exchanges, the Applicant must enter into an interconnection agreement with each affected incumbent local exchange company and obtain the formal approval of the Georgia Public Service Commission after said agreement is filed with the agency.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Applicant must comply with O.C.G.A. § 25-9-1 et seq. regarding the practices and procedures that shall be employed when a telecommunications provider or its designee is excavating in the state of Georgia.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Applicant shall be responsible for ensuring its employees, agents or designees comply fully with all applicable laws, rules and orders of the Commission relating to safe excavation procedures, including, but not limited to O.C.G.A. § 25-9-1 et seq., the Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act. Violations of such laws, rules, or orders of the Commission by the Applicant's employees, agents or designees may result in revocation, suspension or other limitation on the Applicant's certificate of authority and may result in fines assessed on Applicant pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-2-91.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Applicant must comply with the Commission's Order or Orders issued in Docket No. 11400-U, Prevention of Damage To Underground Facilities, and applicable law pertaining to Common Ground best practices for excavation damage prevention when excavating in an area in which underground facilities may be located.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Applicant's tariff is hereby approved.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Applicant shall contribute to the Universal Access Fund as prescribed in Docket No. 5825-U.

ORDERED FURTHER, that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-5-168(b)(2) the certificate granted herein shall be subject to revocation if the Applicant fails to notify the Commission of any change in its contact address on file with the Commission, fails to comply with Commission requirements or Orders, or violates any applicable law or Commission Rule.

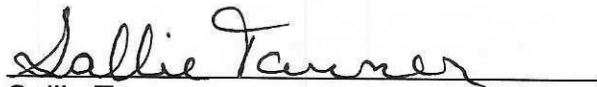
ORDERED FURTHER, that if the Applicant desires to do business in Georgia under any name which does not appear on this certificate, Applicant shall submit an application for amendment to its certification stating the name under which it plans to conduct business.

ORDERED FURTHER, that all statements of fact, law and regulatory policy contained within the preceding sections of this Order be adopted as findings and conclusions of law and conclusions of regulatory policy of the Commission.

ORDERED FURTHER, that jurisdiction over this matter is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order or Orders as this Commission may deem just and proper.

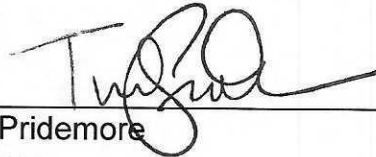
ORDERED FURTHER, that any motion for reconsideration or rehearing in this case shall not have the effect of staying this Order of Commission, except insofar as the Commission may otherwise provide.

BY ORDER OF THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, this 17th day of February 2022.



Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

DATE: 2-17-22



Tricia Pridemore
Chairman

DATE: 2-17-22