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AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INCUMBENT LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

IN RE: **DOCKET NO 15479:** Letter of ComSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Hargray for a Name Change on Its Certificate of Authority to Provide Incumbent Local Exchange Services to ComSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a Hargray.

Certificate No. IL-009

Approved: December 3, 2002

Amended: February 7, 2023

BY THE COMMISSION:

I. BACKGROUND

On June 6, 2002, upon the recommendation of the Commission Staff, the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") established the above docket to replace the existing certificates of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers ("ILECs") with Certificates of Authority with an ILEC designation ("IL-000"). The purpose of this action was to improve administrative efficiency, not to alter the authority of any ILEC. Any Certificates of Authority issued to ILECs for Competitive Local Exchange Carrier authority would remain unchanged.

The Commission's statutory authority governing certificates of authority for telecommunications companies is found at O.C.G.A. § 46-5-163. Subsection (a) of 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. Subsection (b) provides that prior to certification an applicant must demonstrate to the Commission that it possesses

satisfactory financial and technical capability. Subsection (b) also provides that any certificate existing on July 1, 1995 shall remain effective and shall be considered a certificate of authority. A showing of public convenience and necessity is not a condition for issuing a competing certificate of authority. O.C.G.A. § 46-5-163(c).

On January 6, 2023, ComSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Hargray filed with the Commission a letter to amend its certificate of authority to transact business in Georgia under the assumed ComSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a Hargray.

WHEREFORE, it is

ORDERED, that the above numbered certificate to provide facilities-based incumbent local exchange telecommunications services is hereby amended to reflect the name change from ComSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Hargray to ComSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a Hargray, whose principal business address is 870-C Williams Hilton Parkway, Hilton Head Island, SC 29938 .

ORDERED FURTHER, that all ordering paragraphs as contained in the certificate order approved December 3, 2002, that are not modified by this Order, as well as all amendments and supplements filed in this docket remain in full force and effect.

ORDERED FURTHER, that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-5-168(b)(2) the certificate granted herein shall be subject to revocation if ComSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a Hargray 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 ComSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a Hargray desires to do business in Georgia under any name which does not appear on this certificate, ComSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a Hargray shall submit an application for amendment to its certification stating the name under which it plans to conduct business.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Commission reserves the right to issue further orders in this proceeding addressing issues or problems not otherwise addressed or which the Commission deems proper to address.

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 the Commission, except insofar as the Commission may otherwise provide.

BY ORDER OF THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, this 7th day of February 2023.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

DATE: 2-13-23

Tricia Pridemore
Chairman

DATE: 2-13-23