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Docket No. 32235

In Re: **Generic Proceeding to Implement House Bill 168**

ORDER SELECTING CONTRIBUTORS TO UNDERGO AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

I. Background

On June 8, 2023, the Georgia Public Service Commission issued its Request for Proposals to Conduct Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagements on One or More Contributors to the Universal Access Fund ("RFP"). Only one bidder, Hurlbert CPA, LLC, responded to the RFP with a bid of $2500 per engagement. The Commission approved the bid and $25,000 in funding for the agreed-upon procedures engagements in Administrative Session on June 20, 2023.

II. Staff Recommendation

The funding approved by the Commission is sufficient for 10 contributors to undergo the agreed-upon procedures.

For eight of the 10 engagements, Staff recommended that the Commission select the top eight contributors by dollars contributed, excluding affiliated companies. In the event a company has more than one contributing company in the top eight, the affiliate with the larger contribution should be selected. Staff further recommended that the agreed-upon procedures performed on these eight contributors should evaluate contributions remitted for calendar year 2022.

Under the Staff's recommendation, the following contributors, in alphabetical order, would undergo agreed-upon procedures:

1. Asset Black, LLC
2. BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Georgia
3. Comcast Phone of Georgia, LLC d/b/a Comcast Digital Phone
4. Granite Telecommunications, L.L.C.
5. Level 3 Communications, LLC
6. Pay Tel Communications, Inc.
7. Securus Technologies, LLC
8. Windstream Georgia Communications L.L.C.

For the other two engagements, Staff recommended that the Commission select EnTelegent Solutions, Inc. and MCI Communications Services, LLC d/b/a Verizon Business Services. Staff recommended selection of these contributors because both companies have requested a credit from the UAF for contributions remitted for calendar year 2021. Accordingly, Staff recommended that the agreed-upon procedures performed on these contributors should evaluate contributions remitted for calendar year 2021.

III. Commission Decision

The Commission adopts the Staff's recommendation for the reasons stated therein.

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WHEREFORE, it is

ORDERED, that Asset Black, LLC, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Georgia, Comcast Phone of Georgia, LLC d/b/a Comcast Digital Phone, Granite Telecommunications, L.L.C., Level 3 Communications, LLC, Pay Tel Communications, Inc., Securus Technologies, LLC, and Windstream Georgia Communications L.L.C. are selected to undergo agreed-upon procedures for contributions remitted for calendar year 2022.

ORDERED FURTHER, that EnTelegent Solutions, Inc. and MCI Communications Services, LLC d/b/a Verizon Business Services are selected to undergo agreed-upon procedures for contributions remitted for calendar year 2021.

ORDERED FURTHER, that a motion for reconsideration, rehearing, oral argument, or any other motion shall not stay the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

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

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on the 6th day of July 2023.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

7-10-23
DATE

Tricia Pridemore
Chairman

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