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Georgia Public Services Commission
Telecommunications Department
244 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30334-5701

Re: Amendment to ADAD Permit #7903
Citizens for Free Enterprise

Dear Mr. Bowles:

Citizens for Free Enterprise (CFFE), a federally registered political committee, submitted an application to utilize automatic dialing and announcing device (ADAD) equipment in Georgia pursuant to Georgia Public Service Commission Rule 515-12.1-.32 on June 9, 2023. On June 29, 2023, the Georgia Public Services Commission granted CFFE's request, issuing the entity Permit Number 7903. CFFE now wishes to amend the activity authorized under Permit 7903 to include the following:

1. Additional Phone Numbers: (470) 291-1881
   (470) 468-2408
   (470) 450-1551
   (470) 828-2293
   (470) 285-8830

2. Additional Script:

   Hello, this is [name] with Citizens for Free Enterprise. We are a local non-partisan organization assisting Georgians with updating their voter registration. We're following up on our text message to make sure you know that, according to state records, your voter registration may not be up to date. This could be due to a recent address or name change. Please visit MVP dot SOS dot GA dot GOV to verify your registration status. If you care about the direction of our state and country, please verify your registration status today. The address again is MVP dot SOS dot GA dot GOV.

   Thank you! This call was paid for by Citizens for Free Enterprise and not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee. www.citizensforfreeenterprise.com. [phone number].

Per your office's guidance, these changes are included in the relevant sections of the attached application document. Should you have any questions at all or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Christine Fort

Christine Fort
Counsel to Citizens for Free Enterprise

Enclosures:
Citizens for Free Enterprise Original ADAD Application
Citizens for Free Enterprise ADAD Application Acceptance and Permit
Citizens for Free Enterprise Amended ADAD Application

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO USE AUTOMATIC DIALING AND ANNOUNCING DEVICE (ADAD)

Please file the completed application electronically at https://psc.ga.gov/alternative-efile/.

Please also mail one (1) hard copy of the application and any attachments to:

Ms. Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30334-5701

Questions regarding filing procedures should be directed to Sallie Tanner at (404) 463-7747 or stanner@psc.ga.gov.

Questions regarding the application should be directed to Erica Wilson at (404) 651-9402 or ewilson@psc.ga.gov.

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO USE AUTOMATIC DIALING AND ANNOUNCING DEVICE (ADAD)

I. APPLICANT

NAME OF COMPANY	Citizens for Free Enterprise				
ADDRESS 1					
ADDRESS 2					
CITY		STATE		ZIP CODE	
TELEPHONE		FAX			

EMPLOYEE DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE AND RESPOND TO COMMISSION REQUESTS:					
NAME		TITLE			
ADDRESS 1					
ADDRESS 2					
CITY		STATE		ZIP CODE	
TELEPHONE		FAX			
EMAIL ADDRESS					

NOTE: FAILURE TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSION, IN WRITING, WHEN THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE CONTACT PERSON OR ADDRESS(ES) LISTED IN THIS APPLICATION WILL RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF THE APPLICATION OR SUBSEQUENT PERMIT.

II. AUTOMATIC DIALING AND ANNOUNCING DEVICE

LOCATION OF ADAD EQUIPMENT:					
ADDRESS 1					
ADDRESS 2					
CITY		STATE		ZIP CODE	
TELEPHONE		FAX			

NAME OF LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER THAT PROVIDES TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR ADAD(S):	
LIST ALL TELEPHONE NUMBERS FROM WHICH OUTBOUND ADAD CALLS WILL BE MADE:	(470) 403-4736, (470) 291-1881, (470) 468-2408, (470) 450-1551, (470) 828-2293, (470) 285-8830
NUMBER OF ADADS TO BE USED BY APPLICANT:	

LIST ALL ADAD EQUIPMENT TO BE USED BY APPLICANT (MANUFACTURERS, MODELS, ETC.)

EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE(S) FOR WHICH ADAD(S) WILL BE USED:

PROVIDE THE MESSAGE(S) THAT WILL BE DELIVERED TO CALLED PARTIES USING ADAD(S):

Variation 1:

Hello, this is [caller's name] with Citizens for Free Enterprise, our phone number is [phone number]. I wanted to let you know that state records indicate you may not be registered to vote. We'd like to urge you to verify your registration status to ensure your voice counts.

If you are like me then you are deeply concerned about the direction of our country. Government leaders are more worried about being politically correct than they are about keeping our economy strong and helping the working people of this country succeed. Last year's U.S. Senate race was decided by less than 1%. If you're like me then you're concerned about the direction of our country which is why we need good people to register to vote. You can verify your status by visiting www.sos.ga.gov.

Again, this is [caller's name] with Citizens for Free Enterprise, you can reach us at (470) 403-4736. This call was paid for by Citizens for Free Enterprise and not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee. www.citizensforfreeenterprise.com.

Variation 2:

Hello, this is ____ with Citizens for Free Enterprise. We are a local non-partisan organization assisting Georgians with updating their voter registration. We're following up on our text message to make sure you know that, according to state records, your voter registration may not be up to date. This could be due to a recent address or name change. Please visit MVP dot SOS dot GA dot GOV to verify your registration status. If you care about the direction of our state and country, please verify your registration status today. The address again is MVP dot SOS dot GA dot GOV.

Thank you! This call was paid for by Citizens for Free Enterprise and not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee.

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EXPLAIN HOW THE DATABASE OF PHONE NUMBERS TO BE DIALED BY THE ADAD(S) WAS OBTAINED AND TO WHAT GROUP(S) THE ADAD MESSAGES WILL BE DIRECTED:

HAS THE APPLICANT REGISTERED WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION TO ACCESS THE NATIONAL DO NOT CALL REGISTRY?	YES		NO	

PLEASE READ COMMISSION RULE 515-12-1-.32: AUTOMATIC DIALING AND ANNOUNCING DEVICE EQUIPMENT (ATTACHED). DOES THE APPLICANT AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS RULE?	YES		NO	

PLEASE INDICATE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE APPLICANT PLANS TO OBTAIN PRIOR EXPRESS CONSENT FROM THE INDIVIDUALS BEING CALLED IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH PARAGRAPHS (5), (6), AND (7) OF COMMISSION RULE 515-12-1-.32:

III. AFFIDAVIT

OFFICER OR ATTORNEY/ AGENT:					
NAME					
TITLE					
ADDRESS 1					
ADDRESS 2					
CITY	Atlanta	STATE		ZIP CODE	

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED ABOVE (HEREINAFTER, "APPLICANT") PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE THE UNDERSIGNED, AN OFFICER DULY AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS. THE APPLICANT, AFTER FIRST BEING DULY SWORN, DEPOSES AND CERTIFIES THAT HE OR SHE HAS READ THE APPLICATION AND KNOWS THE CONTENTS THEREOF, AND THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF HIS OR HER KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

APPLICANT FURTHER AGREES TO ABIDE BY ALL APPLICABLE LAWS UNDER THE STATE OF GEORGIA, AS CODIFIED IN THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED; ALL APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; AND ALL FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN PERTINENT COMMISSION ORDERS.

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, APPLICANT DECLARES THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THE FOREGOING APPLICATION, INCLUDING ACCOMPANYING STATEMENTS AND ATTACHMENTS ARE TRUE, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION IN, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, MY APPLICATION MAY BE CAUSE FOR DENIAL OR LOSS OF CERTIFICATE.

_____
SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT

_____
DATE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO ME THIS

_____ DAY OF _____, 20 _____.

(SEAL)

_____
NOTARY PUBLIC

GPSC Rule 515-12-1-.32

Automatic Dialing and Announcing Device Equipment

(1) As used in Utility Rule 515-12-1-.32, the phrase "ADAD equipment" shall mean any device or system of devices that is used, whether alone or in conjunction with other equipment, for the purpose of automatically selecting or dialing telephone numbers and disseminating pre-recorded messages to the numbers so selected or dialed.

(2) Any person desiring to use ADAD equipment in this state shall make application for a permit to the Georgia Public Service Commission on forms prescribed by the Commission and shall pay the administrative fee assessed by that agency for such permit. Permits shall be renewed biennially as prescribed by the Commission and upon payment of a renewal fee. Permits shall be subject to suspension or revocation for any violation of Commission Rules or O.C.G.A. §§ 46-5-27 and 46-5-23.

(3) Upon receipt of an application for an ADAD equipment permit, the Commission may, in its discretion, conduct a hearing on the application. In the event that a hearing is scheduled by the Commission, notice thereof shall be given to the applicant at least ten days in advance of the date assigned for the proceeding. After considering the application, the Commission may approve it as filed, approve it with conditions or deny it in its entirety. Upon approval of the application, a permit shall be issued in the form identified as "Permit to Use Automatic Dialing and Announcement Devices."

(4) Persons using ADAD equipment for the purpose of advertising or offering for sale, lease, rental, or as a gift any goods, services, or property, either real or personal, primarily for personal, family, or household use or for the purpose of conducting polls or soliciting information must do so under the following conditions:

(a) Consent shall be received prior to the initiation of the calls as specified in paragraphs (5), (6), and (7).

(b) No calls will be placed between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

(c) Equipment used to place such calls shall be equipped with an automatic clock and calendar device which will operate, even in the event of power failure, to prevent unattended operation in violation of the time limitations set forth herein.

(d) No numbers will be called in either sequential or random fashion. Sequentially placed calls refer to those calls automatically dialed by successively increasing or decreasing integers, or similar methods. Randomly placed calls refer to those calls automatically dialed to a telephone number where no prior relationship exists between the calling and the called party.

(e) The telephone number given to the called party to contact must be one which during normal business hours must be promptly answered in person by a person who is an agent of the person on whose behalf the calls are made and who is willing and able to provide information on the call.

(f) The equipment shall be programmed or utilized in such a manner as to automatically disconnect a called party's line not later than ten seconds after the called party fails to give consent for playing a recorded message or hangs up.

(g) Within 25 seconds after the called party answers and at the conclusion of the call, the name and telephone number of the individual or firm making or paying for the call, including but not limited to the name of the individual or firm on whose behalf the call is made, must be clearly stated.

(h) No calls will be placed to persons or firms whose telephone numbers have been omitted from directories published by local exchange companies serving these customers at the request of such persons or firms.

(i) No calls will be placed to organizations providing emergency services including, but not limited to, hospitals, nursing homes, fire departments, and law enforcement agencies.

(5) Any person wishing to receive telephone calls through the use of ADAD equipment shall give his or her written permission to the person using, employing or directing another person to use, or contracting for the use of such ADAD equipment.

(6) This consent will be valid for two years from the date on which it is executed unless sooner withdrawn. A record of such written consent must be maintained by the person to whom consent is given, and made available to the Commission or its authorized representative during normal business hours and following reasonable notice. This consent shall be withdrawn fifteen days following receipt of the letter of withdrawal.

(7) A person may give consent to a call made with ADAD equipment when a live operator introduces the call and states an intent to play a recorded message. This consent applies only to one particular call and shall not constitute prior consent to receive further calls through the use of such ADAD equipment.

(8) Persons authorized to operate or use Automatic Dialing and Announcing Device equipment are not subject to the restrictions set forth in subparts (4)(b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of Utility Rule 515-12-1-.32 in instances in which:

(a) Calls are made with ADAD equipment by a nonprofit organization, or by an individual or entity, using such calls other than for commercial profit-making

purposes, and the calls do not involve the advertisement or offering for sale, lease, or rental of goods, services, or property;

(b) Calls made with ADAD equipment relate to payment for, service of, or warranty coverage of previously ordered or purchased goods or services; or

(c) Calls made with ADAD equipment relate to collection of lawful debts.

(9) Any person who operates or uses Automatic Dialing and Announcing Devices in violation of the provisions set forth in Utility Rule 515-12-1-.32 will be subject to disconnection of telephone service if the violation does not cease within 10 days from the date of notification to that person.

(10) No person authorized to operate or use Automatic Dialing and Announcing Device equipment shall do so in a manner that violates the requirements of the state or federal "Do Not Call" rules and laws.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 515-12-1-.32
Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 46-5-23, 46-5-27.
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Re: ADAD Renewal

Dear Mr. Belk:

On June 9, 2023 the Applicants filed with the Georgia Public Service Commission (the "Commission") the above referenced application. Based on the representation contained in the application and the Georgia Public Service Commission Rule 515-12-1-.32, relating to the use of ADAD equipment, permit number 7903 for Citizens for Free Enterprise has been approved. The application has been placed in the company's file.

Sincerely,

Leon Bowles

Leon E. Bowles
Director of Telecommunications

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GPSC file: 7903