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BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

GUFPA CASE NO. PSC 23-24923, 23-24923, 23-24928, 23-24929

DOCKET NO. 44957 **CASE CLOSED**

Southern Fiber Connect, L.L.C.,
Respondent

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6.5.2024
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FINAL ORDER

The Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") issues this Order to accept the Consent Agreement agreed to by Southern Fiber Connect, L.L.C., ("Respondent"), on April 1, 2024. A copy of the Consent Agreement is attached hereto as Attachment A.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

1.

All Findings and Conclusions contained within the attached Consent Agreement are incorporated herein by reference.

2.

The Commission has reviewed the terms of the Consent Agreement and finds that it is a reasonable and appropriate resolution of the allegations against Respondent.

ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, that all findings of fact and conclusions of law contained within the preceding sections of this Order and/or as incorporated therein by reference, are hereby adopted as the findings and conclusions of this Commission;

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Commission hereby accepts and adopts the Consent Agreement attached as "Attachment 'A'" and executed by Southern Fiber Connect, L.L.C. on

April 1, 2024. Nothing in this order shall resolve or prejudge any complaint or complaints against any other person involved in the matters from which this action arises;

ORDERED FURTHER, that Respondent shall abide by the terms of the Consent Agreement.

ORDERED FURTHER, that Respondent shall pay to the Commission, ***in certified funds***, a civil penalty of $15,000.00 within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. Respondent may mitigate $12,000.00 of the above assessed civil penalty by attending Commission approved training, and shall pay remaining civil penalty of $3,000.00, ***in certified funds***, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. Proof that such training has been accomplished shall be furnished to the Commission within forty-five (45) days from the date of this Order.

ORDERED FURTHER, that failure to comply with the terms of this Order or the Consent Agreement could subject Respondent to further penalties under O.C.G.A. § 46-2-91.

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; and

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.

The above action of the Commission in Administrative Session on May 21, 2024.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

6-3-24
Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

6-3-24
Date

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RESPONDENTS	)	(PSC Case No. 23-24923,
	)	23-24923, 23-24928, 23-24929)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this Commission Order was filed with the Commission's Executive Secretary and a copy of same was served upon all parties and persons listed below via hand delivery as indicated by an asterisk, or by depositing same in the United States mail.

*Sallie Tanner, Executive Secretary
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Southern Fiber Connect, L.L.C.
Attn: Brandon Snyder
4007 Hemingway Drive
Monroe, GA 30656

Southern Fiber Connect, L.L.C.,
registered agent c/o
3340 Turkey Mountain Trail
Monroe, GA 30655

Respectfully Submitted this 5th day of June, 2024:

Maritza Rivera, Admin. Assistant
Facilities Protection Unit
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington St. Ste. 112
Atlanta, GA 30334

3.

Respondent(s) agree to pay to the Commission a penalty of $10,000.00 within thirty (30) days after the date of an Order issued by the Commission approving of this Consent Agreement. Payment must be forwarded to:

Georgia Public Service Commission
Facilities Protection Unit
244 Washington Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5701

All payment of penalties must be remitted in certified funds: money order, cashier's check, or official check.

Personal/Company checks will not be accepted.

4.

If Respondent(s) choose training in lieu of paying $8,000.00 of the penalty described above, Respondent(s) agree to promptly complete a training program acceptable to the Commission, ***minimum of one (1) employee required to attend training***. **The respondent will be responsible for completing the training class and submitting the remaining $2,000.00 penalty in certified funds or cashier's check to the Georgia Public Service Commission.**

5.

Respondent(s) understands that all payments will be processed upon receipt. However, this does not release the Respondent of the terms of this agreement.

6.

Respondent(s) understands that failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement could subject each to additional penalties.

7.

This Consent Agreement shall not become effective until and unless approved by the Commission. Respondent(s) enter into this Consent Agreement without admission of fault or liability.

8.

The undersigned authorized representative of the Respondent(s) acknowledges that he/she has read this Consent Agreement and understands its contents. The undersigned representative acknowledges that the undersigned party freely, knowingly and voluntarily enters into this agreement. The undersigned representative hereby consents to the resolution of this proceeding as provided herein.

This May day of 8th, 2024

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Consented to:
(Sign, date, and mail, email, or fax)

On behalf of: Carlos Landscaping Services, LLC

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4.

If Respondent(s) choose training in lieu of paying $12,000.00 of the penalty described above, Respondent(s) agree to promptly complete a training program acceptable to the Commission, ***minimum of five (5) employees required to attend training***. **The respondent will be responsible for completing the training class and submitting the remaining $3,000.00 penalty in certified funds or cashier's check to the Georgia Public Service Commission.**

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This 1 day of April, 2024

Consented to:
(Sign, date, and mail, email, or fax)

On behalf of: Southern Fiber Connect, L.L.C.

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IMPORTANT - Please Read

Outstanding cashier's checks are subject to state or territorial unclaimed property laws.

If the cashier's check is lost, stolen, or destroyed, you may request a stop payment and reissuance. A stop payment and reissuance can only be completed within a branch location. As a condition of stop payment and reissuance, Wells Fargo Bank will require an indemnity agreement. In addition, for cashier's checks over $1,000.00, the waiting period before the stop payment and reissuance of an outstanding cashier's check may be processed is 90 days (30 days in the state of Wisconsin and 91 days in the state of New York). The waiting period can be avoided with the purchase of an acceptable surety bond. This can be purchased through Wells Fargo's approved insurance carrier or through an insurance carrier of the customer's choice. The cost of a surety bond varies depending on the amount of the bond and the insurer used. Surety bonds are subject to the insurance carrier's underwriting requirements before issuance. If the surety bond is not provided, the waiting period applies.

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CASHIER'S CHECK

SERIAL #: 6699402546

Remitter: KAYLA RIBBLETT
Purchaser: KAYLA RIBBLETT
Purchaser Account: xxxxxx3747
Operator I.D.: u609880
Funding Source: Paper Item(s)

ACCOUNT#: 4861-513299

April 25, 2024

PAY TO THE ORDER OF ***GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION***

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**Three Thousand and 00/100 -US Dollars **

$3,000.00

Payee Address:
Memo: CASE# PSC 23-24923,23-24928 AND 23-24929

VOID IF OVER US $ 3,000.00

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
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April 25, 2024

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