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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (CLEC)

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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I. APPLICANT

NAME OF COMPANY	Lumos Fiber of Georgia, LLC				
ADDRESS 1	4100 Mendenhall Oaks Pkwy, Suite 300				
ADDRESS 2					
CITY	High Point	STATE	NC	ZIP CODE	27265
TELEPHONE	855-465-8667	FAX			

EMPLOYEE DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE AND RESPOND TO COMMISSION REQUESTS:					
NAME	Tim Pressley	TITLE	Manager, External Affairs		
ADDRESS 1	4100 Mendenhall Oaks Pkwy, Suite 300				
ADDRESS 2					
CITY	High Point	STATE	NC	ZIP CODE	27265
TELEPHONE	336-821-8650	FAX			
EMAIL ADDRESS	tim.pressley@lumosfiber.com				

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 CANCELATION OF THE APPLICATION OR SUBSEQUENT CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY.

II. ATTORNEY OR AGENT

IF APPLICANT IS NOT A GEORGIA CORPORATION, GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF AN ATTORNEY OR AGENT IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED IN ANY SUIT AGAINST APPLICANT.

ATTORNEY NAME	N/A				
NAME OF FIRM					
ADDRESS 1					
ADDRESS 2					
CITY		STATE		ZIP CODE	
TELEPHONE		FAX			
EMAIL ADDRESS					

III. ORGANIZATION

STATE AND DATE OF INCORPORATION:			
STATE	GA	DATE	5-09-2024

LIST THE NAMES, TITLES, AND ADDRESSES (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) OF ALL OFFICERS OR PARTNERS:			
NAME	Brian Stading	ADDRESS	
TITLE	Chief Executive Officer		
NAME	Shane Ward	ADDRESS	
TITLE	Chief Financial Officer		
NAME	David Smith	ADDRESS	
TITLE	Chief Network Officer		
NAME	AJ Brown	ADDRESS	
TITLE	Chief Legal Officer		
NAME	Tony DeGregorio	ADDRESS	
TITLE	Chief Information Officer		
NAME	Nora Mitchell	ADDRESS	
TITLE	Senior Vice President, Corporate Controller		
NAME	Scott Roy	ADDRESS	
TITLE	Chief Human Resources Officer		

ATTACH A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS ISSUED BY THE GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE. PLACE EXHIBIT NAME IN BOX TO RIGHT (e.g., "EXHIBIT A").	Exhibit A

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IF APPLICANT IS A SUBSIDIARY, PARENT, OR AFFILIATE OF ANY OTHER COMPANY, REGARDLESS OF TYPE OR INDUSTRY, ATTACH A CHART SHOWING THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE APPLICANT TO ALL AFFILIATED COMPANIES. PLACE EXHIBIT NAME IN BOX TO RIGHT (e.g., "EXHIBIT A"). IF NO AFFILIATED COMPANIES, SO STATE.	Exhibit B

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IV. EXISTING AUTHORITY

DOES THE APPLICANT OR ANY AFFILATED COMPANY HAVE EXISTING CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORITY ISSUED BY THE GPSC? (PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX.)	YES		NO	x
IF YES, PLEASE LIST THE NAME OF EACH COMPANY AND THE CERTIFICATE NUMBER(S):				

DOES THE APPLICANT OR ANY AFFILIATED COMPANY HAVE EXISTING AUTHORITY GRANTED BY ANY STATE OR FEDERAL ENTITY? (PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX.)	YES	x	NO	
IF YES, PLEASE LIST THE NAME OF EACH COMPANY AND THE STATE OR FEDERAL ENTITY THAT GRANTED SUCH AUTHORITY:				

North State Telephone, LLC:	North Carolina Utilities Commission
North State Communications Advanced Services, LLC:	North Carolina Utilities Commission
Lumos Fiber of South Carolina, LLC:	South Carolina Public Service Commission
Lumos Telephone LLC:	Virginia State Corporation Commission
Lumos Telephone of Botetourt LLC:	Virginia State Corporation Commission
Lumos Fiber of Ohio, LLC:	Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Lumos Fiber of Kentucky, LLC:	Kentucky Public Service Commission

HAS THE APPLICANT OR ANY AFFILIATED COMPANY HAD ANY PREVIOUS AUTHORITY REVOKED BY ANY STATE OR FEDERAL ENTITY? (PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX.)	YES		NO	x
IF YES, PLEASE LIST THE NAME OF EACH COMPANY AND THE STATE OR FEDERAL THAT REVOKED SUCH AUTHORITY:				
ATTACH A COPY OF ALL ORDERS REVOKING AUTHORITY. PLACE EXHIBIT NAME IN BOX TO RIGHT (e.g., "EXHIBIT A").				

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V. COMPLIANCE WITH COMMISSION RULES AND ORDERS

COMMISSION RULE 515-12-1-.34 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR WINBACK ACTIVITIES REQUIRES CLECS TO ANNUALLY FILE BY MARCH 31 OF EACH YEAR CUSTOMER SERVICE CONTACT INFORMATION AND COMPANY CONTACT ESCALATION.				
DOES THE APPLICANT AGREE TO COMPLY WITH COMMISSION RULE 515.12-1.34? (PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX.)	YES	x	NO	

COMMISSION RULE 515-12-1-.37 FAMILY VIOLENCE SHELTER CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIRES CLECS TO SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT UPON CERTIFICATION AND ON JANUARY 31 OF EACH ODD-NUMBERED YEAR THEREAFTER AN AFFIDAVIT ATTESTING THAT THE CARRIER WILL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE RULE.				
DOES THE APPLICANT AGREE TO COMPLY WITH COMMISSION RULE 515.12-1.37? (PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX.)	YES	x	NO	
DOWNLOAD CURRENT FAMILY VIOLENCE SHELTER CONFIDENTIALITY PROTECTION AFFIDAVIT FROM THE GPSC WEBSITE. ATTACH EXECUTED AND NOTARIZED AFFIDAVIT TO THE APPLICATION. PLACE EXHIBIT NAME IN BOX TO RIGHT (e.g., EXHIBIT A).	Exhibit C			

COMMISSION RULE 515-12-1-.38 TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE REQUIRES CLECS TO REMIT CONTRIBUTIONS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE FUND.				
DOES THE APPLICANT AGREE TO COMPLY WITH COMMISSION RULE 515.12-1.38? (PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX.)	YES	x	NO	

COMMISSION RULE 515-12-1-.39 UNIVERSAL ACCESS FUND REQUIRES CLECS TO REMIT CONTRIBUTIONS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS TO THE UNIVERSAL ACCESS FUND.				
DOES THE APPLICANT AGREE TO COMPLY WITH COMMISSION RULE 515.12-1.39? (PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX.)	YES	x	NO	

DOES THE APPLICANT AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ALL OTHER APPLICABLE COMMISSION RULES AND ORDERS? (PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX.)	YES	x	NO	

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VI. COMPETIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

WHAT CUSTOMER CLASS(ES) DOES THE APPLICANT PROPOSE TO SERVE? (PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOXES.)	BUSINESS	x
	RESIDENTIAL	
	OTHER (LIST BELOW)	

SELECT THE METHOD(S) BY WHICH SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED. (PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOXES.)	RESALE	
	FACILITIES-BASED	x

IF FACILITIES-BASED, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.		
WILL THE FACILITIES BE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED OR ACQUIRED THROUGH LEASE OR PURCHASE? (PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOXES.)	NEW CONSTRUCTION	x
	ACQUISITION	

IF NEW CONSTRUCTION, PLEASE DESCRIBE THE LOCATION AND TYPE OF FACILITIES THAT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED.

Applicant does not have plans for specific routes and facility locations in Georgia at this time. Applicant proposes to build a fiber-based network to support enterprise customers in Georgia. Applicant will provide point-to-point telecommunications services such as private line and similar services to enterprise customers. Applicant proposes to provide most of its services using fiber optic cable along with other equipment and facilities to originate, terminate, and amplify signals. Applicant will use existing network infrastructure, including fiber optic lines, poles, conduit, ducts and other access methods, where appropriate to provide its services.

IF AQUISITION, PLEASE DESCRIBE THE LOCATION AND TYPE OF FACILITIES THAT WILL BE ACQUIRED.

Applicant has no current plans to acquire facilities from another carrier.

PROVIDE A BREAKDOWN OF ANTICIPATED COSTS OF FACILITIES.

Because Applicant does not have specific plans for routes and facilities in Georgia at this time, it cannot provide a breakdown of such costs at this time. The costs to deploy facilities will depend on construction required to meet a particular customer's needs.

TARIFFS FOR LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSION. DOES THE COMPANY WISH TO MAINTAIN A LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES TARIFF WITH THE COMMISSION? (PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX.)	YES		NO	x

IF YES, PLEASE ATTACH A LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES TARIFF. PLACE EXHIBIT NAME IN BOX TO RIGHT (e.g., "EXHIBIT A").	
IF NO, PLEASE PROVIDE THE WEB ADDRESS WHERE THE APPLICANT'S GEORGIA TARIFFS OR PRICE GUIDES MAY BE FOUND.	https://www.lumosfiber.com /regulatory/tariffs/

PURSUANT TO O.C.GA. § 46-5-166(E), PROVIDERS OF ACCESS SERVICES MUST FILE ACCESS SERVICES TARIFFS WITH THE COMMISSION. DOES THE APPLICANT INTEND TO PROVIDE ACCESS SERVICES? (PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX.)	YES		NO	x
IF YES, PLEASE ATTACH AN ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF. PLACE EXHIBIT NAME IN BOX TO RIGHT (e.g., "EXHIBIT A").				

VII. TECHNICAL CAPABILITY

ATTACH RESUMES AND/OR PROFILES OF THE APPLICANT'S MANAGEMENT TEAM. DESCRIBE EACH TEAM MEMBER'S TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS, INCLUDING ANY RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING. PLACE EXHIBIT NAME IN BOX TO RIGHT (e.g., "EXHIBIT A").	Exhibit D

VIII. FINANCIAL CAPABILITY

PROVIDE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MOST RECENT FISCAL YEAR. IF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE UNAVAILABLE, PROVIDE UNAUDITED INCOME STATEMENT, BALANCE SHEET, AND STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR MOST RECENT FISCAL YEAR. PLACE EXHIBIT NAME IN BOX TO RIGHT (e.g., "EXHIBIT A").	Trade Secret Exhibit E

IS APPLICANT PRESENTLY INVOLVED IN ANY LITIGATION? (PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX.)	YES		NO	x
IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE EACH CASE IN DETAIL (PARTIES, SUBJECT MATTER, JURISDICTION, CASE NUMBER, ETC.):				

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IX. AFFIDAVIT

OFFICER OR ATTORNEY/ AGENT:					
NAME	Alison J. Brown				
TITLE	Chief Legal Officer				
ADDRESS 1	4100 Mendenhall Oaks Parkway				
ADDRESS 2	Suite 300				
CITY	High Point	STATE	NC	ZIP CODE	27265

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.

Alison J. Brown

SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT

July 16, 2024

DATE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO ME THIS

16th DAY OF July, 20 24.

Breanna Elaine Grandstaff

NOTARY PUBLIC

(SEAL)

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EXHIBIT A
Articles of Organization

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STATE OF GEORGIA

Secretary of State

Corporations Division
313 West Tower
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-1530

CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION

I, **Brad Raffensperger**, the Secretary of State and the Corporation Commissioner of the State of Georgia, hereby certify under the seal of my office that

Lumos Fiber of Georgia, LLC
a **Domestic Limited Liability Company**

has been duly organized under the laws of the State of Georgia on **05/09/2024** by the filing of articles of organization in the Office of the Secretary of State and by the paying of fees as provided by Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia on **05/16/2024**.

Brad Raffensperger
Secretary of State

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

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BUSINESS INFORMATION

CONTROL NUMBER	24098398
BUSINESS NAME	Lumos Fiber of Georgia, LLC
BUSINESS TYPE	Domestic Limited Liability Company
EFFECTIVE DATE	05/09/2024

PRINCIPAL OFFICE ADDRESS

ADDRESS	4100 Mendenhall Oaks Parkway, Suite 300, High Point, NC, 27265, USA

REGISTERED AGENT

NAME	ADDRESS	COUNTY
Corporation Service Company	2 Sun Court, Suite 400, Peachtree Corners, GA, 30092, USA	Gwinnett

ORGANIZER(S)

NAME	TITLE	ADDRESS
Lindsey Reedy Dobson	ORGANIZER	4100 Mendenhall Oaks Parkway, Suite 300, High Point, NC, 27265, USA

OPTIONAL PROVISIONS

N/A

AUTHORIZER INFORMATION

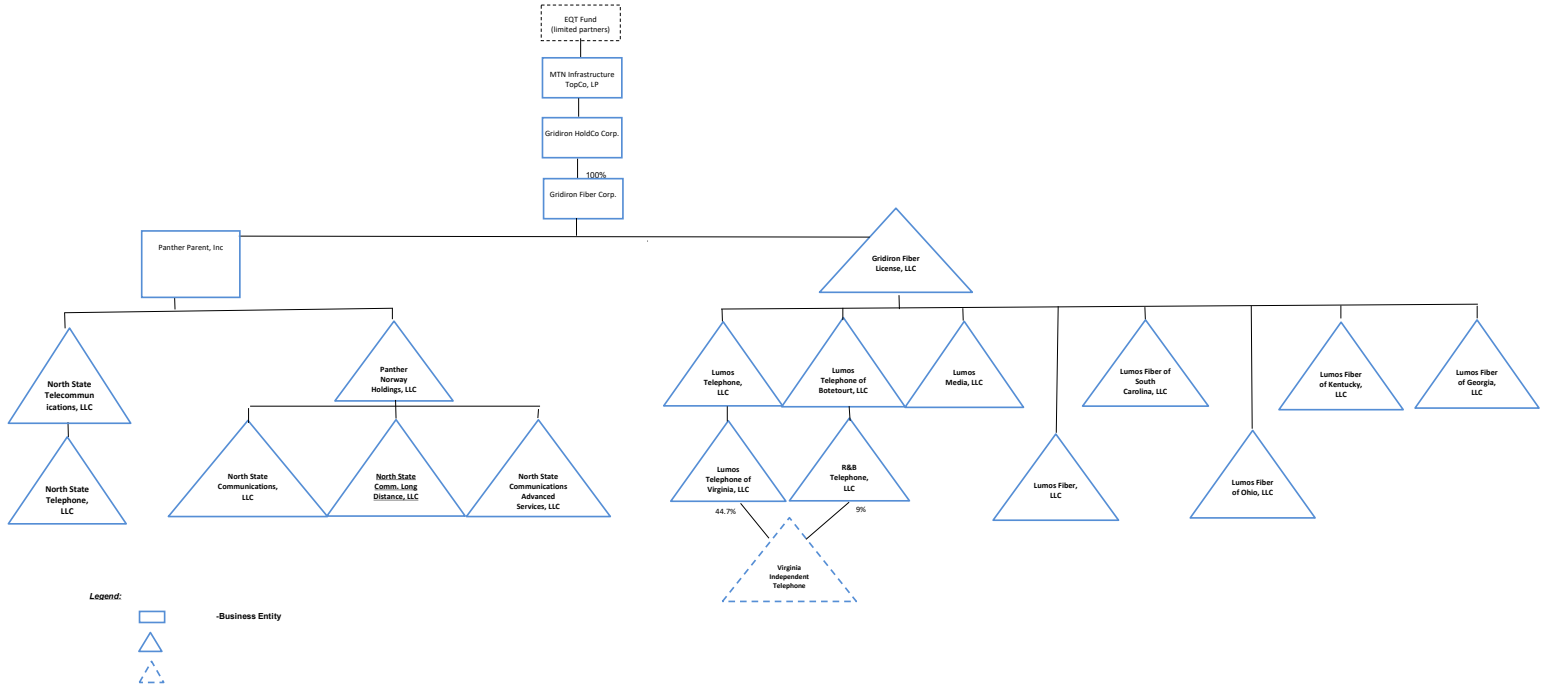
AUTHORIZER SIGNATURE	Lindsey Reedy Dobson
AUTHORIZER TITLE	Organizer

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EXHIBIT B
Organization Chart

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EXHIBIT C
Family Violence Shelter Confidentiality Exhibit

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FAMILY VIOLENCE SHELTER CONFIDENTIALITY PROTECTION AFFIDAVIT

Pursuant to Commission Rule 515-12-1-.37 Family Violence Shelter Confidentiality Protection, all telephone service and directory assistance providers must file an affidavit attesting to compliance with the rule upon certification and by January 31 of each odd-numbered year thereafter.

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

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THIS AFFIDAVIT SHALL CONSTITUTE THE PLAN FOR PROTECTION OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF FAMILY VIOLENCE SHELTERS REQUIRED BY COMMISSION RULE 515-12-1-.37 FAMILY VIOLENCE SHELTER CONFIDENTIALITY PROTECTION AND O.C.G.A. § 46-5-7.

Alison J. Brown

SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT

July 16, 2024

DATE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO ME THIS

16th DAY OF July, 2024.

Breanna Elaine Grandstaff

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EXHIBIT D
Managerial Biographies

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EXHIBIT E

Applicant's Financial Resources

[TRADE SECRET TREATMENT REQUESTED]

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STATE OF GEORGIA
BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Application of **Lumos Fiber of Georgia, LLC** For a Certificate of Authority to Provide Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunications Services	Docket No. 24-_____

REQUEST FOR TRADE SECRET TREATMENT

Pursuant to Rule 515-3-1-.11, **Lumos Fiber of Georgia, LLC** ("Lumos" or "Applicant"), respectfully requests that the Georgia Public Service Commission grant protection from public disclosure and afford trade secret treatment to **TRADE SECRET Exhibit E, "Financial Statements"** (the "Trade Secret Exhibit") to the Application. Applicant requests that the Commission afford the highest level of protective treatment to the Trade Secret Exhibit and ask that it be made available only to the Commission.

Applicant requests trade secret treatment of the Trade Secret Exhibit because it contains information that is trade secret, confidential, and proprietary in nature. The information contained therein describes the financial condition of Applicant's parent, Gridiron Fiber Corp. ("Parent"). Applicant and Parent are not publicly held companies and derive economic value from this information because it is not known to others. If released, the information in the Trade Secret Exhibit could be used by competitors of Parent and its subsidiaries, including Applicant, to cause competitive harm. The information in the Trade Secret Exhibit thus constitutes trade secrets within the meaning of O.C.G.A. § 10-1-761(4).

Applicant will compete for customers with telecommunications companies and other entities operating within the State of Georgia. Applicant is a privately held company and Parent's

revenues, operating expenses and asset value are highly confidential and not publicly available. Further, Applicant operates in a highly competitive market segment. Release of the information would provide competitors with valuable market information relating to Applicant and could disadvantage Applicant by giving competitors insight into Applicant's ability to compete. Further, release of financial information, including revenue estimates, would substantially harm Applicant's ability to negotiate with vendors, incumbent local exchange carriers, and other local and interexchange carriers for services and equipment. The release of this information would also harm Applicant's relationship with investors.

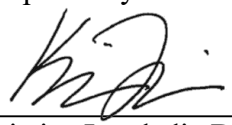
Applicant maintains the secrecy of the information contained within the Trade Secret Exhibit to the Application by retaining possession and control of the information, and by not disclosing such information to others not subject to confidentiality restrictions.

Protection of the financial information provided in the Trade Secret Exhibit does not affect the public interest and does not restrict interested parties from participating in the administrative process. Furthermore, the harm that would result from disclosure of this information far outweighs the public interest in accessing this information.

Applicant is submitting the Trade Secret Exhibit to the Application to the Commission under protective seal with the designation "TRADE SECRET" prominently displayed on each page. Because the Trade Secret Exhibit constitutes protected trade secret information in its entirety, a redacted public disclosure version of said exhibit is not being submitted. Accordingly, and for the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission afford trade secret protections to the Trade Secret Exhibit. In the event that this request is denied, please provide the undersigned with notice of that determination prior to making the Trade Secret Exhibit available to the public. Applicant further requests that the Commission stay the release of

the Trade Secret Exhibit until such time as an application for review of the determination is resolved. Disclosure without affording Applicant an opportunity to contest a finding against trade secret treatment would prejudice Applicant and render moot any successful appeal.

Respectfully submitted,



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Washington, DC 20036
(202) 730-1338
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Counsel for Lumos Fiber of Georgia, LLC

Dated: July 16, 2024

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Application of **Lumos Fiber of Georgia, LLC** For a Certificate of Authority to Provide Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunications Services	Docket No. 24-_____

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF GUILFORD

I, A.J. Brown, being of full age and duly sworn according to law, state as follows:

1. I am the Chief Legal Officer of Lumos Fiber of Georgia, LLC ("Applicant"), the Applicant in the above-captioned matter, and its parent company, Gridiron Fiber Corp. ("Parent").

2. I make this affidavit in support of the Request for Trade Secret Treatment ("Request") in accordance with Georgia Public Service Commission Utility Rule 515-3-1-.11.

3. In support of the Application, Applicant is providing as Trade Secret Exhibit E financial information of Parent ("Trade Secret Exhibit"), which contains confidential, proprietary, and non-public information that Applicant designates as trade secret and protected information as those terms are defined and used in O.G.C.A. § 10-1-761(4).

4. The information in the Trade Secret Exhibit is protected by Applicant, by making it available only to the senior management of, and the outside accounting and legal professional retained by, Applicant.

5. To the extent this information has been or may be disclosed to others, Applicant has done so or will do so by way of a confidentiality agreement, whereby it is agreed by all parties thereto that the trade secret and confidential information (i) shall be used solely for purposes related to the matter specified therein, and (ii) shall be maintained in secure files, separate from public information. Such agreements provide that no other disclosure shall be made to any person or entity, except with the express written consent of Applicant or its legal counsel.

6. The information in the Trade Secret Exhibit is not contained in materials that are routinely available to the general public, including but not limited to Board Orders, press releases, copies of speeches, promotional or other educational materials.

7. The Trade Secret Exhibit contains financial and business information that is critical, commercially sensitive, and competitively significant. Because of the competition for telecommunications services, Applicant believes that disclosure of this information would place it at a significant competitive disadvantage, impede full and fair competition, and undermine Applicant's business plans. Unrestricted availability of this information would provide competitors or potential competitors with information regarding Applicant's operations and financial condition, upon which competitors or potential competitors could evaluate Applicant's network and business strategies, to its detriment. Such availability would disclose the nature and detals of Applicant's financial resources and arrangements and the current extent of its operations and would ultimately result in a competitive disadvantage to Applicant. In contrast, trade secret treatment will not adversely affect any interested party. Trade secret treatment of the Trade Secret Exhibit is therefore required to avoid commercial and competitive injury.

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8. I further adopt and verify the factual statements made in the Request are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

By: _____
Alison J. Brown

Sworn and subscribed before me this

16th day of July, 2024

BREANNA ELAINE GRANDSTAFF
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