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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 ("Hurlbert CPA"), 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 ("AUPs") at its June 20, 2023 Administrative Session. At the conclusion of the AUPs $1,735,224.83 was returned to the Universal Access Fund ("UAF").

At the request of Staff, Hurlbert CPA submitted a bid to again conduct AUPs on contributors to the UAF. Hurlbert CPA offered the same pricing as last year, and the Commission approved the bid and $25,000 of funding at its September 4, 2024 Administrative Session.

II. Staff Recommendation

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

Consistent with the selection process adopted for last year's AUPs, Staff recommends that the Commission select the top 10 contributors by dollars contributed, excluding any companies that underwent AUPs last year. In the event a company has two or more affiliates in the top 10, the affiliate with the larger contribution should be selected. Staff further recommends that the agreed-upon procedures performed on these 10 contributors should evaluate contributions remitted

for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 (i.e., the third and fourth quarters of 2023 and the first and second quarters of 2024).

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

1. Charter Fiberlink - Georgia, LLC
2. Cox Georgia Telcom, LLC d/b/a Cox Communications
3. Crown Castle Fiber LLC
4. Fusion Cloud Services, LLC
5. Hargray of Georgia, Inc. d/b/a Clearwave Fiber
6. Inmate Calling Solutions, LLC d/b/a ICSolutions
7. Lingo Telecom, LLC d/b/a Bullseye
8. MCC Telephony of Georgia, LLC d/b/a Mediacom
9. Metropolitan Telecommunications of Georgia, LLC. d/b/a MetTel
10. Windstream Communications, LLC

III. Commission Decision

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

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WHEREFORE, it is

ORDERED, that Charter Fiberlink - Georgia, LLC, Cox Georgia Telcom, LLC d/b/a Cox Communications, Crown Castle Fiber LLC, Fusion Cloud Services, LLC, Hargray of Georgia, Inc. d/b/a Clearwave Fiber, Inmate Calling Solutions, LLC d/b/a ICSolutions, Lingo Telecom, LLC d/b/a Bullseye, MCC Telephony of Georgia, LLC d/b/a Mediacom, Metropolitan Telecommunications of Georgia, LLC. d/b/a MetTel, and Windstream Communications, LLC are selected to undergo agreed-upon procedures for contributions remitted for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

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 17th day of September 2024.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

9-25-24
DATE

Jason Shaw
Chairman

9-25-24
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