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AMENDMENT TO INTERIM CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

IN RE: DOCKET NO. 14804: Petition of City of Cairo, Georgia for Amendment to Certificate of Authority to Provide Competitive Local Exchange Services to Allow Voice Telecommunications Services.

Certificate No. L-0289

Approved: May 23, 2002
Amended: August 20, 2013

Effective: 8/27/13

BY THE COMMISSION:

I. BACKGROUND

On December 10, 2001, City of Cairo, GA ("Company," or "City of Cairo") filed with the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") an application for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Competitive Local Exchange Services pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 46-5-163(b). On May 23, 2002, the Commission approved the application and issued an interim certificate of authority to provide non-voice local exchange services.

On June 7, 2013, the City of Cairo filed a Petition for amendment to its Certificate of Authority to allow the provision of voice telecommunication services.

The statutory authority governing certificates of authority of the type City of Cairo is seeking is found at O.C.G.A. Section 46-5-163. This code section provides that a telecommunications company, including a telecommunications services reseller, shall not provide telecommunications services without a certificate of authority issued by the Commission. A certificate may not be issued

without adequate proof that the applicant possesses satisfactory financial and technical capability. A showing of public convenience and necessity is not a condition for issuing a competing certificate of authority.

WHEREFORE, it is

ORDERED, that the Petition of City of Cairo to provide voice telecommunication services is approved.

ORDERED FURTHER, that all ordering paragraphs contained in the Interim Certificate Order dated June 7, 2002, that are not modified by this Order, as well as all amendments and supplements filed in this docket remain in full force and effect.

ORDERED FURTHER, that if the Company desires to do business in Georgia under any name which does not appear on this certificate, the Company shall submit an application for amendment to its certification stating the name under which it plans to conduct business.

ORDERED FURTHER, that all statements of fact, law and regulatory policy contained within the preceding sections of this Order be adopted as findings and conclusions of law and conclusions of regulatory policy of the Commission.

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

ORDERED FURTHER, that any motion for reconsideration or rehearing in this case shall not have the effect of staying the Order of Commission, except insofar as the Commission may otherwise provide.

BY ORDER OF THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, this 20th day of August 2013.

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Executive Secretary

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