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Sallie Tanner, Executive Secretary
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30334

Re: Docket No. 41953
Notice of Transfer of Control of CLEC's for the Cities of Cairo, Camilla, Moultrie, and Thomasville to South Georgia Governmental Services Authority "SGGSA" d/b/a CNSNext.

Dear Executive Secretary Tanner:

We have enclosed for filing an electronic original copy to be stamped and returned to us of *Notice of Transfer of Control of CLEC's for the Cities of Cairo, Camilla, Moultrie, and to Thomasville to South Georgia Governmental Services Authority "SGGSA" d/b/a CNSNext..*

Sincerely,

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Before the
GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Atlanta, GA 30334

Notice of	)	
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Cities of Cairo, Camilla, Moultrie, and Thomasville,	)	
Transferor and Licensees	)	**DOCKET No: 41953**
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and	)	
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South Georgia Governmental Services Administration	)	
Transferee	)	
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Of Transfer of Control	)	
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NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF CONTROL

I. INTRODUCTION

City of Cairo, a Georgia municipal corporation (hereinafter "Cairo"), City of Camilla, a Georgia municipal corporation (hereinafter "Camilla"), City of Moultrie, a Georgia municipal corporation (hereinafter "Moultrie"), and the City of Thomasville, a Georgia municipal corporation (hereinafter "Thomasville"); Cairo, Camilla, Moultrie, and Thomasville collectively known as ("Member Cities" or Transferor"); and South Georgia Governmental Services Administration ("SGGSA", "Transferee,", or "Authority"), by their undersigned representatives, hereby provide notice of the transfer of control of the Member Cities' telecommunication systems to SGGSA (the "Transaction").

The Parties provide the following information in support of this Notice:

II. DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTIES

a. Transferor - Cairo, Camilla, Moultrie, and Thomasville ("Member Cities")

Member Cites have major broadband and business communications serving consumers, enterprise customers, and wireless and wireline carriers across rural and urban communities in their respective service areas. In Georgia, Cairo holds a Certificate of Authority, issued in Docket No. 14804, to operate and provide competitive local exchange telecommunications services (Certificate No. L-0289). *See* Exhibit A, Cairo CLEC. In Georgia, Camilla holds a Certificate of Authority, issued in Docket No. 14803, to operate and provide competitive local exchange telecommunications services (Certificate No. L-0288). *See* Exhibit B, Camilla CLEC. In Georgia, Moultrie holds a Certificate of Authority, issued in Docket No. 14805, to operate and provide competitive local exchange telecommunications services (Certificate No. L-0290). *See* Exhibit C, Moultrie CLEC. In Georgia, Thomasville holds a Certificate of Authority, issued in Docket No. 7074, to operate and provide competitive local exchange telecommunications services (Certificate No. L-031). *See* Exhibit D, Thomasville CLEC.

b. Transferee - South Georgia Governmental Service Authority ("SGGSA")

South Georgia Governmental Service Authority, doing business as CNSNext (*see* Exhibit E, Trademark Registration CNSNext), a Georgia authority and body politic created by Act of the Georgia Assembly (*see* Exhibit F, SGGSA Enabling Act), has its principal place of business at 109 Plantation Oak Drive, P.O. 1675, Thomasville, GA, 31799. In Georgia, SGGSA holds a certificate issued in Docket No. 41953, Document 173031 to operate as an Interim Certificate of Authority to provide competitive local exchange telecommunication services (Certificate No. L-0581). *See* Exhibit G, SGGSA CLEC. SGGSA operates in the territory of the Member Cities, which serves a rural area and a rural customer base.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION

When the Authority was established in 2018, each of its four member cities, Cairo, Camilla, Moultrie, and Thomasville, had its own cable, internet, and telecommunications system. The Authority linked these systems so they could operate more efficiently. On May 1, 2017, the Authority purchased these systems from each of the cities, financing this purchase with a revenue bond issue. Enclosed is a copy of the Intergovernmental Agreement for Asset Purchase, which sets out the terms of the sale. *See* Exhibit H, Intergovernmental Agreement for Asset Purchase. At the same time, the four cities entered into an Intergovernmental Operating Agreement with the Authority, which spelled out how the system would be operated thereafter. *See* Exhibit H, Intergovernmental Operating Agreement. The Agreement provided that each member city would pay the Authority for all services rendered in that city's territory (the county in which it is located) and each city would be responsible for billing and collecting for those services. *See* Exhibit H, Intergovernmental Operating Agreement. In 2024, the member cities and the Authority amended the Intergovernmental Operating Agreement in order to consolidate all billing functions in the Authority. Each of the four cities held certificates from the Georgia Public Service Commission as local exchange carriers at the time the systems were transferred to the Authority in 2017. These certificates have remained in effect.

IV. PUBLIC INTEREST CONSIDERATIONS

As demonstrated below, the Transaction will further the Commission's relevant public interest objectives by facilitating infrastructure investment, technological development, and economic expansion. Indeed, the Transaction will allow SGGSA to continue its multi-pronged fiber expansion strategy and position itself to become an efficient fiber provider across the Member Cities' territories. And as a result of its fiber expansion policy, SGGSA will continue to bring excellent customer service and products to underserved and unserved communities across portions of its Georgia market, further bridging the digital divide. For example, SGGSA offers 1 GIG

internet plans to all of its customers. Offering faster uploads and downloads for customer options such as unlimited streaming, gaming, and surfing without any lag time. This expansion will ultimately result in the delivery of higher broadband speeds and more advanced services to new and existing customers, including those in areas currently underserved by high-speed broadband.

In addition, the Transaction is structured as a consolidation of previously individual telecommunication systems and will not affect any of the operations or legal identities of the Member Cities. The Transaction will not result in the creation of any new debt obligations. The Transaction will not result in a change of carrier for any customers or assignment of any existing Commission authorization. Further, SGGSA has no plans to change Licensees' current rates or terms and conditions of services in connection with the Transaction. Therefore, the Transaction will be seamless to customers, as they will not experience any immediate changes in services or rates, terms, and conditions of service, other than that the billing functions being consolidated in the Authority.

The Transaction will also give SGGSA additional flexibility to overcome the unique economic headwinds facing the telecommunications sector in Georgia as it transforms its network. This Transaction will give SGGSA the near-term financial and operational flexibility it needs to execute upgrade plans while effectively navigating these dynamic competitive pressures.

The Transaction will not eliminate any telecommunications service provider in any geographic area. Finally, the Licensees face vigorous competition in each of the markets they serve. Therefore, the proposed Transaction promotes the public interest by providing significant benefits to Georgia customers.

V. DESIGNATED CONTACTS

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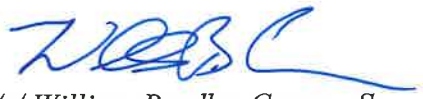
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VI. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Parties submit that the public interest, convenience, and necessity would be furthered by the Transaction and the associated changes in control of Member Cities' telecommunications systems to SGGSA.

Dated: July 24, 2025

Respectfully submitted,



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EXHIBIT A

City of Cairo CLEC

EXHIBIT B

City of Camilla CLEC

EXHIBIT C

City of Moultrie CLEC

Exhibit D

City of Thomasville CLEC

Exhibit E

Trademark Registration CNSNext

Exhibit F

SGGSA Enabling Act

Exhibit G

SGGSA CLEC

Exhibit H

Intergovernmental Agreement for Asset Purchase

Exhibit I

Intergovernmental Operating Agreement

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the within and foregoing **Notice of Transfer of Control of CLEC's for the Cities of Cairo, Camilla, Moultrie, and Thomasville to South Georgia Governmental Services Authority "SGGSA" d/b/a CNSNext** as follows:

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This 24th day of July 2025.

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