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

**Re: Docket Nos. 18819, 38999, 38898, 27881 and 43215  
Notification of ANS Connect, LLC, CSL Georgia Realty, LLC, CSL Georgia System, LLC,  
Southern Light, LLC and Uniti National LLC Regarding Participation in Certain Financing  
Arrangements**

Dear Executive Secretary Tanner:

By this filing, ANS Connect, LLC (“ANS Connect”), CSL Georgia Realty, LLC (“CSL Realty”), CSL Georgia System, LLC (“CSL System”), Southern Light, LLC (“Southern Light”), and Uniti National LLC (“Uniti National”) (collectively, the “Parties”) hereby notify the Georgia Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) of their intent to participate in certain Financing Arrangements (as described below).<sup>1</sup>

In support of this filing, the Parties provide the following information:

#### **Description of the Parties**

ANS Connect, CSL Realty, CSL System, Southern Light, and Uniti National are indirect subsidiaries of Uniti Group Inc. (“Uniti” or the “Company”) a publicly traded Delaware corporation (NASDAQ: UNIT). CSL Realty, CSL System, and Uniti National are part of the Company’s Uniti Leasing business, which owns, acquires, and leases mission-critical communications assets nationwide to wholesale customers on both exclusive and shared-tenant bases. ANS Connect and Southern Light are part of the Company’s Uniti Fiber business, which provides lit and dark fiber solutions for wireless operators, carriers, enterprises, schools, and governments and its business includes cell-site backhaul, small cells, internet services, and wavelengths. Uniti has principal offices located at 2101 Riverfront Drive, Suite A, Little Rock, Arkansas 72202.

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<sup>1</sup> The Parties submit that the Financing Arrangements described herein qualify for the exemption from the approval requirements of O.C.G.A § 46-2-28 provided by O.C.G.A § 46-2-28(g) because the Financing Arrangements are an interstate transaction as evidenced by the following: (i) the Parties are wholly owned subsidiaries of a parent company domiciled outside of Georgia, (ii) the Financing Arrangements are between parent companies of the Parties and a national bank or other lending or financial institution licensed or authorized to enter into such financing arrangements by a state or federal agency; and (iii) the Parties plan to provide a guaranty and a related pledge of assets as collateral or other security to the lenders in order to accommodate the financing arrangements of the primary obligor. Should the Commission determine that the exemption does not apply, the Parties request that the Commission issue a Letter of Acknowledgement to that effect.



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In Georgia, the Parties hold the following authorizations:

1. ANS Connect, a Georgia limited liability company, is authorized to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services pursuant to Certificate L-0366.
2. CSL Realty, a Delaware limited liability company, is authorized to construct or operate a telephone line, plant, or system pursuant to Certificate No. X-1118. CSL Realty does not provide telecommunications services to end users in Georgia but is certificated in order to hold certain telecommunications assets.
3. CSL System, a Delaware limited liability company, is authorized to construct or operate a telephone line, plant, or system pursuant to Certificate No. X-1119. CSL System does not provide telecommunications services to end users in Georgia but is certificated in order to hold certain telecommunications assets.
4. Southern Light, an Alabama limited liability company, is authorized to provide competitive local exchange telecommunications services pursuant to Certificate L-0454 and to construct or operate a telephone line, plant, or system pursuant to Certificate No. X-1125.
5. Uniti National, a Delaware limited liability company, is authorized to construct or operate a telephone line, plant or system pursuant to Certificate No. X-7771.

Additional information concerning the Parties' technical, managerial and financial qualifications have been submitted to the Commission as part of the Parties' respective certification applications and various applications for corporate and financing transactions and is therefore already a matter of public record.

### **Designated Contacts**

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### **Description of the Financing Arrangements**

The Parties plan to participate as guarantors or co-guarantors for certain existing financing arrangements of certain parent and affiliated companies described below (collectively, the "Financing Arrangements").<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> The notes were issued on June 24, 2025, but the guarantees of the Parties will not be provided until regulatory approvals have been obtained. For additional details regarding the Financing Arrangements, including the Indenture, see Uniti Group's SEC Form 8-K filed on June 24, 2025, available at <https://investor.uniti.com/static-files/ba7cd98a-ca14-441f-b19e-e53a89b08a02>.



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As such, the Parties notify the Commission that they intend to enter into or participate in the Financing Arrangements consistent with the terms outlined below.

**Issuers:** Windstream Services, LLC (as successor in interest to Uniti Group LP), Uniti Fiber Holdings Inc., Uniti Group Finance 2019 Inc. and CSL Capital, LLC

**Aggregate Principal Amount:** \$600 million.

**Debt Instruments:** Senior notes (the "Uniti 2032 Notes").

**Maturity:** The notes will mature on June 15, 2032.

**Interest Rate:** 8.625%.

**Guarantees and Security:** The Parties will participate as guarantor or co-guarantor in Financing Arrangements up to the Aggregate Amount.<sup>3</sup> The notes are unsecured.

**Purpose:** The Issuers used the net proceeds to fund the partial redemption of \$500 million aggregate principal amount of Issuers' outstanding 10.50% senior notes due 2028 and to pay any related premiums, fees and expenses. The remaining proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes.

### **Public Interest Considerations**

The Parties' participation in Financing Arrangements will serve the public interest. The Issuers used a portion of the net proceeds of the Financing Arrangement to fund the partial redemption of \$500 million aggregate principal amount of Issuers' outstanding 10.50% senior notes, which reduced Uniti's cost of debt. The Financing Arrangements will benefit the company and allow it to become a more effective competitor in the communications industry. The Parties' participation in the Financing Arrangements is appropriate and consistent with past practices of the Parties, will not impair the Parties' ability to provide their services, and will promote their corporate purposes. Their participation in the Financing Arrangements will be transparent to Parties' customers and will not disrupt service or cause customer confusion or inconvenience.

### **Conclusion**

For the foregoing reasons, the Parties submit that the public interest, convenience and necessity would be furthered by the Parties' participation in the Financing Arrangements described above.

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<sup>3</sup> Certain other affiliates of Petitioners also will participate as guarantor or co-guarantor for Uniti 2032 Notes. For clarity, the following entities recently added to the Uniti organization hold licenses in New Jersey, however, do not participate in existing indebtedness and, therefore, will not participate in the Uniti 2032 Notes: Broadview Networks, LLC; Business Telecom, LLC; CTC Communications Corp.; DeltaCom, LLC; Georgia Windstream, LLC; Intellifiber Networks, LLC; McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC; Network Telephone, LLC; PAETEC Communications, LLC; Talk America, LLC; US LEC of Georgia, LLC; Windstream Accucomm Telecommunications, LLC; Windstream Communications, LLC; Windstream FiberNet, LLC; Windstream Georgia Communications, LLC; Windstream Georgia, LLC; Windstream Georgia Telephone, LLC; Windstream KDL, LLC; Windstream New Edge, LLC; Windstream Norlight, LLC; Windstream NTI, LLC; Windstream NuVox, LLC; and Windstream Standard, LLC.



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We would appreciate confirmation of receipt of this filing. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions regarding this notice.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brett P Ferenchak".

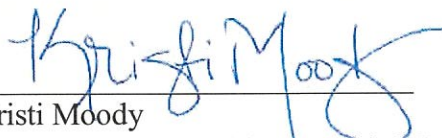
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Counsel for the Parties


**VERIFICATION**

**STATE OF ARKANSAS** §  
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**COUNTY OF PULASKI** §

I, Kristi Moody, state that I am Executive Vice President & Chief Compliance Officer of Uniti Group Inc.; that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of Uniti Group Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Company”); that the foregoing filing was prepared under my direction and supervision; and that the contents with respect to the Company are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

  
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Kristi Moody  
Executive Vice President & Chief Compliance  
Officer  
Uniti Group Inc.

Subscribed and sworn before me on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2025.

  
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Notary Public

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

