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December 4, 2025

***Via Alternative E-File and Overnight Courier***

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

**Re: Application of GW Operating, LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Construct or Operate a Telephone Line, Plant, or System**

Dear Secretary Tanner:

On behalf of GW Operating, LLC ("Applicant"), enclosed for electronic filing with the Commission is the above-referenced Application.

Pursuant to GA. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 515-3-1.11, Applicant respectfully requests trade secret protection of **TRADE SECRET Exhibit E, "Financial Information of Applicant"** (the "Trade Secret Exhibit") to the Application, submitted as a Trade Secret attachment in the Alternative e-File system. The Trade Secret Exhibit contains business and financial information that is trade secret confidential, sensitive, and proprietary. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission protect the Trade Secret Exhibit as trade secret and not release it to the public without its express consent (except as provided for under GA. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 515-3-1.11). In support, Applicant encloses a copy of the Request for Trade Secret Treatment supported by an affidavit.

Applicant is sending one copy of the Application, Trade Secret Exhibit, and Request for Trade Secret Treatment to the Commission via overnight courier. Please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of this letter transmitting the Trade Secret Exhibit and Request for Trade Secret Treatment and return it in the envelope provided.

Please acknowledge receipt and acceptance of this filing. Should you have any questions concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Danielle Burt*
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Patricia Cave

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# Georgia Public Service Commission

244 WASHINGTON STREET, SW
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334-5701

## APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT OR OPERATE TELEPHONE LINE, PLANT, OR SYSTEM (OCC/IXC)

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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# Georgia Public Service Commission

244 WASHINGTON STREET, SW
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334-5701

## APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT OR OPERATE TELEPHONE LINE, PLANT, OR SYSTEM (OCC/IXC)

### I. APPLICANT

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAME OF COMPANY | GW Operating, LLC | | | | |
| ADDRESS 1 | 2342 Technology Dr. | | | | |
| ADDRESS 2 | Suite 103 | | | | |
| CITY | O'Fallon | STATE | MO | ZIP CODE | 63368 |
| TELEPHONE | 888-201-4339 | FAX | | | |

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| EMPLOYEE DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE AND RESPOND TO COMMISSION REQUESTS: | | | | | |
| NAME | Craig Ceranna | TITLE | Chief Financial Officer | | |
| ADDRESS 1 | 2342 Technology Dr. | | | | |
| ADDRESS 2 | Suite 103 | | | | |
| CITY | O'Fallon | STATE | MO | ZIP CODE | 63368 |
| TELEPHONE | 314-585-6630 | FAX | | | |
| EMAIL ADDRESS | craig.ceranna@gatewayfiber.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.

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| ATTORNEY NAME | | | | | |
| NAME OF FIRM | Corporation Service Company | | | | |
| ADDRESS 1 | 2 Sun Court | | | | |
| ADDRESS 2 | Suite 400 | | | | |
| CITY | Peachtree Corners | STATE | Georgia | ZIP CODE | 30092 |
| TELEPHONE | +1 302 421 6100 | FAX | | | |
| EMAIL ADDRESS | | | | | |

## III. ORGANIZATION

| STATE AND DATE OF INCORPORATION: | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| STATE | Delaware | DATE | October 7, 2025 |

| LIST THE NAMES, TITLES, AND ADDRESSES (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) OF ALL OFFICERS OR PARTNERS: | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NAME | Chris Surdo | ADDRESS | |
| TITLE | President and Chief Executive Officer | | |
| NAME | Craig Ceranna | ADDRESS | |
| TITLE | Chief Financial Officer | | |
| NAME | | ADDRESS | |
| TITLE | | | |
| NAME | | ADDRESS | |
| TITLE | | | |

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| ATTACH A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS ISSUED BY THE GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE.<br><br>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.<br><br>PLACE EXHIBIT NAME IN BOX TO RIGHT (e.g., “EXHIBIT A”).<br>IF NO AFFILIATED COMPANIES, SO STATE. | EXHIBIT B |

## IV. EXISTING AUTHORITY

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

WANRack, LLC ("WANRack") is authorized by the Commission to provide facilities-based competitive local exchange telecommunications services under Certificate No. L-7785 granted in Docket No. 43454 on October 26, 2020.

| 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 | |
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IF YES, PLEASE LIST THE NAME OF EACH COMPANY AND THE STATE OR FEDERAL ENTITY THAT GRANTED SUCH AUTHORITY:

Entities affiliated with Applicant authorized to provide telecommunications services include:

- **Gateway Infrastructure, LLC:** Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable; Missouri Public Service Commission (interconnected VoIP).
- **JMZ Corporation:** Federal Communications Commission; Kansas Corporation Commission (Video Service Authorization); Missouri Public Service Commission (interconnected VoIP); and Nebraska Public Service Commission (interconnected VoIP).
- **WANRack:** Alabama Public Service Commission; Arizona Corporation Commission; Arkansas Public Service Commission; Colorado Public Utilities Commission; Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority; Florida Public Service Commission; Georgia Public Service Commission; Idaho Public Utilities Commission; Illinois Commerce Commission; Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission; Kansas Corporation Commission; Kentucky Public Service Commission; Louisiana Public Service Commission; Missouri Public Service Commission; Montana Public Service Commission; Public Utilities Commission of Nevada; Public Utilities Commission of Ohio; Oklahoma Corporation Commission; Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission; Public Utility Commission of Texas; Virginia State Corporation Commission; Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission; Public Service Commission of Wisconsin; and Wyoming Public Service Commission.

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| 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: | | | | |
| Neither Applicant nor any affiliate has ever had authorization to provide telecommunications services denied or revoked by any state. | | | | |
| ATTACH A COPY OF ALL ORDERS REVOKING AUTHORITY. PLACE EXHIBIT NAME IN BOX TO RIGHT (e.g., "EXHIBIT A"). | | | | |

## V. COMPLIANCE WITH COMMISSION RULES AND ORDERS

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| COMMISSION RULE 515-12-1-.37 FAMILY VIOLENCE SHELTER CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIRES OCCs/IXCs 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.<br><br>ATTACH EXECUTED AND NOTARIZED AFFIDAVIT TO THE APPLICATION. PLACE EXHIBIT NAME IN BOX TO RIGHT (e.g., EXHIBIT A). | EXHIBIT C | | | |

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| COMMISSION RULE 515-12-1-.39 UNIVERSAL ACCESS FUND REQUIRES OCCs/IXCs 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 | |

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

## VI. INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE

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| WHAT CUSTOMER CLASS(ES) DOES THE APPLICANT PROPOSE TO SERVE?<br>(PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOXES.) | BUSINESS | X |
| | RESIDENTIAL | |
| | OTHER (LIST BELOW) | |
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| SELECT THE METHOD(S) BY WHICH SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED.<br>(PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOXES.) | RESALE | X |
| | FACILITIES-BASED | X |

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

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

This Application is filed in connection with certain restructuring and financing arrangements in which Applicant's affiliates, including WANRack, are expected to assign to Applicant certain assets including communications optical fiber, customer contracts, rights in third party fibers, and associated telecommunications equipment used to provision services or facilities to the affected customers (the "*Pro Forma Asset Transfer*"). A filing regarding the *Pro Forma Asset Transfer* will be separately filed.

Though Applicant has no current plans to construct additional facilities, Applicant seeks the authority to do so should future market conditions warrant.

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

Applicant plans to use fiber optic cable along with other equipment and facilities to originate, terminate, and amplify signals. Applicant does not currently own or lease facilities in Georgia but rather will use the communications optical fiber and associated telecommunications equipment assigned to Applicant by its affiliates, including WANRack, or leased from an affiliate or another provider after Applicant is certificated.

PROVIDE A BREAKDOWN OF ANTICIPATED COSTS OF FACILITIES.

No new facilities are proposed for deployment in Georgia at this time. Applicant intends to provide services primarily using its own facilities throughout the state of Georgia, which will be acquired from Applicant's affiliates, including WANRack, after Applicant is certificated through the *Pro Forma Asset Transfer* described above.

LIST AND DESCRIBE ALL INTEREXCHANGE SERVICES APPLICANT PLANS TO PROVIDE IN GEORGIA.

Applicant intends to provide facilities-based and resold interexchange telecommunications services in Georgia.

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| TARIFFS FOR INTEREXCHANGE SERVICES ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSION. DOES THE COMPANY WISH TO MAINTAIN AN INTEREXCHANGE SERVICES TARIFF WITH THE COMMISSION? (PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX.) | YES | | NO | X |
| IF YES, PLEASE ATTACH AN INTEREXCHANGE 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.gatewayfiber.com | | | |

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| 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

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| 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.<br><br>PLACE EXHIBIT NAME IN BOX TO RIGHT (e.g., "EXHIBIT A"). | EXHIBIT D |

## VIII. FINANCIAL CAPABILITY

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| 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.<br><br>PLACE EXHIBIT NAME IN BOX TO RIGHT (e.g., "EXHIBIT A"). | TRADE SECRET EXHIBIT E |

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| 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.):

Not applicable.

## IX. AFFIDAVIT

| OFFICER OR ATTORNEY/ AGENT: | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAME | Craig Ceranna | | | | |
| TITLE | Chief Financial Officer | | | | |
| ADDRESS 1 | 2342 Technology Dr. | | | | |
| ADDRESS 2 | Suite 103 | | | | |
| CITY | O'Fallon | STATE | MO | ZIP CODE | 63368 |

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.

SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT

11/21/2025
DATE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO ME THIS
21 DAY OF November, 20 25.

Christina Meyer
NOTARY PUBLIC

(SEAL)

CHRISTINA MEYER
NOTARY PUBLIC - NOTARY SEAL
STATE OF MISSOURI
COMMISSIONED FOR WARREN COUNTY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY. 02, 2026
ID #22678378

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# EXHIBIT LIST

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| Exhibit A | Certificate of Authority to Transact Business |
| Exhibit B | Corporate Structure Chart |
| Exhibit C | Family Violence Shelter Confidentiality Affidavit |
| Exhibit D | Management Biographies |
| Trade Secret Exhibit E | Financial Statements **[TRADE SECRET — FILED UNDER SEAL]** |

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# EXHIBIT A

## Certificate of Authority to Transact Business

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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 AUTHORITY

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

**GW Operating, LLC**
a **Foreign Limited Liability Company**

has been duly formed under the laws of **Delaware** and has filed an application meeting the requirements of Georgia law to transact business as a **Foreign Limited Liability Company** in this state.

WHEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Secretary of State, the above **Foreign Limited Liability Company** is hereby granted, on **11/10/2025**, a certificate of authority to transact business in the State of Georgia as provided by Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of said application.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia on **11/10/2025**.

Brad Raffensperger

Brad Raffensperger
Secretary of State

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Secretary of State

**OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE**
**CORPORATIONS DIVISION**
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SECRETARY OF STATE
CORPORATIONS DIVISION

# APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY FOR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

IMPORTANT: Please provide the entity's primary email address when completing this form.
Primary Email Address: craig.ceranna@gatewayfiber.com

NOTICE TO APPLICANT: PRINT PLAINLY OR TYPE REMAINDER OF THIS FORM

1. GW Operating, LLC
Name of Limited Liability Company
Name Reservation Number (Optional)

11/07/2025
Date business commenced (or proposed) in Georgia (NOTE: If date provided here is more than 30 days prior to the effective date of this application, a $600 penalty plus fees must be paid. Penalty is statutory and cannot be waived by Secretary of State.)

2. Corporation Service Company
Name* of Filing Person

251 Little Falls Drive | Wilmington | DE | 19808
Address | City | State | Zip Code

Filer's Email Address | Telephone Number

3. GW Operating, LLC
Name of Limited Liability Company in State or Country of Formation

Delaware | 10/07/2025 | perpetual
Jurisdiction (Home State or Country) | Date of Formation in Home State or Country | Period of Duration

4. c/o Gateway Fiber, 2342 Technology Drive | O'Fallon | MO | 63368
Address of Principal Place of Business | City | State | Zip Code

5. Corporation Service Company | compliancemail@cscglobal.com
Name* of Registered Agent in Georgia | Registered Agent's Email Address

2 Sun Court, Suite 400
Registered Office Street Address in Georgia (post office box or mail drop not acceptable for registered office address)

Peachtree Corners | Gwinnett | GA | 30092
City | County | State | Zip Code

6. GW Issuer 2026-1, LLC c/o Gateway Fiber, 2342 Technology Drive | O'Fallon | MO | 63368
Manager's Name* & Address (person with substantial responsibility for managing LLC's business activities) | City | State | Zip Code

7. c/o Gateway Fiber, 2342 Technology Drive | O'Fallon | MO | 63368
Address Where Limited Liability Company's Records Are Maintained | City | State | Zip Code

8. Effective Date: (Choose one) [✔] Upon filing [ ] Delayed effective date and/or time: _____
(A delayed effective date must be within 90 days of the filing date.)

9. **NOTICE:** Mail the following items to the Secretary of State at the above address
(1) This application;
(2) Fee of $235.00 ($225 filing fee + $10 paper filing service charge) payable to "Secretary of State." Filing fees are non-refundable.

This application is signed by a person duly authorized to sign such instruments by the laws of the jurisdiction under which the foreign limited liability company is organized. The foreign limited liability company undertakes to keep its records at the address shown in #7 above until its registration in Georgia is canceled or withdrawn. The foreign limited liability company, in accordance with Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, appoints the Secretary of State as agent for service of process if no agent has been appointed in Georgia or, if appointed, the agent's authority has been revoked or the agent cannot be found or served by the exercise of reasonable diligence.

Signature of Authorized Person | 11/7/2025 Date

Craig Ceranna | Authorized Person
Print Name* | Title

* Enter individual's legal name, i.e. first and last name without use of initials or nicknames. Middle names or initials may be included.

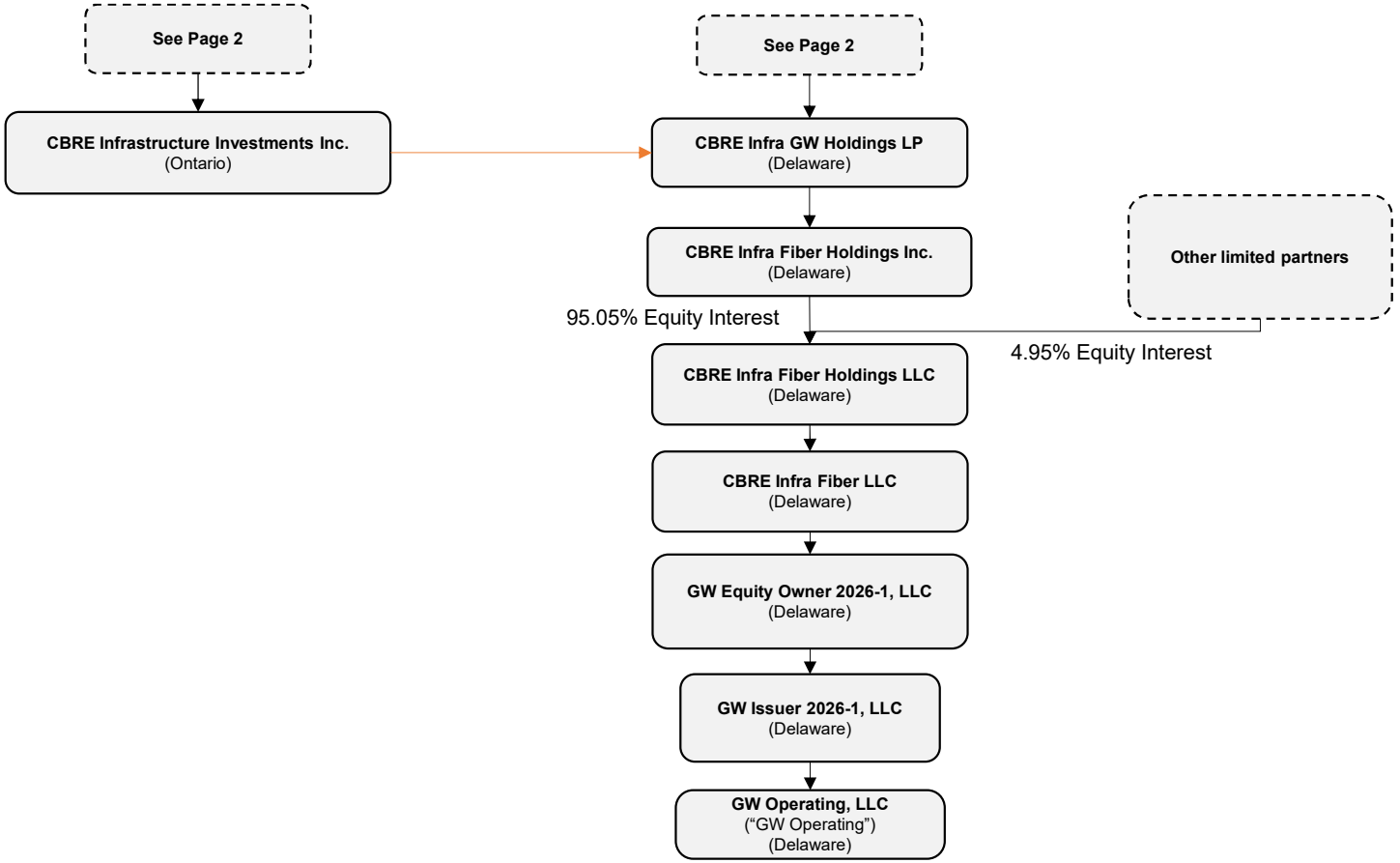
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# EXHIBIT B

## Corporate Structure Chart

# Ownership Structure of GW Operating, LLC




Economic Interest

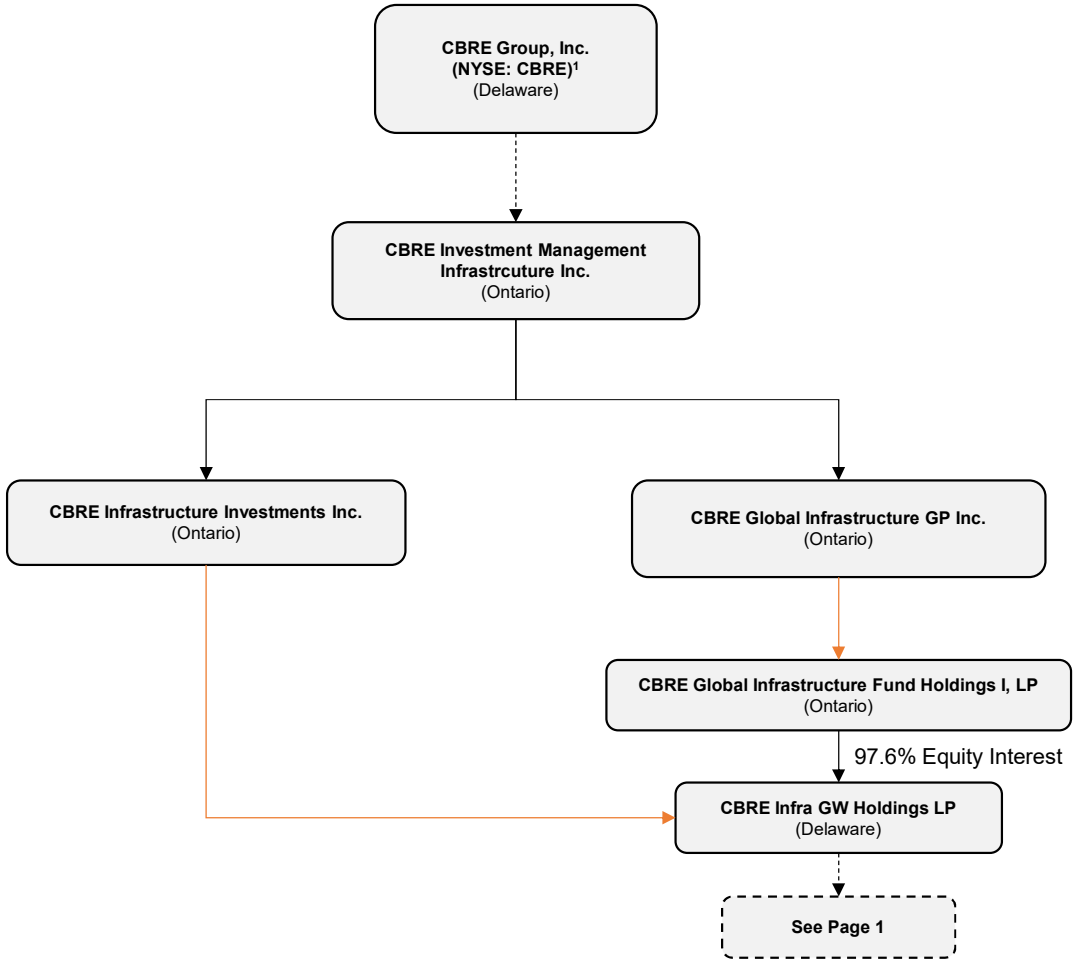
General Partner



Unless otherwise indicated, all ownership/control percentages are 100%.

[1] CBRE Group, Inc.'s 100% interest is held through numerous intermediate entities.

## Ownership Structure of CBRE Infra GW Holdings LP






Unless otherwise indicated, all ownership/control percentages are 100%.

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# EXHIBIT C

## Family Violence Shelter Confidentiality Affidavit

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## FAMILY VIOLENCE SHELTER CONFIDENTIALITY PROTECTION AFFIDAVIT

| OFFICER OR ATTORNEY/ AGENT: | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| COMPANY | GW Operating, LLC | | | | |
| NAME | Craig Ceranna | | | | |
| TITLE | Chief Financial Officer | | | | |
| ADDRESS 1 | 2342 Technology Drive | | | | |
| ADDRESS 2 | Suite 103 | | | | |
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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.

SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT

11-13-2025
DATE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO ME THIS
13 DAY OF November, 2025.

Christina Meyer
NOTARY PUBLIC

(SEAL)

CHRISTINA MEYER
NOTARY PUBLIC - NOTARY SEAL
STATE OF MISSOURI
COMMISSIONED FOR WARREN COUNTY
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# EXHIBIT D

## Management Biographies

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# Biographies of Key Gateway Management

## Chris Surdo, Chief Executive Officer

Chris Surdo joined Gateway Fiber in 2020 as CFO and quickly advanced to President in 2022, before being appointed CEO in 2023. Under Chris's leadership, Gateway Fiber has expanded its footprint from eastern Missouri into Minnesota, North Dakota, and western Massachusetts, driving significant growth and operational excellence.

Chris played a pivotal role in forming the financial partnership with CBRE Investment Management in 2023, which enabled Gateway to accelerate its national fiber-to-the-home platform and pursue aggressive market expansion. His tenure has been marked by a customer-first approach, strategic development, and successful execution of business growth initiatives.

Prior to Gateway, Chris held leadership roles at EnPro Industries and Cargill, focusing on general management, strategy, and corporate development. Chris is recognized for his expertise in strategic leadership, corporate development, and fiber optics, and is credited with driving Gateway Fiber's continued growth and expansion in the industry. Chris has been with Gateway for (5) years and has over (20) years of experience.

Mr. Surdo holds a B.A. from Washington & Lee and an M.B.A. from Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business.

## Craig Ceranna, Chief Financial Officer

Craig Ceranna joined Gateway Fiber in February 2025 as CFO. He previously served as CFO for several private-equity back high-growth consumer companies. He brings a wealth of experience from his leadership roles in Accounting and Finance, especially as CFO over the past decade.

Prior to Gateway Fiber Craig served in the capacity of CFO/COO for BruMate, Inc. During his tenure BruMate was No. 14 and No. 71 on the Inc 5000 list with growth exceeding 5,320%. Top line revenue for 2022 exceeded $100.0m. Craig's team managed all aspects of the finance and operational performance of the business from production planning to last mile distribution.

Mr. Ceranna has also served as the CFO/COO of Levo Oil, Inc as well as a member of its Board of Directors, as CFO of Yurbuds, and as Managing Director of Cepia, the company behind Zhu Zhu Pets, a Time Magazine Top 10 Kids Brand of all time. Craig brings over (25) years of experience.

Mr. Ceranna holds a B.S. from North Central College in Accounting.

## John Meyer, Chief Customer Officer

John Meyer joined Gateway Fiber in the fall of 2020 and oversees commercial strategy, brand development, product strategy, and customer acquisition. John is a dynamic marketing executive

and digital strategist, with a reputation for building brands and executing go-to-market plans that drive customer growth and engagement.

He has been instrumental in Gateway's expansion into new markets, including leading social media consolidation strategies, developing churn mitigation offers, and supporting the transition to new operational systems. John's leadership has helped Gateway Fiber achieve high customer satisfaction and strong brand recognition in the communities it serves.

Prior to Gateway, John held various marketing leadership roles at Charter Communications, TiVo, and Pepper IoT. He is active in community service, including board membership with the Disabled Athlete Sports Association.

Mr. Meyer holds a B.A. from the University of North Dakota and an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis.

**Jason Johns, SVP**

Jason Johns joined Gateway Fiber in 2023 as Vice President of Construction and was promoted to SVP, Network Deployment in January 2025. Jason has played a pivotal role in driving market expansion and growth, overseeing the integration of network deployment across multiple states. With over 22 years of experience at CenturyLink, Jason brings deep expertise in outside plant engineering, construction, and project management.

At Gateway, he leads teams responsible for network integration, material planning, and construction operations, ensuring the successful rollout of fiber infrastructure in new and existing markets. Jason's leadership is characterized by a focus on operational efficiency, process standardization, and customer satisfaction. Jason brings over 28 years of telecom construction experience.

Mr. Johns holds an associate's degree from West Hill College and studied Business Administration and Management at Baker College.

# TRADE SECRET EXHIBIT E

**Financial Statements**

**[PUBLIC DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT]**

**[Redacted]**

PUBLIC - TRADE SECRET INFORMATION EXTRACTED

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**REQUEST FOR TRADE SECRET TREATMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 515-3-1-.11, GW Operating, LLC ("Applicant") respectfully requests that the Georgia Public Service Commission ("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 indirect parent, CBRE Infra Fiber LLC ("CBRE Infra" or "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 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 December 4, 2025.

*/s/ Danielle Burt*

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**AFFIDAVIT**

**STATE OF MISSOURI )**
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**COUNTY OF ST. CHARLES )**

I, Craig Ceranna, being of full age and duly sworn according to law, state as follows:

1. I am the Chief Financial Officer of GW Operating, LLC ("Applicant"), the Applicant in the above-captioned matter.

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 CBRE Infra Fiber LLC ("CBRE Infra" or "Parent") ("Trade Secret Exhibit"), which contains confidential, proprietary, non-public information that Applicant designates as trade secret and protected information pursuant to O.C.G.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 professionals 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 the parties thereto that the trade secret and confidential information: (i) shall be used solely for purposes relating 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 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 details 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.

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: _____

Craig Ceranna
Chief Financial Officer
GW Operating, LLC

Sworn and subscribed to before me this
21 day of November, 2025.

Christina Meyer
Notary Public

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