July 17, 2026

VIA ALTERNATIVE eFILE

Ms. Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30334-9052

Re: **Request for Cancellation of City of Cairo's Certificate of Authority to Provide Competitive Local Exchange Services**
City of Cairo's Request for Cancellation of Its Certificate of Authority to Provide Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunication Services
Docket No.: 14804

Dear Ms. Tanner:

On behalf of the City of Cairo ("Cairo"), this letter requests cancellation of its Certificate of Authority to Provide Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunication Services in the state of Georgia, effective Friday, July 31, 2026. This letter is filed in Docket No. 14804.

Cairo filed with the Georgia Public Service Commission ("GPSC") its application for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Competitive Local Exchange Services ("Certificate") on December 10, 2001. Cairo later received its Interim Certificate pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-5-163(b) and approved tariff in Docket No. 14804 on May 23, 2002. Then, on June 7, 2013, Cairo filed a Petition for amendment to its Certificate of Authority to allow the provision of voice telecommunication services that GPSC made effective on August 27, 2013. Please find a copy of the Interim Certificate attached.[1]

On August 14, 2025, the City of Cairo, the City of Moultrie, the City of Thomasville, and the City of Camilla (collectively, the "Member Cities") provided notice to the GPSC that control of the Member Cities' telecommunications systems had been transferred to the South Georgia Governmental Services Administration ("SGGSA"). Please find a copy of the Interim Certificate attached.[2] Thereafter, the City of Cairo no longer provided Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunications Services to customers in Georgia.

Accordingly, because the City of Cairo no longer provides Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunications Services in Georgia following the transfer of its telecommunications system to SGGSA, Cairo respectfully requests the GPSC to cancel its Certificate.

[1] Interim Certificate of Authority to Provide Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunication Services, Docket No. 14804, Document No. 149549, Georgia Public Service Commission (May 23, 2002).
[2] Interim Certificate of Authority to Provide Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunication Services, Docket No. 41953, Document No. 173031, Georgia Public Service Commission (May 23, 2002).

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact the undersigned at (404) 954-6967.

Sincerely,

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Attorney on behalf of the City of Cairo

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DOCKET # 14804
DOCUMENT # 149549

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.

Reece McAlister
Executive Secretary

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Chuck Eaton
Chairman

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July 24, 2025

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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	)	
	)	
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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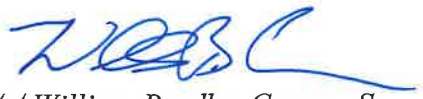
Counsel for SGGSA

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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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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