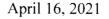


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Louisiana Public Service Commission Galvez Building 602 North Fifth Street Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9154

RE: CAMELLIA CITY FIBER LLC - APPLICATION AND REQUEST FOR CERTIFICIATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NESSESSITY FOR COMPETITIVE ACCESS PROVIDER AUTHORITY IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

Dear Commission:

This submission contains an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to be granted Competitive Access Provider ("CAP") status throughout the State of Louisiana as filed on behalf of Camellia City Fiber LLC.

An original and two (2) copies of this filing have been sent by overnight courier to your attention. A check in the amount of \$250.00 for filing fees will be forthcoming to the offices of the Commission within the next few days as it is being sent directly by and from Camellia City Fiber LLC.

Additionally, please note as marked *Exhibit C* as Applicant's Confidential Financial Information. We request that this information as marked confidential for this Exhibit be filed under seal and not disclosed in any manner to the public. The Applicant's Confidential Financial Information should only and solely be used for internal Commission purposes and not filed with the general docket.

Also note that part of <u>Exhibit A</u> serving as additional corporate documentation of Camellia City Fiber LLC is also being filed under request for confidentiality and is also to be filed under seal and not disclosed to the public in any manner.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Garfinkel/Director CliftonLarsonAllen LLP ("CLA") 6250 Shiloh Rd Alpharetta GA, 30005 Phone: 973-760-9218 Fax: 866-611-5443 Email: Laura.Garfinkel@claconnect.com Attorney in Fact for Camellia City Fiber LLC

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AI BEFORE THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF CAMELIA CITY FIBER) LLC APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF) **AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE**) LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS) SERVICES IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND) **BE GRANTED APPROVAL BY THE LOUISIANA**) PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO HOLD A) **COMPETITIVE ACCESS PROVIDER**) **DESIGNATION**)

CASE NO.

APPLICATION

COMES NOW, Camellia City Fiber, LLC ("Applicant") and respectfully requests the Louisiana Public Service Commission grant a Certificate of Authority to provide facilities provide Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunications Services basis and to be granted the designation of Competitive Access Provider ("CAP") with authorization and approval to provide services throughout the state of Louisiana.

In accordance with the Louisiana Public Services Commission's Regulations for Competition in the Local Telecommunications Market, Applicant states the following:

1. The Applicants legal name is is:

Camellia City Fiber, LLC

2. The current physical address for the officer responsible for Applicant's operations is:

Physical Address: 61155 Highway 11 Slidell, Louisiana 70458 Local Phone Number: (985) 605-0808 Website Address: <u>www.camelliafiber.com</u> Applicant will market its services as Camellia City Fiber

3. The officer responsible for the Applicant's operations is:

Mr. James Burns, President Camellia City Fiber, LLC 61155 Highway 11 Slidell, Louisiana 70458 Email: <u>JBurns@camelliafiber.com</u> Direct Dial: (985-634-8530)

4. The names and addresses of Applicant's principal corporate officers are:

Mr. James Burns Mr. Shawn Torres Mr. Christopher Jean

Officers can be contacted at the main corporate office mailing and physical address location as specified in item 1 of this application.

5. Camellia City Fiber, LLC is a Limited Liability Company formed under the laws of Louisiana with all such represented formation documents and information included as *Exhibit A*.

6. Camellia City Fiber, LLC is a Louisiana based company that was founded in December of 2020 and is committed to the installation of dark fiber within different cities throughout the state. The Applicant and its leadership and management team is highlight skilled and well versed in the telecommunications industry specially with the design, development and deployment of sophisticated communications and telecommunications networks with dedicated fiber optic backbones..

The principals of Camellia City Fiber, LLC; for over 25 years have been involved with full service technology and communications companies (CLEC, VoIP, SIP, network consulting) and their success has always been attributable to and founded upon providing the highest level of customer service and technical experience to become one Solution for business customers.

Headquartered in Slidell Louisiana, the Camellia City Fiber, LLC team is comprised

of telecom veterans with broad industry experience designing and deploying Innovative Solutions for companies with a single location or organizations that have a regional or national footprint. 7. A copy of Applicant's authorization to do business in Louisiana is attached hereto as *Exhibit B*.
8. The name, address and telephone number of the Applicant's agent for service of process is:

Mr. Christopher Jean 61155 Highway 11 Slidell, Louisiana 70458 Phone: 985-960-1818

9. Applicant has the managerial, technical and leadership capabilities to provide the telecommunications services for which it seeks authority under this application. The Applicant has a well rounded and diverse management and technical team. All key personnel have been long term employees of the Applicant. Management and leadership promote creativity and all the while foster innovation and collaboration amongst not only themselves but across all areas of the Company.

Management and technical biographies of key personnel are included in the submission with the original filing as an exhibit.

Applicant is financially qualified to provide the telecommunications services for which it seeks the authority requested in this Application attached as *Exhibit C*. Applicant is providing financial information to demonstrate Applicant's financial wherewithal. Please be advised that Exhibit C is being filed under seal with request for confidentiality. Although Applicant at this time; due to its recent formation does nto have strong financial information the Commission should consider that members of the Applicant leadership team have ong standing ties within the state, are dedicated to making the company a success and has been structured and established to serve one (1) primary customer. Management and leadership is uniquely dedicated to the mission and growth of the company and therefore, if required and requested will willingly post a bond with the Commission of up to \$100,000. until such time the Commission feels comfortable with the growth and stability fo the Applicant.

Applicant requests that these financials provided be kept strictly confidential and to be used

for internal Commission use only. In the event the Commission was to make these financial statements available to the public it would cause due harm to Applicant. Therefore Applicant requests that these financials be treated as Confidential and filed under seal.

Applicant has the managerial, technical, administrative and operational qualifications necessary to provide the proposed services throughout the state of Louisiana as its proposed service territory. As noted above, Applicants management and leadership team also have had long term experience running a unique and structured communications company which provides multiple communications products and services. The Applicant is seeking such designation of CAP only and specifically in the state of Louisiana and shall not seek a same or similar designation in any other state and discloses such facts pursuant to Section 301(E)(10).

10. The Applicant currently has no other CCN and/or applications pending in any other state with any other Public Service or Public Utility Commission at this time.

The Applicant has never had a request for authorization denied by any commission.

The Applicant has never had authorization revoked in any state by any commission.

Set forth in *Exhibit D* are resumes or key management personnel who are responsible for the Applicant's operations. These resumes highlight management's extensive and long historical background in the telecommunications industry. The management team members and leadership team have extensive years of telecommunications expertise. Applicant thereby demonstrates that it possesses significant managerial and technical experience and expertise along with all qualifications necessary to operate a competitive telecommunications company in Louisiana, which is fully consistent with the Commission's requirement. In fact Applicant exceeds Commission requirements and proudly stands ready to serve the needs of business class customers throughout the state.

For descriptions of Applicant's technical ability, please note aforementioned *Exhibit D*.

11. Applicant intends to offer dark fiber on a facilities and resold basis throughout the state of Louisiana as noted in <u>Exhibit E</u> as Applicant's representative coverage map to one main customer. As demonstrated in <u>Exhibit E</u> the Applicant proposes to incorporate by reference all services areas of the Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and its underlying carriers where competition has been approved by the Commission.

Applicant attests that it shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Commission related to service areas.

Section 301(E)(9). Key contact information regarding the Applicant's operations without limitation include the Repair and Maintenance information; the name, address and telephone number of a Louisiana contact person responsible for and knowledgeable about the applicant's operations are provided below.

<u>Financial/Annual Reports</u> Name: Mr. Shawn Torres Official Title: COO Direct Telephone Number: 985-640-9093 Email: <u>STorres@camelliafiber.com</u>

Tariff/Regulatory

Name: James Burns Official Title: President Direct Telephone Number: 985-634-8530 Email: jburns@camelliafiber.com

with copy to:

Company Name: CLA (CliftonAllenLawson, LLP) Name: Laura Garfinkel Official Title: Director Direct Telephone Number: 973-760-9218 FAX Number: 866-611-5443 Email: laura-garfinkel@claconnect.com The names and address of the managers of Camellia City Fiber, LLC is as follows:

Name: James Burns Official Title: President Direct Telephone Number: 985-634-8530 Email: jburns@camelliafiber.com

Name: Mr. Shawn Torres Official Title: COO Direct Telephone Number: 985-640-9093 Email: <u>STorres@camelliafiber.com</u>

Mr. Christopher Jean Official Title: CEO Direct Telephone Number: 985-960-1818 Email: CJean@camelliafiber.com

The name and address of the senior management personnel responsible for Louisiana operations of Camellia City Fiber, LLC is as follows:

Customer Service

Name: James Burns Official Title: President Direct Telephone Number: 985-634-8530 Email: jburns@camelliafiber.com

Repair, Maintenance & Billing

Name: James Burns Official Title: President Direct Telephone Number: 985-634-8530 Email: jburns@camelliafiber.com

Section 301(E)(10). A list of other states where the applicant has applied to operate as a telecommunications service provider and/or to offer telecommunications services, a list of other states where the applicant is authorized to operate, and a lost of those states which have denied any requested authority.

No states have denied the Applicant authority to operate as a telecommunications

carrier and/or provider in any state with which the Applicant had previously filed requests for

approval for any authority.

Section 301(E)(11). Illustrative, proposed tariffs in compliance with the requirements set forth

in Section 301.

Exhibits F Represents the Applicant's proposed Competitive Access Provider that

will be filed with the Commission upon approval of this application and/or at anytime the

Commission requests.

CONCLUSION

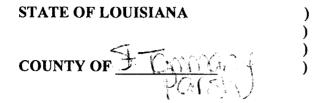
Applicant's entry into the telecommunications market will enhance competition in the provision of telecommunications services which will serve to benefit Louisiana business customers who are seeking premier telecommunications services offerings while Applicant remains at all times in compliance with the rules, guidelines and regulations as set forth by the Louisiana Public Service Commission. By submission of this Applicant and its Exhibits, along with providing confidential financial information, Applicant has proven to the Commission that it can support all of its service offerings and is financially, technically and fully qualified in every respect to provide all stated services throughout Louisiana to serve the greater good of the public.

WHEREFORE, Camellia City Fiber LLC respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Application and provide its approval

Respectfully Submitted

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VERIFICATION



I, Jimmy Burns, do hereby state that as an Officer of Camellia City Fiber LLC and Applicant for a Certificate of Authority from the Louisiana Public Service Commission, I have authority to bind Camellia City Fiber, LLC and hereby affirm that:

1. This Application and its Exhibits to request approval from the Commission to be granted Competitive Access Provider ("CAP") status throughout the state of Louisiana represents fully the Camellia City Fiber LLC operations, offerings and the Company in a full, true and complete fashion;

2. Camellia City Fiber LLC confirms that information contained in the application is true and correct; and,

3. Camellia City Fiber LLC is familiar with, and; shall comply with all rules, regulations, orders and guidelines as set forth by the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

Subscribed and affirmed before me this $\frac{1}{2}$ Print Name 1 ADI DUL Seal: Sign Name Notary Public: My Commission expires: Date Sworn to and subscribed before me. Notary, this 8th day of 17Pier (, 20 21. Non H1498 Notary Public