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Ms. Lisa Foust
Utilities Division
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

filed electronically in docket office on 08/13/09

Re: *Application of Georgia Public Web, Inc. for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Provide Competing Local and Interexchange Telecommunications Services in Tennessee*
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
Docket No.: 09-00079

Dear Ms. Foust:

Attached is a *Petition for Admission to Plead Pro Hac Vice and Affidavit for Robert J. Middleton, Jr.*, in accordance with Chapter 1220-1-2-.04 of the Rules of Tennessee Regulatory Authority and Rule 19 of the Rules of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

As requested, I am enclosing the original and four (4) copies, plus one additional "file" copy, of the Petition. Please stamp "filed" on the file copy and return it in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Please contact me if you have any questions whatsoever.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

J. Clayton Cheshire

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Attachment

cc: Ms. Sharla Dillon, Tennessee Regulatory Authority (via .pdf version to sharla.dillon@tn.gov)
The Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee

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**TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
STATE OF TENNESSEE**

PETITION FOR ADMISSION TO PLEAD AND PRACTICE *PRO HAC VICE*

The Petition of Robert J. Middleton, Jr. respectfully shows that Petitioner is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia, as evidenced by Georgia State Bar Registration Number 504915 and is admitted to practice before the Georgia Supreme Court.

Wherefore, Petitioner prays that he be admitted as an attorney to plead and practice *pro hac vice* before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority in all present and future dockets concerning Georgia Public Web, Inc.

OATH OF ADMISSION (*PRO HAC VICE*)

I, Robert J. Middleton, Jr., do solemnly swear that as an attorney before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, I will conduct myself uprightly and according to law, and that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America.

DATE: 8/13/09



Robert J. Middleton, Jr., Counsel for
Georgia Public Web, Inc.

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AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT J. MIDDLETON, JR.
(Pro Hac Vice Applicant)

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

Before me, the undersigned, personally appeared Robert J. Middleton, Jr., who
(Pro Hac Vice Applicant)
after being duly sworn makes oath and states as follows:

1) My full name is: Robert Jackson Middleton, Jr.

My residence address is: 2111 Cameron Drive, Albany, Georgia 31721

My company name is: Hall Booth Smith & Slover, P.C.

My office address is: 2417 Westgate Drive, Albany, Georgia 31708

My email address is: bmiddleton@hbss.net

My telephone number is: (229) 347-1831

Other jurisdictions licensed & registration/identifying numbers are:

Georgia State Bar Registration Number 504915

Full name or style of case in which I seek to appear:

In Re: Application of Georgia Public Web, Inc. for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Provide Competing Local and Interexchange Telecommunications Services in Tennessee, Before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, Docket No. 09-00079

Name of the client or clients I seek to represent:

Georgia Public Web, Inc.

2) The jurisdiction(s) in which I am licensed to practice law, with date(s) of admission:

Georgia; admitted September 14, 1982

Any other courts in which I am admitted to practice, with dates(s) of admission:

None

Statement of good standing in all other jurisdictions in which applicant is licensed to practice law:

The applicant lawyer is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia (see attached Exhibit).

- 3) Full name or style of each case in which applicant was previously admitted or sought to be admitted *pro hac vice* in any trial or appellate court of Tennessee within the preceding three years, date of any such admission or the date of any such motion that was filed but not granted, and the status of any such case in which not admitted.

None.

- 4) Statement concerning whether the applicant lawyer has previously been denied admission *pro hac vice* or has had an admission *pro hac vice* revoked by any court in any jurisdiction and, if so, a full description of the circumstances, including the full name or style of the case:

The applicant lawyer has not previously been denied admission *pro hac vice*, nor has he had an admission *pro hac vice* revoked by any court in any jurisdiction.

- 5) Statement concerning whether the applicant lawyer has ever been disciplined or sanctioned by the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, by any similar lawyer disciplinary agency in any jurisdiction, or by any similar lawyer disciplinary authority and, if so, a full description of the circumstances, including the full name or style of the matter:

The applicant lawyer has not been disciplined or sanctioned by the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, by any similar lawyer disciplinary agency in any jurisdiction, or by any similar lawyer disciplinary authority.

- 6) Statement concerning whether any disciplinary action or investigation concerning the applicant lawyer's conduct is pending before the Board of Professional Responsibility of

the Supreme Court of Tennessee, before any similar lawyer disciplinary agency in any jurisdiction, or before any similar lawyer disciplinary authority and, if so, a full description of the circumstances, including the full name or style of the matter:

There is no disciplinary action or investigation concerning the applicant lawyer's conduct pending before the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, before any similar lawyer disciplinary agency in any jurisdiction, or before any similar lawyer disciplinary authority.

- 7) Statement that the applicant lawyer is familiar with the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct and the rules governing the proceedings of the court before which the lawyer seeks to practice:

The applicant lawyer is familiar with the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct and the rules governing the proceedings of the court before which the lawyer seeks to practice.

- 8) Statement that the applicant lawyer consents to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee and the courts of Tennessee in any matter arising out of the lawyer's conduct in the proceeding and that the lawyer agrees to be bound by the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct and any other rules of conduct applicable to lawyers generally admitted in Tennessee:

The applicant lawyer consents to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee and the courts of Tennessee in any matter arising out of the lawyer's conduct in the proceeding, and the lawyer agrees to be bound by the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct and any other rules of conduct applicable to lawyers generally admitted in Tennessee.

- 9) Tennessee lawyer with whom the applicant is associated:

Name: Karl M. Braun

Address: Hall Booth Smith & Slover, PC,

611 Commerce St., Suite 3000, Nashville, TN 37203

Telephone No.: (615) 313-9913

TN BPR No. 022371

- 10) Statement that the applicant lawyer has paid all fees required by this Rule in connection with the motion for admission:

The applicant lawyer has paid all fees required by this Rule in connection with the motion for admission.

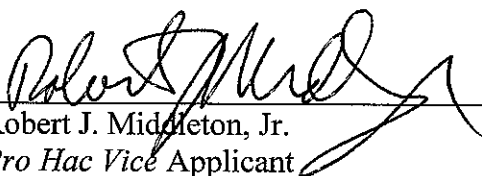
- 11) At the option of the applicant lawyer, any other information supporting the lawyer's admission:

None.

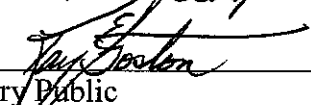
- 12) Statement indicating service of the *pro hac vice* motion and all associated papers upon all counsel of record in the proceeding and upon the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee:

A copy of the *pro hac vice* motion and all associated papers has been filed with the Chair of the Authority.

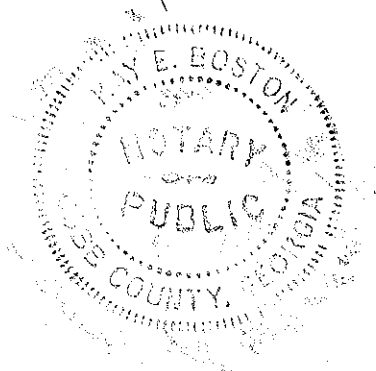
I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.


Robert J. Middleton, Jr.
Pro Hac Vice Applicant

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 13th day of August, 2009.


Notary Public

My commission expires: KAY E. BOSTON
Notary Public, Cobb County, Georgia
My Commission Expires Feb. 3, 2012





SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

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August 12, 2009

I hereby certify that Robert J. Middleton, Jr., Esq., was admitted on the 13th day of April, 1983, as a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of Georgia, the highest court of this State; and, since that date he has been and is now a member of this bar in good standing, as appears from the records and files in this office.



Witness my signature and the seal of this Court
hereto affixed the day and year first above written.

Therese A Barnes, Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"