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TELECOM/INTERNET LAW . REGULATORY CONSULTING

November 2, 2009

Via FedEx
David Foster
Utilities Division Deputy Chief
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

filed electronically in docket office on 110/02/09

Re: Data Request No. 1 in the Application of Peace Communications, LLC for a

Certificate to Provide Competing Local Telecommunications Services,

Docket No. 09-00149

Dear Mr. Foster:

Enclosed for filing are an original and four (4) copies in response to the data request dated October 22, 2009. An electronic copy of the response has been delivered via email to Sharla Dillon.

Please contact me at 202.250.3413 should you have any questions or need additional information or contact my assistant, Carol Lisowski at 510.285.8011, carol@lokt.net.

Sincerely,

Kristopher E. Twomey

Counsel to Peace Communications, LLC

**Enclosures** 

cc: Bill Chapman

Data Request - October 22, 2009 Docket No. 09-00149

1. Will Peace Communications, LLC offer residential service in Tennessee? If so will the company provide white page directory listings, access to 911 emergency services, free blocking for 900/976 calls, access to the telecommunications relay service, Lifeline and Link-Up and educational discounts existing on June 6, 1995?

Response: Peace Communications, LLC will not offer residential service in Tennessee.

2. Provide proof of authority to transact business in Tennessee issued by the Tennessee Secretary of State. The application contained a copy of the certificate registration with the Tennessee Department of Revenue, but not the Secretary of State.

Response: See Attachment A-1.

 Provide a sworn statement from an authorized representative of the company that all applicable state and federal laws and TRA rules will be adhered to.

Response: See Attachment B-1.

4. The Application states that Peace Communications "enjoys significant access to capital" in regard to service offerings in Tennessee. Provide specific information and verification regarding the source of this potential funding.

Response: See Attachment C-1 for additional funds verification.

 Several of the biographies of management and directors provided in Exhibit 3 appear to be for officers of VPNtranet, not Peace Communications, LLC. Please clarify whether these individuals are officers of Peace Communications, LLC or VPNtranet.

Response: James Peace is the CEO of Peace Communications, LLC. Although originally coming to the company from VPNtranet, Joe Freeman, Bill Chapman, and Jennifer Morrison are now serving Peace Communications under the titles listed in their biographies. Steve Blankenship recently joined Peace Communications as Chief Financial Officer. Dean Poi, one of the shareholders of VPNtranet, will act as a consultant for Peace Communications, LLC. All sales, engineering and executive customer support personnel are employees of Peace Communications only. Personnel from VPNtranet will provide network operations and back-office support and are shown as an expense line item on the filed pro-forma P&L.

6. The pre-filed testimony indicates that Mr. James Peace started VPNtranet, LLC in 2000, yet states that he has been "with Peace Communications/ VPNtranet since its inception in 2009." Explain the relationship between Peace Communications, LLC and VPNtranet. Clarify when VPNtranet was created.

Response:

James Peace is the CEO of Peace Communications and an officer of the LLC. He is also a major shareholder in VPNtranet. Carmen Peace is the 100% owner of Peace Communications.

VPNtranet was created in November 2000 to offer Internet Services and network support and will continue offering these products.

Carmen and James Peace realized a need to provide local competitive service to end users in Tennessee and decided to create a CLEC. Mr. Peace assumed leadership of Peace Communications, LLC as its CEO. Along with talented personnel previously with VPNtranet, Peace hopes to become a successful CLEC provider offering services to business customers. Network operations and back-office support will be provided by personnel from VPNtranet. The cost of these services are shown as an expense line item on the filed pro-foma P&L. Both of these companies will continue to exist on an individual basis.

7. Will Peace Communications, LLC rely on VPNtranet for funding? If so, provide current financial information for VPNtranet, including Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows.

Response: Peace Communications, LLC will not rely on VPNtranet for funding.

## Response to October 22, 2009 Data Request

I, Kristopher Twomey, do hereby swear that the following incumbent local exchange carriers have been notified of the Application of CommPartners, LLC for a Certificate to Provide Competing Local Telecommunications Services, Docket No. 09-00149 on this day November 2, 2009.

Kristopher E. Twomey

Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

CenturyTel of Adamsville

CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc.

Century Telephone of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc.

Frontier Communications of the Volunteer State

Concord Telephone Exchange (TDS Telecom)

Crockett Telephone Company, Inc.

Humphrey's County Telephone Co.

Loretto Telephone Company, Inc.

Millington Telephone Company, Inc.

Peoples Telephone Company, Inc.

Embarq Communications, Inc.

Tellico Telephone Company (TDS Telecom)

Tennessee Telephone Company (TDS Telecom)

United Telephone Company

West Tennessee Telephone Company (TEC)

# ATTACHMENT A-1



# STATE OF TENNESSEE Tre Hargett, Secretary of State

Division of Business Services 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue 6th Floor, William R. Snodgrass Tower Nashville, TN 37243

#### PEACE COMMUNICATIONS LLC

1100 CENTRAL AVE CHATTANOOGA, TN 37403 USA October 29, 2009

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Congratulations on the successful filing of your Articles of Organization for PEACE COMMUNICATIONS LLC in the State of Tennessee which is effective on the date shown above. You must also file this document in the office of the Register of Deeds in the county where the entity has its principal office if such principal office is in Tennessee.

You must file an Annual Report with this office on or before the Annual Report Due Date noted above and maintain a Registered Office and Registered Agent. Failure to do so will subject the business to Administrative Dissolution/Revocation.

> Tre Hargett, Secretary of State **Business Services Division**

## ATTACHMENT B-1

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1100 EAST 11TH ST, CHATTANOOGA, TN 37403

Mr. David Foster Tennessee Regulatory Authority Utilities Division Deputy Chief 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Dear Mr. Foster,

This is to certify that Peace Communications, LLC will adhere to all applicable state and federal laws as well as all TRA rules.

James E Peace

Chief Executive Officer

Peace Communications, LLC

James E Peace

Movember 10, 2012

## ATTACHMENT C-1