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IN RE:

APPLICATION OF WEST KENTUCKY RURAL
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC. D/B/A
“WK&T” (“WK&T”) FOR RENEWAL OF A STATE-ISSUED
CERTIFICATE OF FRANCHISE AUTHORITY

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CERTIFICATE OF FRANCHISE AUTHORITY

On May 2, 2012, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-301, *et seq.*, also known as the Competitive Cable and Video Services Act (“CCVSA”), a state-issued certificate of authority was issued to West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. d/b/a “WK&T” (“WK&T”) by the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“TPUC”).

On August 5, 2022, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-305(b)(1)(f), WK&T, filed an application to reapply for a state-issued certificate of franchise authority. Pursuant to the CCVSA, issuance of the state-issued Certificate of Franchise Authority hereby conveys:

1. A nonexclusive grant of authority to provide cable or video service in the areas set forth in the application;¹
2. A nonexclusive grant of authority to construct, maintain and operate facilities through, along, upon, over and under any public rights-of-way, subject to the laws of the state of Tennessee, including the lawful exercise of police powers of the municipalities and counties in which such service is delivered;
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 & 2 above, this grant of authority is subject to lawful operation of the cable and video service by the Applicant or its successor in interest; and,

¹ According to its re-application, WK&T’s service area will be areas covered by the original Certificate, and the additional portions of unincorporated towns as well as, portions of Dresden, Martin and portions of Carroll County, as listed in Exhibit “1”

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 & 2 above, this grant of authority does not confer upon the holder of the state-issued certificate of franchise authority the right to place facilities on private property without the owner's consent to such placement, except that nothing herein shall alter the condemnation authority provided pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-21-204 for internal improvements or as provided in title 29, chapter 16 of the Tennessee Code.

BE IT HEREBY ISSUED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Earl Taylor", positioned above a horizontal line.

Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director