BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:)		
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IN THE MATTER OF THE)		
APPLICATION OF MEGAWATT)		
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC)		
FOR A CERTIFICATE TO PROVIDE)	DOCKET NO.	15-00087
BROADBAND AND INTERNET)		10 00007
ACCESS SERVICE	Ś		

APPLICATION OF MEGAWATT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR CERTIFICATE TO PROVIDE BROADBAND AND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 65-4-201, Megawatt Communications, LLC ("Megawatt" or "the Company") respectfully requests that the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") grant to Megawatt a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide broadband internet access service ("BIAS"), now classified by the Federal Communications Commission as a "telecommunications service," to customers in Tennessee. Megawatt has the managerial, technical and financial capabilities to provide BIAS and is willing and able to comply with all applicable rules and regulations.

Megawatt also offers VOIP telephone service to its BIAS customers. In classifying BIAS as a "telecommunications service," the FCC described VOIP offered by a BIAS provider as an "application level" service. Open Internet Order at paragraph 209. If the Authority grants Megawatt a certificate to offer BIAS, that certificate would encompass the offering of application-level services such as VOIP. If, however, the Authority determines that, for jurisdictional or other

¹ See In the Matter of "Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet," GN Docket 14-28, Report and Order on Remand, Declaratory Ruling and Order, released March 12, 2015, hereafter "Open Internet Order," at paragraphs 355-387.

reasons, the agency cannot issue a certificate to Megawatt to offer broadband Internet access services, Megawatt asks, in the alternative, that the Authority issue Megawatt a certificate as a "competing telecommunications service provider" pursuant to T.C.A. § 65-4-201(c).

In support of its Application, Megawatt submits the following:

1. The full name and address of the Applicant is:

Megawatt Communications, LLC P.O. Box 2513 Lewisburg, TN 37091 Attn.: Jack Cathey

Questions regarding this application should be directed to:

Henry Walker Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP 1600 Division, Suite 700 Nashville, TN 37203

Contact name and address at the Company is:

Jack Cathey P.O. Box 2513 Lewisburg, TN 37091

2. Corporate information:

Megawatt Communications, LLC was incorporated in the state of Tennessee on January 5, 2011. A copy of the Company's Articles of Incorporation are provided in Exhibit A. A certificate that the Company is qualified to do business in Tennessee is attached as Exhibit B. The sole member of the Company is Mr. Jack Cathey.

3. <u>Megawatt possesses the managerial, technical and financial ability to provide local</u> telecommunications service in the State of Tennessee as demonstrated below:

(a) Financial Qualifications:

Megawatt is a small, relatively new company that provides broadband internet access service and VOIP telephone service to approximately forty customers in and around Marshall County, Tennessee.

As a small company, Megawatt is financed through the resources of the owner, Mr. Jack H. Cathey, the sole member of Megawatt Communications, LLC. In addition to BIAS and VOIP telephone service, Megawatt also offers web design, web hosting, website maintenance, network design and maintenance, fiber optic networking and design, wireless network installation, business wifi, and computer sales and repair in the Marshall County area. A copy of Megawatt's "Profit and Loss Statement" (confidential) and Mr. Cathey's state and federal tax returns for 2014 are attached as Exhibit D (confidential).

(b) <u>Managerial Ability</u>:

Mr. Cathey has the managerial expertise to successfully operate a broadband internet access service and VOIP telephone service in Tennessee and is doing so now. Mr. Cathey's qualifications are described in Exhibit C and the company's current offerings are described in Mr. Cathey's pre-filed testimony attached as Exhibit G.

(c) Technical Qualifications:

Megawatt's technical qualifications are also demonstrated by the fact that the Company is now and has been successfully offering broadband internet access and VOIP telephone service to customers in and around Marshall County. See Exhibit G. The Company's VOIP telephone service is provided through a partnership with Aeneas Communications, LLC ("Aeneas"), which has been providing telephone service in Tennessee since 1999. A copy of the agreement between Megawatt and Aeneas is attached as Exhibit F.

4. Proposed Service Area:

The applicant seeks statewide authority but initially offers its services in and around Marshall County.

5. <u>Types of Service to be provided:</u>

Megawatt provides broadband internet access service and VOIP telephone service to end users as described more fully in Exhibit G. All telephone services are purchased from Aeneas on a wholesale basis, and the services are comparable to that currently offered by other VOIP carriers.

6. <u>Repair and Maintenance</u>:

Customers with service issues may contact Mr. Cathey at 931-359-4321.

7. <u>Small and Minority-Owned Telecommunications Business Participation Plan:</u>

See Exhibit E.

8. <u>Toll Dialing Parity Plan, Numbering Issues, Tariffs, and Tennessee Specific Operational</u>

<u>Issues</u>:

These requirements generally apply to traditional, TDM telephone service. Megawatt provides telephone service only through VOIP technology and only as an "application level" service to its BIAS customers.² Megawatt therefore submits that each of these requirements should be waived to the extent the TRA is able and willing to do so. To the extent the TRA determines that any of these requirements cannot or should not be waived, Megawatt will amend this application accordingly. Since Megawatt's telephone service is provided on a wholesale basis by Aeneas, a TRA-certificated carrier, Megawatt is able to comply with any TRA requirement applicable to Aeneas.

² See Open Internet Order at paragraphs 208-210 and 400 describing VOIP as an "application level service" or as "VOIP applications" that "ride over broadband Internet access networks."

9. Miscellaneous:

- (a) A surety bond will be obtained and filed prior to the granting of a certificate.
- (b) Megawatt will comply with all applicable TRA policies, rules and orders.
- (c) Megawatt does not require customer deposits.
- (d) Megawatt has not been the subject of any customer complaints.
- (e) Mr. Cathey's prefiled testimony is attached as Exhibit G.

10. Jurisdiction:

The TRA has jurisdiction over providers of broadband Internet access service, now classified by the FCC as a "telecommunications service," pursuant to Section 706(a) of the Federal Communications Act (47 U.S.C. 1302(a)), which states that the FCC and state commissions "shall encourage the deployment . . . of advanced telecommunications capability." <u>Verizon v. FCC</u>, 740 F.3d 623, 638 (D.C. Cir., 2014) (holding that Section 706(a) is an affirmative grant of jurisdiction over "advanced telecommunications," including broadband Internet access service, to the FCC and the state commissions). Under Tennessee law, the TRA "is authorized as a matter of state law to receive any jurisdiction delegated to it" by the Federal Telecommunications Act. (See T.C.A. § 65-5-109(m).

States cannot use state certification requirements "to restrict entry into the broadband market." "Open Internet Order," at paragraph 433. However, as the FCC explained in the Open Internet Order, footnote 708, the Order "does not preclude all state commission action in this area, just that which is inconsistent with the federal regulatory regime." Where, as here, the broadband provider voluntarily submits to the jurisdiction of the TRA and requests the issuance of a certificate of convenience and necessity, there is no conflict with federal law. To the contrary, issuance of a certificate would be consistent with federal law. For example, Megawatt has been informed that

a TRA certificate is required to execute a pole attachment agreement, execute an interconnection agreement, obtain telephone numbers, occupy the public right-of-way and obtain easements. While such requirements arguably conflict with the FCC's regulatory framework described in the Open Internet Order, all of these arguments become moot once Megawatt obtains a certificate that clarifies its status as a public utility under state law. Therefore, granting a certificate to Megawatt upon a finding that the company has the managerial, technical, and financial capabilities to offer broadband internet access service in Tennessee would "encourage the deployment on a reasonable and timely basis of advanced telecommunications capability to all Americans" as the TRA is both authorized and required to do by Section 706(a) of the Federal Telecommunications Act.

CONCLUSION:

Megawatt respectfully requests that the TRA enter an order granting it a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide broadband internet access service in Tennessee. For the reasons stated above, Megawatt's provision of these services would promote the public interest by providing high-quality service at competitive prices and by creating greater economic incentives for the development and improvement for all competing providers. In the alternative, Megawatt requests that the TRA grant the Company a certificate as a competing telecommunications service provider.

Respectfully submitted,

BRADLEY ARANT BOULT CUMMINGS LLP

By: _

Henry Walker (B.P.R. No. 000272) Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP 1600 Division Street, Suite 700 Nashville, TN 37203

Phone: 615-252-2363 Email: hwalker@babc.com

EXHIBIT A

Articles of Incorporation



STATE OF TENNESSEE Tre Hargett, Secretary of State

Division of Business Services
William R. Snodgrass Tower
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Nashville, TN 37243-1102

JACK CATHEY PO BOX 2513 LEWISBURG, TN 37091-1513

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I, Tre Hargett, Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee, do hereby certify that **Megawatt Communications LLC**, Control # 647857 was formed or qualified to do business in the State of Tennessee on 01/05/2011. Megawatt Communications LLC has a home jurisdiction of TENNESSEE and is currently in an Active status. The attached documents are true and correct copies and were filed in this office on the date(s) indicated below.

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION (LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

TRE HARGETT SECRETARY OF STATE

Nashville, TN 37243		(X)
The Articles of Organization presented the Tennessee Revised Limited Liabilit	d herein are adopted in y Company Act.	accordance with the provisions of
1. The name of the Limited Liability Con	npany is: Megawatt Commu	unications LLC
(NOTE: Pursuant to the provisions of must contain the words "Limited Lia	f TCA §48-249-106, each ibility Company" or the a	bbreviation "LLC" or "L.L.C.")
 The name and complete address of the and office located in the state of Ten <u>Jack Cathey</u> (Name) 	ne Limited Liability Compai nessee is:	CREE OF OR
404 David Ave	Lewisburg	TN 3700 5
(Street address) Marshall	(City)	(State)Zin Com)
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3. The Limited Liability Company will be ☑ Member Managed ☐ Manag		APPLICABLE BOX)
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8. Other Provisions:		
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Megawatt Communications LLC		
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LEWISBURG, TN 37091-3603		
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Name	Business Address	City, State, Zip
JACK CATHEY	404 DAVID AVENUE	LEWISBURG, TN 37091
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governed by the Revised LLC Act), (or the	ir equivalent), respectively.	
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Name	Business Address	City, State, Zip	
Jack Cathey	PO BOX 2513	LEWISBURG, TN 37091	
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JACK CATHEY	404 DAVID AVENUE	LEWISBURG, TN 37091	
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		(0) Data: 02/42/2045
(7) Signature: Electronic		(8) Date: 03/13/2015
(9) Type/Print Name: Jack Cathey		(10) Title: Owner
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EXHIBIT B

Certificate of Authorization to Conduct Business in Tennessee



STATE OF TENNESSEE Tre Hargett, Secretary of State

Division of Business Services William R. Snodgrass Tower 312 Rosa L. Parks AVE, 6th FL Nashville, TN 37243-1102

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Business County: MARSHALL COUNTY

Inactive Date:

CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE

I, Tre Hargett, Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee, do hereby certify that effective as of the issuance date noted above

Megawatt Communications LLC

- * is a Limited Liability Company duly formed under the law of this State with a date of incorporation and duration as given above;
- * has paid all fees, taxes and penalties owed to this State (as reflected in the records of the Secretary of State and the Department of Revenue) which affect the existence/authorization of the business;
- * has filed the most recent annual report required with this office;
- * has appointed a registered agent and registered office in this State;
- * has not filed Articles of Dissolution or Articles of Termination. A decree of judicial dissolution has not been filed.

Secretary of State

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EXHIBIT C

Resume of Mr. Jack Cathey

Mr. Jack Cathey

2009	Graduated from Columbia State with an Associates Degree in Computer Information Systems
2009	Founded Megawatt Communications, LLC offering ISP service in and around Marshall County
2010	Megawatt began constructing its own towers and offering wireless internet access service
2010	Constructed E911 fiber network for Marshall County
2012	Graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with a Bachelor's Degree; major in Criminal Justice; Minor in Computer Information Systems
2012	Megawatt began offering telephone service through VOIP technology; Megawatt also began offering as an additional service the design and management of office computer systems
2013	Selected for Leadership Marshall
2015	Megawatt installed approximately five miles of fiber optic cable in Marshall County over which it now offers broadband internet access service and resold VOIP telephone service

P.O. BOX 2513 Lewisburg, Tennessee 37091 931-993-7962 • JACK@JACKCATHEY.COM

JACK CATHEY

OBJECTIVE

To provide the best Internet possible all at an affordable price.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Certification(s) in:

NCIC / TIES Certified Entry and Query
P.O.S.T. Certifiable | OC Spray Certified | Taser Certified | Spike Strip Certified

EMPLOYMENT

07/09 - Present Megawatt Communications LLC

Lewisburg, TN

President / CEO

- · Communications contractor.
- Maintain fiber optic lines for 911 centers.
- Design and implement Custom networks and solutions.
- · Computer and computer systems repair
- Provide fiber-optic Internet
- Fiber-optic network construction
- · Wireless Internet provider

01/10 - 10/14 Marshall County Sheriffs Office

Marshall County, TN (Lewisburg)

Information and Technology Director / Reserve Deputy

- Enforce Federal, State, and Local laws.
- Serve criminal and civil process.
- Responsible for operations of all systems in the facility.
 - Emergency communication equipment 911, two-way radio, and telephones.
 - Computer Aided Dispatch System "CAD".
 - Emergency power systems generators and battery backups.
 - Jail Management and tracking system.
 - Electronic door locks and controlling computer system.
 - · Recorders for radio, 911, and admin lines.
 - CCTV DVR for 24/7 video of the complex.
 - NCIC systems and TIES Tennessee Information Enforcement System.
 - Computerized fingerprinting and booking system.
 - Local and state network security and maintenance.
 - Maintain secure storage of all electronic records.
 - Vehicle emergency lighting, siren and communications equipment.

08/07 - 06/09 TNWeb LLC

Lewisburg, TN

Network Engineer

- Managed and maintained citywide wireless network
- Provided computer repair and troubleshooting.
- Install and repair of Internet connectivity Residential Government and Commercial.
- Assisted in Network Operations Center with server repair and Maintenance.

08/07 - 10/08 ERMCII Security Cool Springs Galleria Franklin, TN

Tennessee Licensed Unarmed Guard

- Provide secure environment for patrons.
- Inspected property for damage and hazards to patrons.
- Investigated shopliftings and issued ban notices
- Investigated accidents and composed reports

05/05 - 08/07 H & S Pharmacy #1 Lewisburg, TN Maintenance

- Provided general building maintenance.
- Computer networking and implementation for efficiency.
- Maintenance of PBX, telco equipment, and Internet connectivity.

EDUCATION

Advanced Drug Interdiction TNOA November 2013

Middle Tennessee State University – Bachelors – Criminal Justice Admin – 2012

Minor Computer Info Systems

Columbia State Community College – Associates Degree – Computer Info Systems - 2009

Spot Lowe Vocational Center- Diploma 2007

Marshall County High School - High School Diploma 2007

EXHIBIT D

Financial Information

Profit and Loss Statement of Megawatt

Federal and State Tax Returns of Jack Cathey (Confidential)

EXHIBIT E

Small and Minority-Owned Telecommunications Business Plan

MEGAWATT COMMUNICATIONS SMALL AND MINORITY-OWNED TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PLAN

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 65-5-212, as amended, Megawatt Communications, LLC ("Megawatt" or "the Company") submits this small and minority-owned Telecommunications business participation plan (the "Plan") along with its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide competing intrastate and local exchange services in Tennessee.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of T.C.A. § 65-5-212 is to provide opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses to provide goods and services to telecommunications service providers. The Company is committed to the goals of § 65-5-212 and to taking steps to support the participation of small and minority-owned telecommunications businesses in the telecommunications industry. Megawatt will endeavor to provide opportunities for small and minority-owned telecommunications businesses to compete for contracts and subcontracts for goods and services.

As part of its procurement process, Megawatt will make efforts to identify and inform minority-owned and small businesses that are qualified and capable of providing goods and services to the Company of such opportunities. The Company's representative will contact the Department of Economic and Community Development, the administrator of the small and minority-owned telecommunications assistance program, to obtain a list of qualified vendors. Moreover, the Company will seek to increase awareness of such opportunities so that companies not otherwise identified will have sufficient information to participate in the procurement process.

II. **DEFINITIONS**

As defined in T.C.A. § 65-5-212.

Minority-Owned Business. Minority-owned business shall mean a business which is solely owned, or at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the assets or outstanding stock of which is owned, by an individual who personally manages and controls daily operations of such business, and who is impeded from normal entry into the economic mainstream because of race, religion, sex or national origin and such business has annual gross receipts of less than four million dollars (\$4,000,000).

Small Business. Small Business shall mean a business with annual gross receipts of less than four million dollars (\$4,000,000).

III. ADMINISTRATION

Megawatt's Plan will be overseen and administered by the individual named below, hereinafter referred to as the Administrator, who will be responsible for carrying out and promoting the Company's full efforts to provide equal opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses.

The Administrator of the Plan will be:

Jack Cathey Megawatt Communications, LLC P. O. Box 2513 Lewisburg, TN 37091

The Administrator's responsibilities will include:

- (1) Maintaining an updated Plan in full compliance with § 65-5-212 and the rules and orders of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.
- (2) Establishing and developing policies and procedures necessary for the successful implementation of the Plan.

- (3) Preparing and submitting such forms as may be required by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, including the filing of required annual updates.
- (4) Serving as the primary liaison to and cooperate with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, other agencies of the State of Tennessee, and small and minority-owned businesses to locate and use qualified small and minority-owned businesses as defined in § 65-5-212.
- (5) Searching for and developing opportunities to use small and minority-owned businesses and encouraging such businesses to participate in and bid on contracts and subcontracts.
- (6) Providing records and reports and cooperate in any authorized surveys as required by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.
- (7) Establishing a record-keeping system to track qualified small and minority-owned businesses and efforts to use such businesses.
- (8) Providing information and education activities to persons within Megawatt and training such persons to seek out, encourage, and promote the use of small and minority-owned businesses.

In performance of these duties, the Administrator will utilize a number of resources, including:

Chambers of Commerce

The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development

The United States Department of Commerce

Small Business Administration

Office of Minority Business

The National Minority Supplier Development Counsel

The National Association of Women Business Owners

The National Association of Minority Contractors

Historically Black Colleges, Universities, and Minority Institutions

The efforts to promote and ensure equal opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses are primarily spelled out in the Administrator's duties above. Additional efforts to provide opportunities to small and minority-owned businesses will include offering, where appropriate and feasible, small and minority-owned businesses assistance with technical, insurance, bonding, licensing, production, and deadline requirements.

IV. RECORDS AND COMPLIANCE REPORTS

Megawatt will maintain records of qualified small and minority-owned business and efforts to use the goods and services of such businesses. In addition, the Company will maintain records of educational and training activities conducted or attended and of the internal procurement procedures adopted to support this plan. The Company will submit records and reports required by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority concerning the Plan. Moreover, the Company will cooperate fully with any surveys and studies required by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

EXHIBIT F

Operational Issues

TENNESSEE OPERATIONAL ISSUES

At this time, all of Megawatt's operational issues are handled on behalf of Megawatt by Aeneas Communications, LLC, a TRA-licensed telephone company since 1999 (see TRA Docket 99-00415). A copy of the contract between Megawatt and Aeneas is attached. Pursuant to that agreement, Aeneas handles and provides:

- (1) Intralata and interlata toll dialing parity;
- (2) Ensures customers may select alternative long distance providers for intralata and interlata dialing; and
- (3) Provides non-discriminatory access to telephone numbers, operator services, directory assistance and directory listings (where applicable).

As Megawatt grows, it will eventually be able to provide these services itself.

EXHIBIT G

Testimony of Mr. Jack Cathey

TESTIMONY OF MR. JACK CATHEY

Q. State your name and what you do for a living.

A. My name is Jack Cathey. I am the sole member of Megawatt Communications, LLC, a company I founded in 2009.

Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

A. The purpose is to support Megawatt's application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide broadband internet access service and VOIP telephone service in Tennessee and to attest to the accuracy of the content of the application.

Q. What communications services does Megawatt currently provide?

A. We currently have about forty customers in and around Marshall County, Tennessee. Megawatt owns five wireless towers and five miles of fiber optic cable. Through the towers, we provide wireless broadband Internet access service to approximately fifteen residential customers who could not otherwise obtain broadband service at a reasonable price. Using our fiber optic cable, we provide broadband Internet access service to five, large business customers in an industrial park. In addition, we use the facilities of an incumbent provider to offer BIAS to about twenty residential and small business customers. My business plan is to offer broadband service, both wireless and wireline, to residential and small business customers under standardized terms and conditions. We offer service to large business customers on an individual contract basis. Finally, we offer all our broadband customers local and long distance telephone service through VOIP technology in partnership with Aeneas Communications.

Q. Why are you applying for a certificate?

A. As Megawatt grows, it has become increasingly difficult to obtain access to telephone poles and the public right-of-way without a TRA certificate. AT&T has told me that I cannot execute a

pole attachment agreement without a certificate. I have been told by land owners and county officials that I cannot obtain an easement or occupy the public right-of-way without a certificate. Finally, if Megawatt grows to the point where I am no longer buying wholesale VOIP service from Aeneas, I will likely need a certificate to obtain telephone numbers and execute an interconnection agreement with an incumbent carrier. Having a certificate moots all these potential issues.

- Q. Will you abide by the rules and orders of the Authority?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Does this complete your testimony?
- A. Yes.

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

I, Jack Cathey, sole owner and officer of Megawatt Communications, LLC, swear that all of the information contained in this application, including my pre-filed testimony, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

JACK CATHEY

Megawatt Communications, LLC

STATE OF TENNESSEE) COUNTY OF MARSHALL)

I, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said county in said state, hereby certify that Jack Cathey, whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of said instrument, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this 3rd day of September, 2015.

H. TAYLONIAN

Notary Public

My commission expires: //-27-2017