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To Whom It May Concern:

Please find the following within the envelope:

- Sworn Pre-Filed testimony, which describes the managerial, technical and financial capabilities of Local Access, LLC
- 2015 balance Sheet, income statement and statement of cash flow.

Also, the following person will be responsible for the company's operations in Tennessee:

Robert Russell - President
11442 Lake Butler Boulevard
Windermere, FL 34786
E-Mail Address: brussell@dmv.com
Phone Number: 866-841-7898

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please let me know.

Thanks.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenny Perkins", written over a horizontal line.

Kenny Perkins
Consultant for Local Access, LLC

cc. Robert Russell

**BEFORE THE STATE OF TENNESSEE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Application of)	
Local Access, LLC)	
For a Certificate of Public Convenience)	
And Necessity to Provide Telephone)	Docket No.: 15-00101
Intrastate Telecommunications Services)	
Throughout the State of Tennessee)	

Local Access, LLC
("Local Access, LLC" or "Applicant")
Direct Testimony of Robert Russell

Q. Will you please state your name and business address?

A. My name is Robert Russell. My business address is 11442 Lake Butler Boulevard, Windermere, FL 34786

Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

A. I am the owner of Local Access, LLC, and hold the position of President. I am currently responsible for the overall strategic, technical, operational and financial success of Local Access, LLC. These responsibilities include strategic planning, enhancement of internal and customer facing technologies system and networks, and assurance that the operational and financial resources at Local Access, LLC are running in an efficient and effective manner.

Q. Please give a brief description of your background and experience?

A. Before co-founding Local Access, I led Draper Communications, owned by DCI Voice Solutions, as its CEO. DCI Voice Solutions offered a wide range of telecommunications services with its primary focus on domestic U.S. and international termination. Under my leadership, DCI Voice Solutions expanded to having personnel in fourteen states and three countries, and its revenue grew more than 300 percent.

Prior to his appointment with DCI Voice Solutions, I was the CEO of Draper Communications and DelMarva Online, LLC (DMV), an Internet Service Provider (ISP). I led DMV from a small, local ISP servicing Salisbury, MD to become the largest privately held ISP on the east coast. I led the acquisition of seven other ISPs and expanded DMV's service area to encompass the entire U.S., as well as Canada and several Trust Territories.

Previous to my tenure with Draper Communication, I served General American Transportation Corporation (NYSE: GMT) as Group GM of Regional Operations and I was responsible for their Midwest manufacturing, warehousing, JIT, and pre-assembly support facilities. I joined General American after graduating from the Florida State Business School in 1992.

Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

A. The purpose of my testimony is to present evidence describing the technical, managerial and financial fitness of Local Access, LLC to provide both voice and access services. As business and economic circumstances dictate, Company intends to provide additional local exchange, exchange access and dedicated transport services. This testimony will also describe the services proposed by Local Access, LLC. Finally, the purpose of my testimony is to show that the public interest will be served by approval of the application of Local Access, LLC for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Q. Has Local Access, LLC registered to do business in Tennessee?

A. Yes. Local Access, LLC received Secretary of State Authority in Tennessee on 9/18/2015, as a limited liability company.

Q. Please explain the Company's corporate structure.

A. Local Access, LLC is a privately held, Florida Limited Liability Company, formed on October, 13, 2010. Local Access, LLC does not have any affiliates.

Q. Please describe the services Local Access, LLC proposes to offer?

A. I intend to initially serve business and carrier customers, and provide both voice and access services. As business and economic circumstances dictate, my company intends to provide additional local exchange, exchange access and dedicated transport services. My company will not provide operator assisted services.

Q. Where in Tennessee does Local Access intend to offer its local services?

A. Local exchange service will be offered throughout the entire state of Tennessee.

Q. Does Local Access, LLC own any network switches or transmission facilities used in routing call?

A. Yes. Local Access, LLC's Tennessee operations will utilize existing switching facilities that are outside the state of Tennessee in combination with leased facilities from other Tennessee carriers.

Q. How will Local Access, LLC bill for its services?

A. Local Access, LLC will bill customers directly.

Q. How are trouble reports and repair concerns handled?

A. Once it initiates operations, Local Access, LLC's toll free customer service telephone number will be available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days a week. The Company's toll free telephone number for customer inquiries, complaints and repairs is 1-866-841-7898. Customers may also contact the company in writing at the headquarters address at 11442 Lake Butler Boulevard, Windermere, FL 34786.

Q. How are billing errors and complaints handled?

A. Local Access, LLC customer can call the 1-866-841-7898 to reach customer service. Customers may also contact the Company via mail at the headquarters location or by initiating customer service inquiry through Local Access website at www.localaccessllc.com.

Q. Describe the proposed Local Access, LLC Tennessee Tariffs?

A. The Local Access, LLC application includes a proposed tariffs which contains the rules, regulations and rates for Local Access, LLC local and access services. Local Access, LLC's service are not mileage nor time of day sensitive.

Q. Does Local Access, LLC provide operator services?

A. No. Local Access, LLC does not provide operator services.

Q. In what states is Local Access, LLC currently certificated?

A. Local Access, LLC is authorized to provide service in California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

Q. Describe Local Access, LLC's financial ability to operate as a telecommunications provider.

A. Local Access, LLC has sufficient financial resources to provide the requested telecommunication services in Tennessee, the financial capability to maintain these services and the financial capability to meet its lease obligations. The Company has provided financial statements as part of its application.

Q. Do you believe Local Access, LLC is capable of delivering its proposed services in Tennessee?

A. Yes, in addition to having sufficient financial resources, the senior management team of Local Access, LLC has a strong background in telecommunications as demonstrated by the biographies included in the Company's application.

Q. Where in Tennessee does Local Access, LLC intend to offer its services and how will those services be offered?

A. Local Access, LLC intends to initially serve business and carrier customers, and provide both voice and access services throughout the state of Tennessee via a combination of its own facilities and facilities from other carriers in the state.

Q. How do you plan to solicit customers?

A. The Company plans to initially market its services to wholesale customers and to business customers. Marketing of services will be through its direct sales staff.

Q. How will Tennessee consumer benefit from Local Access, LLC services?

A. Certification of Local Access, LLC will serve the public interest and offer several benefits to local telecommunication customers in Tennessee. Experience with competition in other telecommunications markets demonstrates the benefits that competition can bring to consumers. Local Access, LLC proposed services will provide multiple public benefits by increasing the competitive choices available to users in Tennessee. Enhanced competition in telecommunications services likely will further stimulate economic development in Tennessee. In addition, increased competition will create incentives for all carriers to offer lower prices, more innovative services, and more responsive customer services.

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PRE-FILE TESTIMONY OF ROBERT RUSSELL

OATH

STATE OF Florida

COUNTY OF Orange

I, Robert Russell, makes oath that I am the President of Local Access, LLC and that I have answered all questions above to the best of my knowledge and the information is correct.

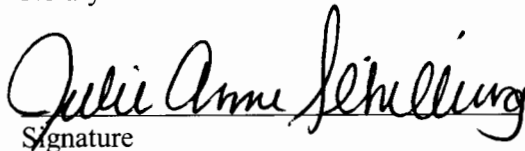

Signature

5/24/2016
Date


Subscribed and swore before me this 24th day of May, 2016. Witness my hand and seal.

Notary

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Signature

8-28-2018
My Commission Expires


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MY COMMISSION # FF 155630
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Cash Basis

Local Access LLC
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2015

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	222,852.46
Total Current Assets	222,852.46
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>222,852.46</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	222,852.46
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>222,852.46</u>

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Local Access LLC
Statement of Cash Flows
January through December 2015

	Jan - Dec 15
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	267,611.30
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income	
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	-38,150.43
FINANCING ACTIVITIES	-174,779.73
Net cash increase for period	-212,930.16
Cash at beginning of period	435,782.62
Cash at end of period	<u>222,852.46</u>

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Cash Basis

Local Access LLC
Profit & Loss
January through December 2015

Jan - Dec 15

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Data Services	22,850.00
IP Platform Services	7,004.73
VoIP Services	360,436.22
Total Income	390,290.95
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	57.00
ILEC Fees	7,178.97
LEC / Carrier Expense	85,797.61
Professional Fees	130,932.98
Professional Services	204,474.82
Total Expense	428,441.38
Net Ordinary Income	-38,150.43
Net Income	<u>-38,150.43</u>