

November 7, 2017

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Hon. David Jones, Chairman  
c/o Sharla Dillon  
Tennessee Public Utility Commission  
502 Deaderick Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243


RE: *In Re: Application of Ardmore Telephone Company Incorporated for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Provide Intrastate Telecommunications Services Statewide, TPUC Docket No. 17-00112*

Dear Chairman Jones:

On behalf of Ardmore Telephone Company Incorporated, please find attached for filing a *Motion to Appear and Participate at Hearing Telephonically* in the above-captioned matter.

As required, an original of this filing, along with four (4) hard copies, will follow. Should you have any questions concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (615) 651-6743 or [caroline.eley@butlersnow.com](mailto:caroline.eley@butlersnow.com).

Respectfully submitted,



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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**IN RE:**

<b>APPLICATION OF ARDMORE</b>	)	
<b>TELEPHONE COMPANY</b>	)	
<b>INCORPORATED FOR A</b>	)	
<b>CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO. 17-00112</b>
<b>CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO</b>	)	
<b>PROVIDE INTRASTATE</b>	)	
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES</b>	)	
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	)	

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**MOTION TO APPEAR AND PARTICIPATE AT HEARING TELEPHONICALLY**

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The hearing in the above-captioned matter (the "Hearing") is set by the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (the "Commission") for November 15, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. (CST), in the Conference Room located on the Fourth Floor of the Andrew Jackson State Office Building, 502 Deaderick Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243.

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-312(c), Ardmore Telephone Company Incorporated (the "Applicant") submits this Motion to Appear and Participate at Hearing Telephonically (the "Motion") and provides the following in support of this Motion:

Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-312(c) addresses electronic participation at a hearing as follows:

In the discretion of the administrative judge or hearing officer and agency members and by agreement of the parties, all or part of the hearing may be conducted by telephone, television or other electronic means, if each participant in the hearing has an

opportunity to participate in, to hear, and, if technically feasible, to see the entire proceedings while taking place.

In accordance with the above-referenced statute, Applicant hereby respectfully requests that its witness be allowed to participate in the Hearing telephonically because personal appearance by the Applicant's witness, who will be working outside of Middle Tennessee on the date of the Hearing, would be burdensome.

If this Motion is granted, Applicant agrees that its telephonic appearance and participation in the Hearing will be subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant's Tennessee attorney shall appear personally at the Hearing to present and facilitate questioning of Applicant's witness.

2. Applicant is solely responsible for, and shall be required to, secure a properly licensed Notary Public in good standing in the State of the jurisdiction where the testimony is to be given, and who will be in the same physical location with the witness while he is providing the testimony or ratifying pre-filed testimony.

3. The Notary Public obtained by Applicant shall be duly authorized to administer the testimonial oath and shall do so during the Hearing and remain physically present with the witness at all times during the witness' testimony until such witness is excused from examination by the Commission or Hearing Officer.

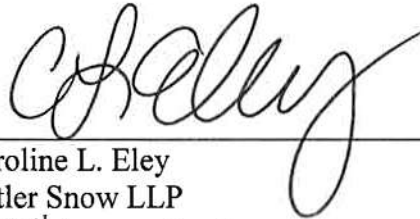
4. Following conclusion of the Hearing, the Notary Public shall prepare and sign an affidavit, which bears the official seal of the Notary Public, affirming: (1) the proven identity of the witness, (2) the fact that the Notary Public properly administered the testimonial oath to such person, and (3) that testimony given by the sworn witness was in accordance with the highest ethical and legal standards, as observed by the Notary Public. In addition, the testifying witness

shall sign a conforming Witness Certification in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A<sup>1</sup> or in such format ordered by the Commission or Hearing Officer.

5. The original Witness Certification and Notary Public Affidavit must be post-marked within five (5) days of the Hearing and received by the Hearing Officer via postage-paid U.S. Mail or overnight courier. Should the required affirming documents not be received by the Hearing Officer as required above, the testimony of the witness may be stricken from the record and constitute sufficient cause for denial of the Application.

**WHEREFORE**, based on the foregoing, Ardmore Telephone Company Incorporated respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order granting its Motion to Appear and Participate at Hearing Telephonically.

Respectfully submitted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017,



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<sup>1</sup> To the extent the Commission has any issue with the form of Witness Certification or Affidavit attached hereto, please let Applicant's counsel know, such that she can revise accordingly.

# EXHIBIT A

*[See attached.]*

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**In The Matter Of:**

**THE APPLICATION OF ARDMORE  
TELEPHONE COMPANY  
INCORPORATED FOR A CERTIFICATE  
OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND  
NECESSITY TO PROVIDE INTRASTATE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES  
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**WITNESS CERTIFICATION**

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I attest and certify that I provided testimony via telephone before the Tennessee Public Utility Commission at the hearing on the date referenced below. I have read the Affidavit below and further acknowledge and agree that the testimony I provided proceeded as stated therein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Hearing

Trevor Bonnstetter  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Witness (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness

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**AFFIDAVIT**

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Affiant, after first being duly sworn according to law, deposes and states as follows:

1. I am \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public in good standing the State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_. All statements set out in this Affidavit are made of my own personal knowledge.

2. My business address and telephone number where I may be contacted are:

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3. Trevor Bonnstetter ("Witness") personally appeared before me and provided \_\_\_\_\_ (type of identification) which I verified, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2017 for the purpose of providing sworn testimony via telephone at a hearing before the Tennessee Public Utility Commission.

4. During the hearing on the record, I administered the oath to the Witness prior to the Witness providing testimony via telephone before the Tennessee Public Utility Commission.

5. I remained physically present with the Witness at all times during the Witness' testimony and until such Witness was excused from examination by the Commissioners of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission who heard the case.

6. The testimony I observed being given by the Witness was in accordance with the highest of ethical and legal standards.

**FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.**

WITNESS my hand, at office, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2017.

(Official Seal)

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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_