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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

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**TN PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
DOCKET OFFICE**

RE: ***In Re: Application of BTC Communications, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Intrastate Telecommunications Services Statewide, TPUC Docket No. 18-00059***

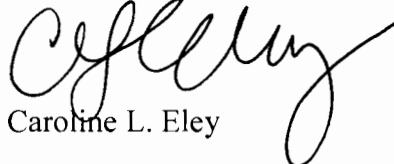
Dear Chairman Jones:

Pursuant to T.C.A. Section 65-4-125(j), enclosed please find one (1) original and thirteen (13) copies of a bond to supplement the Application of BTC Communications, LLC ("Applicant") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Intrastate Telecommunications Services Statewide (the "Application") in the above-captioned matter. We initially did not submit a bond with the Application because the parent entity of Applicant owns and operates more than five million dollars of equipment in the State of Tennessee.

Finally, one (1) additional copy is enclosed to be filed-stamped for our records. If you have any questions or require additional information, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

BUTLER SNOW LLP



Caroline L. Eley

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Enclosure

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TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

TENNESSEE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDER'S SURETY BOND

Bond #: 72053477

WHEREAS, BTC Communications, LLC (the "Principal"), has applied to the Tennessee Public Utility Commission for authority to provide telecommunications services in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Title 65, Chapter 4, Section 125(j) of the Tennessee Code Annotated, as amended, the Principal is required to file this bond in order to obtain such authority and to secure the payment of any monetary sanction imposed in any enforcement proceeding brought under Title 65 of the Tennessee Code Annotated or the Consumer Telemarketing Act of 1990 by or on behalf of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (the "TPUC"); and

WHEREAS, WESTERN SURETY COMPANY (the "Surety"), a corporation licensed to do business in the State of Tennessee and duly authorized by the Tennessee Commissioner of Insurance to engage in the surety business in this state pursuant to Title 56, Chapter 2 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, has agreed to issue this bond in order to permit the Principal to comply with the provisions of Title 65, Chapter 4, Section 125(j) of the Tennessee Code Annotated;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that we the Principal and the Surety are held and firmly bound to the STATE OF TENNESSEE, in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 4, Section 125(j), in the full amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) lawful money of the United States of America to be used for the full and prompt payment of any monetary sanction imposed against the Principal, its representatives, successors or assigns, in any enforcement proceeding brought under Title 65 of Tennessee Code Annotated or the Consumer Telemarketing Act of 1990, by or on behalf of the TPUC, for which obligation we bind ourselves, our representatives, successors and assigns, each jointly and severally, firmly and unequivocally by these presents.

This bond shall become effective on the 13th day of July, 2018 and shall be continuous; provided, however, that each annual renewal period or portion thereof shall constitute a new bond term. Regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative, and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits or actions under this bond shall not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00). The Surety may cancel this bond by giving thirty (30) days written notice of such cancellation to the TPUC and Principal by certified mail, it being understood that the Surety shall not be relieved of liability that may have accrued under this bond prior to the date of cancellation.

PRINCIPAL

BTC Communications, LLC

Name of Company authorized by the TPUC

Company ID # as assigned by TPUC

SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL

Charles H. Boring
Name: Charles H. Boring
Title: General Manager

SURETY

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Name of Surety

101 S. Reid St., Ste. 300
Sioux Falls, SD 57103-7046
Address of Surety

SIGNATURE OF SURETY AGENT

C. Langdon
Name: C. Langdon, Ass't. Sec.
Title: C. Langdon, Ass't. Sec.

Address of Surety Agent:
Tennessee Farmers Support Services, Inc.
147 Bear Creek Pk.
Columbia, TN 38402

THIS BOND IS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 125, CHAPTER 4, TITLE 65 OF THE TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER NO. 586, 2000 PUBLIC ACTS. SHOULD THERE BE ANY CONFLICT WITH THE TERMS HEREOF AND THE STATUTE OR REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER, THE STATUTE OR REGULATIONS SHALL PREVAIL. (POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM AN APPROVED INSURANCE COMPANY MUST BE ATTACHED.)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

STATE OF TENNESSEE

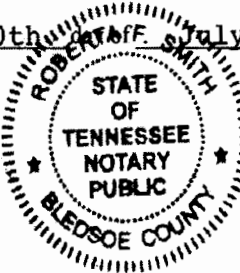
COUNTY OF BLED SOE

Before me, a Notary Public of the State and County Aforesaid, personally appeared Charles H. Boring with whom I am personally acquainted and who, upon oath, acknowledged himself to be the individual who executed the foregoing bond on behalf of BTC Communications, LLC, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 10th day of July, 2018.

My Commission Expires:

October 20, 2021



Robert F. Smith
Notary Public

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY

South Dakota
STATE OF ~~TENNESSEE~~
COUNTY OF Minnehaha

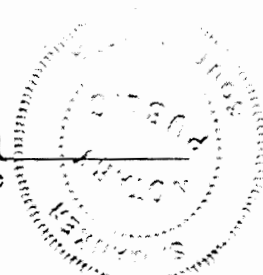
Before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared C. Langdon, Ass't. Sec. with whom I am personally acquainted and who, upon oath, acknowledged himself to be the individual who executed the foregoing bond on behalf of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, the within named Surety, a corporation licensed to do business in the State of Tennessee and duly authorized by the Tennessee Commissioner of Insurance to engage in the surety business in this state pursuant to Title 56, Chapter 2 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, and that he as such an individual being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing bond, by signing the name of the corporation by himself and as such individual.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 17th day of July, 2018.

My Commission Expires:

S. MANKER, 20
My Commission Expires 8-5-2020

S. Manker
Notary Public



APPROVAL OF INDORSEMENT

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing bond and found the same to be sufficient and in conformity to law, that the sureties on the same are good and worth the penalty thereof, and that the same has been filed with the Tennessee Public Utility Commission, State of Tennessee, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Name: _____

Title: _____