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#### Via Electronic Filing and Overnight Courier

Chairman Robin L. Morrison c/o Ms. Sharla Dillon, Dockets and Records Manager Tennessee Public Utility Commission 502 Deaderick Street, 4th Floor Nashville, TN 37243

Re: <u>Docket No. 18-00118:</u> Notice of Proposed *Pro Forma* Consolidation of Crown Castle NG Central LLC and Access Fiber Group, Inc. into Crown Castle Fiber LLC, Including the Associated Assumption of Crown Castle NG Central LLC's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity by Crown Castle Fiber LLC (filed November 9, 2018)

NOTICE OF CONSUMMATION REPLACEMENT SURETY BOND & SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS PLAN

Dear Chairman Morrison:

On behalf of Crown Castle Fiber LLC ("Crown Castle Fiber"), this letter notifies the Commission that the *Pro Forma* Consolidation described in the above-referenced notice was completed on December 31, 2018. As a result, all assets, contracts and property of Crown Castle NG Central LLC ("CCNG-Central") and Access Fiber Group, Inc. ("AFG") are now owned by Crown Castle Fiber, which now operates in Tennessee pursuant to the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") granted to CCNG-Central in Docket No. 13-00117. Accordingly, Crown Castle Fiber requests that the Commission update its records to reflect and acknowledge that the name associated with CCNG-Central's CCN changed to "Crown Castle Fiber LLC."

Also enclosed as <u>Attachments A and B</u>, respectively, are the replacement surety bond and Small and Minority Business Plan in connection with the CCN now held by Crown Castle Fiber. A request to surrender the CCN of AFG will be filed separately.

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An original and four (4) copies of this letter are enclosed for filing. This filing has also been submitted via email to sharla.dillon@tn.gov. Please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy and return it in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided. Should you have any questions concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (202) 739-3000.

Respectfully submitted

Tamar E. Finn Brett P. Ferenchak Patricia Cave

Counsel for Crown Castle Fiber LLC

**Enclosure** 

Cc: Lisa Foust

### **ATTACHMENT A**

Replacement Surety Bond of Crown Castle Fiber

#### **GENERAL SURETY RIDER**

To be attached and form a part of

Type of Bond: Miscellaneous

Bond No.: GRIFSU0573113

**Dated effective:** <u>10/08/2015</u>

(MONTH, DAY, YEAR)

executed by: ACCESS FIBER GROUP, INC., as Principal,

(PRINCIPAL)

and by: International Fidelity Insurance Company, as Surety,

(SURETY)

and in favor of: TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY.

(OBLIGEE)

In consideration of the mutual agreements herein contained the Principal and the Surety hereby consent to changing

INFORMATION	FROM	ТО
Principal Name	ACCESS FIBER GROUP, INC.	Crown Castle Fiber LLC

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any provision or condition of this bond except as herein expressly stated.

This rider is effective 12/26/2018 (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)

Signed and Sealed 12/26/2018 (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)

#### GRIFSU0573113

# POWER OF ATTORNEY INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY

#### ALLEGHENY CASUALTY COMPANY

One Newark Center, 20th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102-5207 PHONE: (973) 624-7200

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, and ALLEGHENY CASUALTY COMPANY a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, having their principal office in the City of Newark, New Jersey, do hereby constitute and appoint

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their true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact to execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf as surety, any and all bonds and undertakings, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, which are or may be allowed, required or permitted by law, statute, rule, regulation, contract or otherwise, and the execution of such instrument(s) in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon the said INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY and ALLEGHENY CASUALTY COMPANY, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been duly executed and acknowledged by their regularly elected officers at their principal offices.

This Power of Attorney is executed, and may be revoked, pursuant to and by authority of the By-Laws of INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY and ALLEGHENY CASUALTY COMPANY and is granted under and by authority of the following resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY at a meeting duly held on the 20th day of July, 2010 and by the Board of Directors of ALLEGHENY CASUALTY COMPANY at a meeting duly held on the 10th day of July, 2015:

"RESOLVED, that (1) the Chief Executive Officer, President, Executive Vice President, Vice President, or Secretary of the Corporation shall have the power to appoint, and to revoke the appointments of, Attorneys-in-Fact or agents with power and authority as defined or limited in their respective powers of attorney, and to execute on behalf of the Corporation and affix the Corporation's seal thereto, bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other written obligations in the nature thereof or related thereto; and (2) any such Officers of the Corporation may appoint and revoke the appointments of joint-control custodians, agents for acceptance of process, and Attorneys-in-fact with authority to execute waivers and consents on behalf of the Corporation; and (3) the signature of any such Officer of the Corporation and the Corporation's seal may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or certification given for the execution of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, contract of indemnity or other written obligation in the nature thereof or related thereto, such signature and seals when so used whether heretofore or hereafter, being hereby adopted by the Corporation as the original signature of such officer and the original seal of the Corporation, to be valid and binding upon the Corporation with the same force and effect as though manually affixed."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY and ALLEGHENY CASUALTY COMPANY have each executed and attested these presents on this 31st day of December, 2017



STATE OF NEW JERSEY County of Essex

George R. James

Executive Vice President (International Fidelity Insurance Company) and Vice President (Allegheny Casualty Company)



On this 31st day of December, 2017 , before me came the individual who executed the preceding instrument, to me personally known, and, being by me duly sworn, said he is the therein described and authorized officer of INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY and of ALLEGHENY CASUALTY COMPANY; that the seals affixed to said instrument are the Corporate Seals of said Companies; that the said Corporate Seals and his signature were duly affixed by order of the Boards of Directors of said Companies.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand affixed my Official Seal, at the City of Newark, New Jersey the day and year first above written.

Cathy Cruz a Notary Public of New Jersey My Commission Expires April 16, 2019

#### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned officer of INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY and ALLEGHENY CASUALTY COMPANY do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the Power of Attorney and affidavit, and the copy of the Sections of the By-Laws of said Companies as set forth in said Power of Attorney, with the originals on file in the home of said companies, and that the same are correct transcripts thereof, and of the whole of the said originals, and that the said Power of Attorney has not been revoked and is now in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this day, December 26, 2018

Maria A. Branco

### **ATTACHMENT B**

Small and Minority Business Plan of Crown Castle Fiber

# SMALL AND MINORITY-OWNED TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PLAN OF CROWN CASTLE FIBER LLC

January 1, 2019

## SMALL AND MINORITY-OWNED TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PLAN OF CROWN CASTLE FIBER LLC

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 65-5-112, as amended, Crown Castle Fiber LLC (successor in interest to Crown Castle NG Central LLC) ("Crown Castle" or "Company") submits this small and minority-owned Telecommunications business participation plan (the "Plan") in association with its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide competing intrastate and local exchange services in Tennessee.

#### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of § 65-5-112 is to provide opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses to provide goods and services to Telecommunications service providers. Crown Castle is committed to the goals of § 65-5-112 and to taking steps to support the participation of small and minority-owned Telecommunications businesses in the Telecommunications industry. Crown Castle 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, Crown Castle will make efforts to identify and inform minority-owned and small businesses that are qualified and capable of providing goods and services to Crown Castle of such opportunities. Crown Castle's representatives 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, Crown Castle 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 § 65-5-112:

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

Crown Castle'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 Crown Castle's full efforts to provide equal opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses. The Administrator of the Plan will be:

#### Amy Pickard

The Administrator's responsibilities will include:

- (1) Maintaining an updated Plan in full compliance with § 65-5-112 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 § 65-5-112.

(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 cooperating 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 educational activities to persons within Crown Castle and training such persons to seek out, encourage, and promote the use of small and minority-owned

businesses.

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

Crown Castle will maintain records of qualified small and minority-owned business and

efforts to use the goods and services of such businesses. In addition, Crown Castle will maintain

records of educational and training activities conducted or attended and of the internal

procurement procedures adopted to support this Plan.

Crown Castle will submit records and reports required by the Tennessee Regulatory

Authority concerning the Plan. Moreover, Crown Castle will cooperate fully with any surveys

and studies required by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

CROWN CASTLE FIBER LLC

Amy Pickard