

TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

502 Deaderick Street, 4th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

November 16, 2018

Mr. Keith Carnahan
President & CEO
Meriwether Lewis Connect, LLC
1625 Highway 100, P.O. Box 240,
Centerville, TN 37033

RE: Docket No. 18-00119: *Application of Meriwether Lewis Connect, LLC for a State-Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority*

Dear Mr. Carnahan:

On November 8, 2018, the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("Commission or TPUC") received your application for a state-issued certificate of franchise authority ("Franchise"), filed on behalf of Meriwether Lewis Connect, LLC ("ML"), pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-301, *et seq.* Upon further review, ML has not demonstrated that it is an entity that is deemed qualified by operation of law, as listed in Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-305(d)(3). Absent a showing that ML qualifies as an entity pursuant to the aforementioned statute, ML must then demonstrate that it meets the requisite criteria set forth in Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-305(d)(2) prior to being issued a certificate of franchise authority.

The Commission respectfully requests that ML file, in this docket, all information that it would like the Commission to consider in making a determination of financial qualifications to provide video or cable service (i.e., most recent Annual Financial Report of parent). Sufficient information concerning managerial and technical qualifications was provided in the application and no further information is required concerning these qualifications. In addition, as set forth in Tenn. Code Ann. 7-59-305(d)(2), please submit ML's plan to comply with the requirements of § 7-59-311 concerning deployment of services. As further provided by statute, the § 311 plan, as well as the financials are confidential. Therefore, the Commission reminds ML to take appropriate steps in filing its plan and financial report to maintain and ensure confidentiality. (i.e., provide confidential information in a separate envelope stamped proprietary).

Please send the requested information, noting Docket No. 18-00119 clearly on each document, to the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ATTN: Docket Room, 502

Deaderick St. 4th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243. If you have questions concerning this request or need additional information, please contact John Hutton (615) 770-6889.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Foster", written over the printed name.

David Foster, Director
Utilities Division

cc: Docket No.18-00119