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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY & ELECTRONIC MAIL

20-00014

February 4, 2020

Chairman Robin Morrison c/o Tory Lawless, Dockets and Records Manager Tennessee Public Utility Commission 502 Deaderick Street, 4th Floor Nashville, TN 37243 tpuc.docketroom@tn.gov

RE: E. Ritter Communications, LLC d/b/a Ritter Communications
Notification of Corporate Conversion and Resulting Name Change

Dear Chairman Morrison:

E. Ritter Communications, LLC d/b/a Ritter Communications (formerly known as E. Ritter Communications, Inc.) (the "Company") hereby notifies the Commission that the Company's current name is "E. Ritter Communications, LLC d/b/a Ritter Communications" as a result of its conversion from a Tennessee corporation to a Delaware limited liability company and registration of an assumed name. The Company will separately submit a new tariff cover sheet reflecting these changes. Also included is a check for \$25.00 for the filing fee.

The conversion of the Company to a limited liability company was merely a change in its corporate form accomplished through the filing of Certificate of Conversion in Delaware and did not entail any merger or other transactions that extinguish the existence of the Company. Attached hereto are the Company's conversion documents as Attachment A and the Company's filing information showing its authorization to transact business in Tennessee and assumed limited liability company name as as Attachment B. Also attached as Attachment C is the General Surety Rider to reflect the Company's name change for its surety bond. The Company, therefore, requests that

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the records of the Commission, including the Company's Certificate,¹ be updated to reflect its current name, "E. Ritter Communications, LLC d/b/a Ritter Communications."

To the extent necessary and pursuant to Commission Rule 1220-04-01-.08(2) and (3), the Company requests a waiver of the requirement to provide customer notice of the name change. The Commission may grant a request for waiver if good cause is shown. Here, requiring customer notice would not serve the purpose of the rule and may cause customer confusion. Customers will continue to receive service from E. Ritter Communications with the only change being its corporate form. As a result, the Commission should not require the Company to provide customer notice.

An original and four copies of this letter are enclosed for filing. Please date-stamp the extra copy of this letter and return it in the envelope provided. Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald W. Del Sesto, Jr.

Danielle Burt Stephany Fan

On behalf of E. Ritter Communications, LLC d/b/a Ritter Communications

The Company is authorized as a market regulated competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) under ID 129143.

ATTACHMENT A

Conversion Documents



Division of Business Services Department of State

State of Tennessee 312 Rosa L. Parks AVE, 6th FL Nashville, TN 37243-1102

E. Ritter Communications, LLC CALEB SMITH PO BOX 17040

JONESBORO, AR 72403-6718

November 13, 2019

Control # 721981

Effective Date: 11/13/2019

Document Receipt

Receipt #: 5104155

Filing Fee:

\$300.00

Payment-Check/MO - CFS-1, NASHVILLE, TN Deposit-Account - CFS-1, NASHVILLE, TN

\$600.00

\$300.00

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONVERSION

E. Ritter Communications, Inc. converted from a ARKANSAS For-profit

Corporation to

E. Ritter Communications, LLC

a ARKANSAS Limited Liability Company

This will acknowledge the filing of the attached Articles of Conversion with an effective date as indicated above.

When corresponding with this office or submitting documents for filing, please refer to the control number given above.

Tre Hargett Secretary of State

Processed By: Jeff Cook

<u>Delaware</u>

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I, JEFFREY W. BULLOCK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF

DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT

COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF CONVERSION OF AN ARKANSAS CORPORATION

UNDER THE NAME OF 'E. RITTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.' TO A DELAWARE

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CHANGING ITS NAME FROM "E. RITTER

COMMUNICATIONS, INC." TO "E. RITTER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC", FILED IN

THIS OFFICE ON THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 2019, AT

12:42 O'CLOCK P.M.



7675471 8100F SR# 20197762363

Authentication: 203880319

Date: 10-28-19

State of Delaware
Secretary of State
Division of Corporations
Delivered 12:42 PM 10/28/2019
FILED 12:42 PM 10/28/2019
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STATE OF DELAWARE CERTIFICATE OF CONVERSION FROM A CORPORATION TO A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-214 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT

- 1. The jurisdiction where the Corporation first formed is the State of Arkansas.
- 2. The jurisdiction immediately prior to filing this Certificate is the State of Arkansas.
- 3. The date the Corporation first formed is April 17, 1990.
- 4. The name of the Corporation immediately prior to filing this Certificate is E. Ritter Communications, Inc.
- 5. The name of the Limited Liability Company as set forth in the Certificate of Formation is E. Ritter Communications, LLC.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate on the 28th day of October, 2019.

By

Name: Alan G. Morse Title: President

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I, JEFFREY W. BULLOCK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF

DELAWARE DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND

CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION OF "E. RITTER

COMMUNICATIONS, LLC" FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE TWENTY-EIGHTH

DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 2019, AT 12:42 O'CLOCK P.M.



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CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION

OF

E. RITTER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

This Certificate of Formation of E. Ritter Communications, LLC (the "Company") is being executed by the undersigned for the purpose of forming a limited liability company pursuant to the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act.

FIRST: The name of the Company is E. Ritter Communications, LLC.

SECOND: The address of the registered office of the Company in Delaware is 1209 Orange St., in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, 19801 and its registered agent at such address is The Corporation Trust Company.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the individual forming the Company, has executed, signed and acknowledged this Certificate of Formation this 28th day of October, 2019.

By:

Name: Alan G. Morse Title: Authorized Person

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Tre Hargett, Secretary of State
State of Tennessee
312 Ross L. Parks AVE, 6th Fl.
Nashville, TN 37243-1102
(615) 741-2286

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Filing Fee: \$50.00 per member (minimum fee = \$300, maximum fee = \$3,000)

To The Secretary of the State of Tennessee: Pursuant to the provisions of T.C.A. §48-249-904 of the Tennessee Revised Limited Liability Company Act, the undersigned hereby applies for a certificate of authority to transact business in the State of Tennessee, and for that purpose sets forth:		
1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is: E. Ritter Communications, LLC		
If different, the name under which the certificate of authority is to be obtained is:		
NOTE: The Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee may not Issue a certificate of authority to a foreign Limited Liability Company if its name does not comply with the requirements of T.C.A. §48-249-106 of the Tennessee Revised Limited Liability Company Act. If obtaining a certificate of authority under an assumed Limited Liability Company name, an application must be filed pursuant to T.C.A. §48-249-106(d).		
2. The state or country under whose law it is formed is: Delaware		
and the date of its formation is: 10 / 28 / 2019 and the date it commenced doing business in Tennessee is: Month / Day / Year		
NOTE: Additional filing fees and proof of tax clearance confirming good standing may apply if the Limited Liability Company commenced doing business in Tennessee prior to the approval of this application. See T.C.A. §48-249-913(d) and T.C.A. §48-249-905(c)		
3. This company has the additional designation of:		
The name and complete address of its registered agent and office located in the state of Tennessee is: Name: C T Corporation System		
Address: 300 Montvue Rd		
City: Knoxville State: TN Zip Code: 37919-5546 County: Knox		
5. Fiscal Year Close Month: December		
6. If the document is not to be effective upon filing by the Secretary of State, the delayed effective date and time is: (Not to exceed 90 days) Effective Date:		
7. The LLC will be: Member Managed Manager Managed Director Managed Board Managed Other		
8. Number of Members at the date of filing: 1		
9. Period of Duration: Perpetual Other Month Day Year		
10. The complete address of its principal executive office is: Address: 2400 Ritter Drive		
City: Jonesboro State: AR Zip Code: 72401		

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(615) 741-2286

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The name of the Limited Liability Company is: E. Ritter Communications, LLC			
The name of the Limited Liability Company is: 27 Action Communications, EEC			
11. The complete mailing address of the entity (If different from the principal office) is:			
Address:			
City: State:	Zip Code:		
12. Non-Profit LLC (required only if the Additional Designation of "Non-Profit LLC" is entered in section 3.) I certify that this entity is a Non-Profit LLC whose sole member is a nonprofit corporation, foreign or domestic, incorporated under or subject to the provisions of the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act and who is exempt from franchise and excise tax as not-for-profit as defined in T.C.A. §67-4-2004. The business is disregarded as an entity for federal income tax purposes.			
 13. Professional LLC (required only if the Additional Designation of "Professional LLC" is entered in section 3.) I certify that this PLLC has one or more qualified persons as members and no disqualified persons as members or holders. I certify that this entity meets the requirement of T.C.A. §48-249-1123(b)(3) Licensed Profession: 			
14. Series LLC (required only if the Additional Designation of "Series LLC" is entered in section 3.) ☐ I certify that this entity meets the requirements of T.C.A. §48-249-309(I) if the provisions of T.C.A. §48-249-309(I) (relating to foreign series LLCs) apply, then the information required by that section			
should be attached as part of this document.			
15. Obligated Member Entity (list of obligated members and signatures must be attached)			
This entity will be registered as an Obligated Member Entity (OME) Effective Date: Month Day 1			
I understand that by statute: THE EXECUTION AND FILING OF THIS DOCUMENT WILL CAUSE THE MEMBER(S) TO BE PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE DEBTS, OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TO THE SAME EXTENT AS A GENERAL PARTNER OF A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. CONSULT AN ATTORNEY.			
16. Other Provisions:			
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11-7-19 Signature Date Signa	Han GMors_		
	G. Morse (printed or typed)		

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I, JEFFREY W. BULLOCK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF

DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "E. RITTER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC" IS DULY

FORMED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD

STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS

OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE SEVENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 2019.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE ANNUAL TAXES HAVE BEEN ASSESSED TO DATE.

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SR# 20197977586

You may verify this certificate online at corp.delaware.gov/authver.shtml

Justiney 64 Hudiack Secretary of State

Authentication: 203960529

Date: 11-07-19

ATTACHMENT B

Filing Information in Tennessee



Division of Business Services Department of State

State of Tennessee 312 Rosa L. Parks AVE, 6th FL Nashville, TN 37243-1102

Formation Locale: DELAWARE

04/17/1990

Date Formed:

Member Count:

Fiscal Year Close 12

Filing Information

Name:

E. Ritter Communications, LLC

General Information

SOS Control #

Filing Type:

000721981

Limited Liability Company - Foreign

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Status:

Active

Duration Term:

Perpetual

Managed By:

Member Managed

Registered Agent Address

C T CORPORATION SYSTEM

300 MONTVUE RD

KNOXVILLE, TN 37919-5546

Principal Address

2400 RITTER DR

JONESBORO, AR 72401-6241

The following document(s) was/were filed in this office on the date(s) indicated below:

Date Filed Filing Description

Image # B0770-6710

12/20/2019 Duplicate Name Consent

Consent Method Changed From: No Value To: Both entities will share name and registered agent

Consent Given to Control # Changed From: No Value To: 000829767

Consent Given to Name Changed From: No Value To: E. Ritter Communications Holdings, LLC

Name Given Changed From: No Value To: Ritter Communications

12/20/2019 Duplicate Name Consent

B0770-6712

Consent Method Changed From: No Value To: Both entities will share name and registered agent

Consent Given to Control # Changed From: No Value To: 001066005

Consent Given to Name Changed From: No Value To: Millington CATV, LLC

Name Given Changed From: No Value To: Ritter Communications

12/20/2019 Duplicate Name Consent

B0770-6714

Consent Method Changed From: No Value To: Both entities will share name and registered agent

Consent Given to Control # Changed From: No Value To: 001066006

Consent Given to Name Changed From: No Value To: MTEL Long Distance, LLC

Name Given Changed From: No Value To: Ritter Communications

12/20/2019 Duplicate Name Consent B0770-6716

Consent Method Changed From: No Value To: Both entities will share name and registered agent

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Consent Given to Name Changed From: No Value To: Millington Telephone Company, LLC		
Name Given Changed From: No Value To: Ritter Communications		
12/02/2019 Conversion	B0785-2136	
Filing Name Changed From: E. Ritter Communications, LLC To: E. Ritter Communications, Inc.		
Registered Agent First Name Changed From: No Value To: JOHN		
Registered Agent Last Name Changed From: No Value To: STRODE		
Registered Agent Middle Name Changed From: No Value To: D		
Registered Agent Organization Name Changed From: C T CORPORATION SYSTEM To: No Value		
Registered Agent Physical Address 1 Changed From: 300 MONTVUE RD To: 4880 NAVY RD		
Registered Agent Physical City Changed From: KNOXVILLE To: MILLINGTON		
Registered Agent Physical County Changed From: KNOX COUNTY To: SHELBY COUNTY		
Registered Agent Physical Postal Code Changed From: 37919-5546 To: 38053-2031		
01/22/2019 2018 Annual Report	B0642-8808	
Principal Address 3 Changed From: No value To: LEXANNE HORTON		
05/08/2018 Assumed Name Renewal	B0531-9530	
Assumed Name Changed From: Ritter Communications To: Ritter Communications		
Expiration Date Changed From: 06/07/2018 To: 05/08/2023		
03/31/2018 2017 Annual Report	B0526-1073	
02/14/2017 2016 Annual Report	B0346-2501	
02/08/2016 2015 Annual Report	B0196-0766	
03/27/2015 2014 Annual Report	B0076-6787	
03/17/2014 2013 Annual Report	7302-1608	
Principal Address 1 Changed From: 10 ELM ST To: 2400 RITTER DR		
Principal City Changed From: MARKED TREE To: JONESBORO		
Principal Postal Code Changed From: 72365-2211 To: 72401-6241		
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Name Given Changed From: No Value To: Ritter Communications		
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Name: E. Ritter Communications, LLC

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Consent Given to Control # Changed From: No Value To: 000021179

Consent Given to Name Changed From: No Value To: MILLINGTON TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

Name Given Changed From: No Value To: Ritter Communications

06/07/2013 Initial Filing 7212-0731

06/07/2013 Assumed Name 7212-0735

New Assumed Name Changed From: No Value To: Ritter Communications

Active Assumed Names (if any)

Ritter Communications

Date Expires
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05/08/2023

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ATTACHMENT C

Surety Bond Rider

RIDER

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America One Tower Square, Hartford, CT 06183

To be attached to and form a part of: Bond No. 105928361 Type of Bond: Telecommunications Service Provider Executed by E. Ritter Communications, Inc., as Principal, and by Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, as Surety, in favor of Tennessee Regulatory Authority and dated June 14, 2013. In consideration of the premium charged for the attached bond, it is hereby agreed to change: **Principal Name** From: E. Ritter Communications, Inc. To: E. Ritter Communications, LLC. d/b/a Ritter Communications This rider is effective January 16, 2020. This rider is executed upon the express condition that the surety's liability under said bond shall not be cumulative and shall in no event exceed the amount specifically set forth in said bond or any existing certificate changing the amount of said bond. The referenced bond shall be subject to all its agreements, limitations and conditions except as herein expressly modified. SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED this 16th day of January, 2020. E. Ritter Communications, LLC. d/b/a Ritter Communications Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America Elizabeth Browning Attorney-in-Fact *RIDER ACCEPTED BY: (Obligee) Date *If Obligee signature required, please sign duplicate and return to Surety.



Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America Travelers Casualty and Surety Company St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint **Elizabeth Browning** of **Little Rock**,

Arkansas , their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this 3rd day of February, 2017.







State of Connecticut

City of Hartford ss.

By: Robert L. Raney, Sehfor Vice President

On this the **3rd** day of **February**, **2017**, before me personally appeared **Robert L. Raney**, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as a duly authorized officer.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the 30th day of June, 2021



Marie C. Tetreault, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Secretary, and Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I, Kevin E. Hughes, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which remains in full force and effect.

Dated this 16th

day of January

2020







Kevin E. Hughes, Assistant Secretary