



NOTICE OF HEARING

DOCKET: 20-00111

IN RE: *Application of Highland Communications, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Intrastate Telecommunications Services Statewide*

DATE: October 30, 2020

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201 *et seq.*, a hearing has been scheduled in the above-captioned matter for **Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. (CDT)**.

Due to the state of emergency declared by Governor Bill Lee relative to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic, the Hearing will be held electronically via WebEx.¹ The ongoing state of public health emergency, which has been extended through December 27, 2020 in the entirety of the state, places limitations on public gatherings and meetings in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.² In convening the hearing electronically, the Commission relies upon Executive Order No. 16, issued by Governor Bill Lee on March 20, 2020,³ and extended until December 27, 2020 in Executive Order No. 65⁴, and affirms that such is necessary to conduct the essential business of the agency and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Tennesseans.

¹ Tenn. Exec. Order No. 16 (March 20, 2020) <https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/pub/execorders/exec-orders-lee16.pdf>; Tenn. Exec. Order No. 34 (May 6, 2020) <https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/pub/execorders/exec-orders-lee34.pdf>; Tenn. Exec. Order No. 51 (June 29, 2020) <https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/pub/execorders/exec-orders-lee51.pdf>; Tenn. Exec. Order No. 60 (August 28, 2020) <https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/pub/execorders/exec-orders-lee60.pdf>; Tenn. Exec. Order No. 65 (October 28, 2020) <https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/pub/execorders/exec-orders-lee65.pdf>.

² Tenn. Exec. Order No. 65 (October 28, 2020) <https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/pub/execorders/exec-orders-lee65.pdf>.

³ Tenn. Exec. Order No. 16 (March 20, 2020) <https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/pub/execorders/exec-orders-lee16.pdf>.

⁴ Tenn. Exec. Order No. 65 (October 28, 2020) <https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/pub/execorders/exec-orders-lee65.pdf>.

This Hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Tennessee Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-101 *et seq.* The Hearing Officer will conduct the Hearing and may render an initial order. All parties are entitled to be represented by counsel. Any motion to continue or reschedule the date of this Hearing must be made in writing and filed with the Office of the Chairman of the Commission by **Wednesday, November 4, 2020.**

Members of the public may participate in this docket by filing written comments with the Commission Docket Room at TPUC.docketroom@tn.gov by **12:00 noon CST on Monday, November 9, 2020.** The Hearing will be held live and be recorded. Members of the public may also join the electronic meeting to submit public comment by:

At least Ten (10) Minutes before 1:00 p.m. start time:

- (1) Dial*: (415) 655-0003 U.S. Toll;
- (2) Enter Access Code to be provided by separate notice;
- (3) Place your telephone on mute.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ectory Lawless, Dockets and Records Manager, at the email address above or at (615) 770-6580 or (615) 651-0754, or Aaron Conklin, Hearing Officer, at aaron.conklin@tn.gov or (615) 770-6896.

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FOR THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:



Aaron J. Conklin
Hearing Officer

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cc: Interested Parties of Record