

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:

**APPLICATION OF CATHECT
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY TO PROVIDE COMPETING
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE**

Docket No. 20-00138

**MOTION TO ALLOW WITNESS TO PARTICIPATE
TELEPHONICALLY AT HEARING**

The hearing in the above-captioned matter is set for October 19, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. (CST) at the Tennessee Public Utility Commission.

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-312 (c), Petitioner submits this motion to allow the Petitioner's witness to participate by telephone and provides the following in support of this motion:

T.C.A. § 4-5-312 (c) provides:

“(c) In the discretion of the administrative judge or hearing officer and agency members and by agreement of the parties, all or part of the hearing may be conducted by telephone, television or other electronic means, if each participant in the hearing has an opportunity to participate in, to hear, and if technically feasible, to see the entire proceedings while taking place.”

In accordance with the above-referenced statute, Petitioner respectfully requests that the witness for Cathect Communications, CEO Ishrat Jahan, who resides in the Atlanta, Georgia area, be permitted to participate by telephone.

If this motion is granted, Petitioner agrees to the following conditions:

1. Petitioner is solely responsible for, and shall be required to, secure a properly licensed Notary Public in good standing in the State of the jurisdiction where the testimony is to

be given, and who will physically appear with any company representative or witness who will be called at the Hearing to give live testimony or to ratify pre-filed testimony.

2. The Notary Public obtained by Petitioner shall be duly authorized to administer the Oath, and shall do so during the Hearing and remain physically present with the witness at all times during the witness' testimony until such witness is excused from examination by the Hearing Officer.


3. Following the conclusion of the Hearing, the Notary Public shall prepare and sign an Affidavit, affirming the proven identity of the witness, the fact that such person was sworn by the Notary Public, and that testimony given by the sworn witness was in accordance with the highest ethical and legal standards as observed by the Notary Public. The Affidavit shall bear the official seal of the signing Notary Public, and the testifying witness shall also be required to sign a Witness Certification.

4. The Affidavit above must be post-marked within five (5) days of the Hearing and received by the Hearing Officer via postage-paid U.S. Mail or overnight delivery. Should a proper Affidavit containing the affirmations noted above fail to be produced to the Hearing Officer as set forth herein, the testimony of the witness shall be struck from the record, which may constitute grounds sufficient for denial of the Petition.

Wherefore, based on the forgoing, Cathect Communications respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion for Ms. Jahan to appear and participate telephonically as described herein.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of October, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

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