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Attn: Stephen Thorpe, CEO
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Via Electronic Mail to sthorpe@corp.aeneas.com

RE: Request for Letter Clarifying the Tennessee Public Commission's
Jurisdiction to Designate Providers of VoIP Service as Eligible
Telecommunications Carriers

Dear Mr. Thorpe:

Upon review of the petition filed with the Commission on January 5, 2021, which requests designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for services that include broadband internet access services, I am providing you this letter for filing with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

This letter confirms, as required under the conditions imposed for disbursement by the FCC Rural Digital Opportunity Phase I Auction, that pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 65-4-101(6)(A)(vi), 65-5-203, and 7-59-307(d), the Tennessee Public Utility Commission does not regulate or otherwise exercise jurisdiction over cellular wireless, internet broadband, or Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers seeking Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designation. Accordingly, the Commission does not regulate these services offered by Aeneas Communications, LLC and would not designate ETC status that extends to such services. Should you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Cashman-Grams".

Kelly Cashman Grams, General Counsel

cc:

Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director
David Foster, Director, Utilities Division