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Chairman, Tennessee Public Utility Commission  
c/o Tory Lawless, Dockets and Records Manager  
Tennessee Public Utility Commission  
502 Deaderick Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Notification of Name Change

Dear Ms. Lawless:

This letter is submitted as notice to the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("Commission") of a name change filed with the Tennessee Division of Business Services, Department of State. Copies of the registration is appended hereto at Attachment A.

The Company below respectfully request that the Commission update its records to reflect the name change. The existing and new name for the entity is set forth below:

Current Name	New Name
CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Claiborne	Brightspeed of Eastern Tennessee, LLC

The foregoing entity has opted to operate pursuant to market regulation in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. Section 65-5-109, as enacted May 21, 2009 and as thereafter amended. Accordingly, this is a courtesy notice of name changes.

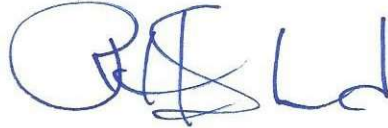
***Appropriate changes to update any relevant tariffs will be undertaken shortly to reflect these name changes.*** In addition, the changed business name will be recorded in any surety bond or letter of credit obtained pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 65-4-125.

There will be no change in the retail or wholesale rates or other terms and conditions for services provided by the entities above. Customers have received notices of the transaction giving rise to these name changes and will be apprised of these name changes via bill insert and other means.

It is our understanding that prior approval from the Commission is not required for name changes as addressed above. In the event the Commission concludes that approval is required, we ask that this letter be treated as a request for such approval.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 704-314-2249 or Brent Beal at 704-314-2365. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Sherwood', with a large circular flourish on the left and a vertical line on the right.

Pamela H. Sherwood  
Senior Regulatory and Compliance Counselor



**Tre Hargett**  
Secretary of State

**Division of Business Services**  
**Department of State**  
**State of Tennessee**  
312 Rosa L. Parks AVE, 6th FL  
Nashville, TN 37243-1102

Brightspeed of Eastern Tennessee, LLC  
REBA CULBERTSON  
100 CENTURYLINK DR  
MONROE, LA 71203-2041

October 6, 2022

**Control # 6289**

**Effective Date: 10/04/2022**

**Document Receipt**

Receipt #: 7539236

Filing Fee: \$400.00

Payment-Check/MO - CAPITAL FILING SERVICE INC, NASHVILLE, TN

\$800.00

Deposit-Account - CAPITAL FILING SERVICE INC, NASHVILLE, TN

\$400.00

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONVERSION**

**CENTURYTEL OF CLAIBORNE, INC.** converted from a **TENNESSEE For-profit Corporation** to  
**Brightspeed of Eastern Tennessee, LLC**  
a **TENNESSEE 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.

You must also file this document in the office of the Register of Deeds in the county where the entity has its principal office if such principal office is in Tennessee.

Tre Hargett  
Secretary of State

Processed By: Dawn Whittaker

# ARTICLES OF ENTITY CONVERSION

(Domestic Business Corporation to a Domestic Unincorporated Entity) (ss-4612)



Business Services Division  
**Tre Hargett, Secretary of State**  
**State of Tennessee**  
 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., 6th Fl.  
 Nashville, TN 37243  
 (615) 741-2286

Filing Fee: \$100.00

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**FILED**

Pursuant to the provisions of T.C.A. §48-21-112(a) of the Tennessee Business Corporation Act, the undersigned hereby submits these articles of entity conversion:

1. Name of corporation immediately before the filing of the articles of entity conversion: \_\_\_\_\_

CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc.

Secretary of State Control Number: 000006289

Name to which the corporation is to be changed: Brightspeed of Eastern Tennessee, LLC

2. The type of unincorporated entity that the survivor will be (check one):

- ☐ General Partnership  
☒ Limited Liability Company  
☐ Limited Partnership  
☐ Business Trust  
☐ Joint Stock Association  
☐ Unincorporated Nonprofit Association  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. The plan of entity conversion was duly approved by the shareholders in the manner required by this chapter and the charter.

4. If the survivor is a filing entity, attached is the applicable public organic document, except that provisions that would not be required to be included in a restated public organic document may be omitted.

5. 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: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Month Day Year

10/03/2022

Signature Date

Signature

Assistant Secretary

Jori Sawan

Signer's Capacity

Name (printed or typed)

**\*Note: Pursuant to T.C.A. §10-7-503 all information on this form is public record.**

Submitter Information: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_



# ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (ss-4270)

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

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

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The Articles of Organization presented herein are adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Tennessee Revised Limited Liability Company Act.

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is: Brightspeed of Eastern Tennessee, LLC

(NOTE: Pursuant to the provisions of T.C.A. § 48-249-106, each Limited Liability Company name must contain the words "Limited Liability Company" or the abbreviation "LLC" or "L.L.C.")

2. Name Consent: (Written Consent for Use of Indistinguishable Name)

☐ This entity name already exists in Tennessee and has received name consent from the existing entity.

3. This company has the additional designation of: \_\_\_\_\_

4. The name and complete address of the Limited Liability Company's initial 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 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:        /        /        Time:         
Month Day Year

7. The Limited Liability Company will be: ☐ Member Managed ☒ Manager Managed ☐ Director Managed

8. Number of Members at the date of filing: 1

9. Period of Duration: ☒ Perpetual ☐ Other        /        /         
Month Day Year

10. The complete address of the Limited Liability Company's principal executive office is:

Address: 1120 South Tryon St., Suite 700

City: Charlotte State: NC Zip Code: 28203 County: Mecklenburg

Business Email: notices@brightspeed.com



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The name of the Limited Liability Company is: Brightspeed of Eastern Tennessee, LLC

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.

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(a) & (b)

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 Year

- ☐ 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 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TO THE SAME EXTENT AS A GENERAL PARTNER OF A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP. CONSULT AN ATTORNEY.

16. This entity is prohibited from doing business in Tennessee:

- ☐ This entity, while being formed under Tennessee law, is prohibited from engaging in business in Tennessee.

17. Other Provisions: \_\_\_\_\_

10/3/2022

Signature Date

Assistant Secretary

Signer's Capacity (if other than individual capacity)

*Jori Sawan*

Signature

Jori Sawan

Name (printed or typed)