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February 28, 2023

David Foster, Director Utilities Div.  
TN Public Utilities Commission  
Andrew Jackson State Office Bldg.  
502 Deadrick St.  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243-0001

Attn: Lisa Foust

**RE: Docket No. 22-00140, Application of Loretto Telecom for Certificate to  
Provide Competing Telecommunication Services in Tennessee**

Dear Mr. Foster:

Thank you for your letter of January 25, 2023. With this letter I wanted address the additional information that you indicated that you needed with regard to the application filed by Loretto Telecom.

As for the clarification on the legal name of the entity that is actually applying for the certificate to provide competing local telecommunications services in Tennessee, the correct entity is **Loretto Communications Services, Inc.** I enclose with this letter a Certificate of Existence of Loretto Communications Services Inc. since it appears as though that document was not included in our original filing. I apologize for any misunderstanding on the proper identification of the proper entity.

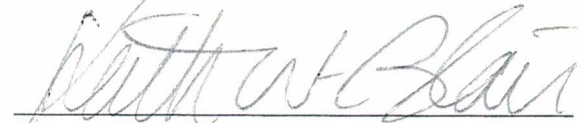
Per our discussions with Lisa Foust we understand that the enclosed corrections to the Surety Bond are acceptable. I am enclosing the original along with four copies of the same.

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If there is any additional information that you need or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Keith W. Blair", written over a horizontal line.

Keith W. Blair

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Enclosures



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

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January 26, 2023

Request Type: Certificate of Existence/Authorization  
Request #: 0513268

Issuance Date: 01/26/2023  
Copies Requested: 1

**Document Receipt**

Receipt #: 007735551

Filing Fee: \$20.00

Payment-Credit Card - State Payment Center - CC #: 3844067968

\$20.00

**Regarding: LORETTO COMMUNICATION SERVICES, INC.**

Filing Type: For-profit Corporation - Domestic

Control #: 389664

Formation/Qualification Date: 05/18/2000

Date Formed: 05/18/2000

Status: Active

Formation Locale: TENNESSEE

Duration Term: Perpetual

Inactive Date:

Business County: LAWRENCE COUNTY

**CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE**

I, Tre Hargett, Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee, do hereby certify that effective as of the issuance date noted above

**LORETTO COMMUNICATION SERVICES, INC.**

- \* is a Corporation duly incorporated under the law of this State with a date of incorporation and duration as given above;
- \* has paid all fees, interest, taxes and penalties owed to this State (as reflected in the records of the Secretary of State and the Department of Revenue) which affect the existence/authorization of the business;
- \* has filed the most recent annual report required with this office;
- \* has appointed a registered agent and registered office in this State;
- \* has not filed Articles of Dissolution or Articles of Termination. A decree of judicial dissolution has not been filed.

Tre Hargett  
Secretary of State

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# TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## TENNESSEE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDER'S SURETY BOND

Bond #107728525

**WHEREAS**, Loretto Communication Services, Inc., dba Loretto Telecom, PO Box 130, Loretto, TN 38469 (the "Principal"), has applied to the Tennessee Public Utility Commission for authority to provide telecommunications services in the State of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of Title 65, Chapter 4, Section 125(j) of the Tennessee Code Annotated, as amended, the Principal is required to file this bond in order to obtain such authority and to secure the payment of any monetary sanction imposed in any enforcement proceeding brought under Title 65 of the Tennessee Code Annotated or the Consumer Telemarketing Act of 1990 by or on behalf of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (the "TPUC"); and

**WHEREAS**, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, 1 Tower Square, Hartford, CT 06183 (the "Surety"), a corporation licensed to do business in the State of Tennessee and duly authorized by the Tennessee Commissioner of Insurance to engage in the surety business in this state pursuant to Title 56, Chapter 2 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, has agreed to issue this bond in order to permit the Principal to comply with the provisions of Title 65, Chapter 4, Section 125(j) of the Tennessee Code Annotated;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN**, that we the Principal and the Surety are held and firmly bound to the STATE OF TENNESSEE, in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 4, Section 125(j), in the full amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) lawful money of the United States of America to be used for the full and prompt payment of any monetary sanction imposed against the Principal, its representatives, successors or assigns, in any enforcement proceeding brought under Title 65 of Tennessee Code Annotated or the Consumer Telemarketing Act of 1990, by or on behalf of the TPUC, for which obligation we bind ourselves, our representatives, successors and assigns, each jointly and severally, firmly and unequivocally by these presents.

This bond shall become effective on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, and shall be continuous; provided, however, that each annual renewal period or portion thereof shall constitute a new bond term. Regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative, and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits or actions under this bond shall not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00). The Surety may cancel this bond by giving thirty (30) days written notice of such cancellation to the TPUC and Principal by certified mail, it being understood that the Surety shall not be relieved of liability that may have accrued under this bond prior to the date of cancellation.

### PRINCIPAL

Loretto Communication Services, Inc.  
dba Loretto Telecom

Name of Company authorized by the TPUC

Company ID # as assigned by TPUC

### SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL

Kimberly Shepherd

Name: Kimberly Shepherd

Title: CEO

### SURETY

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

Name of Surety

1 Tower Square, Hartford, CT 06183

Address of Surety

### SIGNATURE OF SURETY AGENT

Christopher V Miller

Name: Christopher V Miller

Title: Attorney-in-Fact

Address of Surety Agent:

PO Box 390

West Jefferson, NC 28694

THIS BOND IS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 125, CHAPTER 4, TITLE 65 OF THE TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER NO. 586, 2000 PUBLIC ACTS. SHOULD THERE BE ANY CONFLICT WITH THE TERMS HEREOF AND THE STATUTE OR REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER, THE STATUTE OR REGULATIONS SHALL PREVAIL. (POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM AN APPROVED INSURANCE COMPANY MUST BE ATTACHED.)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

STATE OF ~~TENNESSEE~~ North Carolina  
COUNTY OF Ashe

Before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ Kimberly Shepherd with whom I am personally acquainted and who, upon oath, acknowledged himself to be the individual who executed bond on behalf of LCS, Inc. / Loreto Telecom, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

My Commission Expires:

7/24, 2026

Pamela Tribble Weaver  
Notary Public

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ with whom I am personally acquainted and who, upon oath, acknowledged himself to be the individual who executed the foregoing bond on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_, the within named Surety, a corporation licensed to do business in the State of Tennessee and duly authorized by the Tennessee Commissioner of Insurance to engage in the surety business in this state pursuant to Title 56, Chapter 2 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, and that he as such an individual being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing bond, by signing the name of the corporation by himself and as such individual.

WITNESS my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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See original already  
Submitted for Acknowledgment  
of Surety

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

This  
sure  
Util

\_\_\_\_\_ came to be sufficient and in conformity to law, that the  
the same has been filed with the Tennessee Public  
\_\_\_\_\_

