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23-00078

Chairman, Tennessee Public Utility Commission
c/o Tory Lawless, Dockets and Records Manager
Tennessee Public Utility Commission
502 Deaderick Street, 4th 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 merger filed with the Tennessee Division of Business Services, Department of State. A copy of the registration is appended hereto at Attachment A. This merger was completed due to a corporate restructuring.

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

Current Name	New Name
CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc.	Brightspeed of Western 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 the name change.

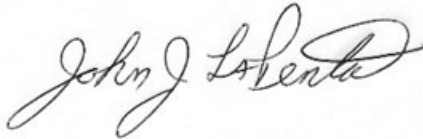
Appropriate changes to update any relevant tariffs will be undertaken shortly to reflect this name change. In addition, the changed business name will be recorded in any surety bond or letter of credit obtained pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 65-4-125.

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 980-376-1859 or Brent Beal at 704-314-2365. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John J. LaPenta". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

John J. LaPenta
Counsel, State Regulatory

Enc: Sec of State Evidence



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 Western Tennessee, LLC
STE. 700
1120 SOUTH TRYON ST.
CHARLOTTE, NC 28203

September 28, 2023

Control # 1430433

Effective Date: 09/30/2023

Document Receipt

Receipt #: 8387387

Filing Fee: \$100.00

Payment-Check/MO - KEAN MILLER LLP, BATON ROUGE, LA

\$100.00

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MERGER

CENTURYTEL OF ADAMSVILLE, INC. (TENNESSEE) (Qualified Non-survivor)

merged into **Brightspeed of Western Tennessee, LLC (TENNESSEE) (Qualified Survivor)**

This will acknowledge the filing of the attached Articles of Merger 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

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CERTIFICATE OF MERGER
of
CENTURYTEL OF ADAMSVILLE, INC.

with and into

BRIGHTSPEED OF WESTERN TENNESSEE, LLC

Pursuant to Section 48-249-702 of the Tennessee Revised Limited Liability Act and Section 48-21-107 of the Tennessee Business Corporation Act, CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc., a Tennessee corporation (the "Merged Company"), and Brightspeed of Western Tennessee, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company (the "Surviving Company"), hereby submit the following information, relating to the merger of Merged Company with and into Surviving Company (the "Merger"):

FIRST: The name, state of formation, and type of entity of each of the constituent entities in the Merger are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>State of Formation</u>	<u>Type of Entity</u>
CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc.	Tennessee	Corporation
Brightspeed of Western Tennessee, LLC	Tennessee	Limited Liability Company

SECOND: The Merged Company shall be merged with and into Surviving Company, with Surviving Company continuing as the survivor. The name of the survivor shall be Brightspeed of Western Tennessee, LLC.

THIRD: At the effective time of the Merger:

(a) Each share of common stock of the Merged Company (the "Merger Company Common Stock") issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time, shall be converted into and exchanged for one validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable unit of membership interest in the Surviving Company.

(b) Each share of preferred stock of the Merged Company (the "Merged Company Preferred Stock") issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be converted into the right to receive an amount in cash, without interest, equal to \$100.00.

(c) All shares of Merged Company Preferred Stock outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall automatically be cancelled and retired and will cease to exist, and each holder of a certificate formerly representing any shares of Merged Company Preferred Stock shall cease to have any rights as a stockholder of the Merged Company.

FOURTH: The Articles of Organization of Surviving Company shall, after the Merger, continue to be the Articles of Organization of the Surviving Company until duly amended in accordance with the provisions thereof, and no change to such Articles of Organization shall be effected by the Merger.

FIFTH: An Agreement and Plan of Merger has been approved, adopted, certified, executed and acknowledged by each of the constituent entities in accordance with all applicable law.

SIXTH: The executed Agreement and Plan of Merger is on file at the place of business of Surviving Company at 1120 South Tryon St., Suite 700, Charlotte, North Carolina 28203.

SEVENTH: The Merger shall become effective as of September 30, 2023.

EIGHTH: A copy of the Agreement and Plan of Merger will be furnished by the Surviving Company, on request and without cost, to any member or shareholder of the constituent entities.

[Signatures on following pages]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certificate of Merger has been duly executed by the Merged Company and the Surviving Company as of this 26th day of September, 2023.

SURVIVING COMPANY:

BRIGHTSPEED OF WESTERN TENNESSEE, LLC

By: Steven Tugentman
Name: Steven Tugentman
Title: Manager

MERGED COMPANY:

CENTURYTEL OF ADAMSVILLE, INC.

By: Steven Tugentman
Name: Steven Tugentman
Title: Executive Vice President; Chief Legal Officer;
Secretary

[Signatures page to Certificate of Merger (TN)]

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BRIGHTSPEED OF WESTERN TENNESSEE, LLC

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, remotely came and appeared Steven Tugentman, through simultaneous electronic communication by sight and sound, as the duly authorized representative of BRIGHTSPEED OF WESTERN TENNESSEE, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company, known to me to be the person and officer whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and being by me first duly sworn, declared to me and the undersigned competent witnesses that the statements therein contained are true and correct, and that he executed such instrument for the purposes therein expressed and as the free act and deed of Brightspeed of Western Tennessee, LLC.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said appearer, witnesses and I have hereunto affixed our hands on this 26th day of September, 2023, in the aforesaid parish and state, to execute this Remote Online Notarial Act.

WITNESSES:

BRIGHTSPEED OF WESTERN TENNESSEE,
LLC

Timothy Robinson

Name: Timothy Robinson

Trudy-Anne McLeary

Name: Trudy-Anne McLeary

By: Steven Tugentman

Name: Steven Tugentman

Title: Manager

Caroline Strohe Wampold

NOTARY PUBLIC

Printed Name: Caroline Strohe Wampold

Notary No/Bar Roll No.: 170030/39354

My commission is: At Death

Caroline C. Strohe
Bar Roll Number 39354
Notary ID Number 170030
Commission Expires at Death

[Acknowledgement to Certificate of Merger (TN)]

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CENTURYTEL OF ADAMSVILLE, INC.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, remotely came and appeared Steven Tugentman, through simultaneous electronic communication by sight and sound, as the duly authorized representative of CENTURYTEL OF ADAMSVILLE, INC., a Tennessee corporation, known to me to be the person and officer whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and being by me first duly sworn, declared to me and the undersigned competent witnesses that the statements therein contained are true and correct, and that he executed such instrument for the purposes therein expressed and as the free act and deed of CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said appearer, witnesses and I have hereunto affixed our hands on this 26th day of September, 2023, in the aforesaid parish and state, in the aforesaid parish and state, to execute this Remote Online Notarial Act.

WITNESSES:

CENTURYTEL OF ADAMSVILLE, INC.

Timothy Robinson

Name: Timothy Robinson

By: *Steven Tugentman*

Name: Steven Tugentman

Title: Executive Vice President

Trudy-Anne McLeary

Name: Trudy-Anne McLeary

Caroline Strohe Wampold

NOTARY PUBLIC

Printed Name: Caroline Strohe Wampold

Notary No/Bar Roll No.: 170030/39354

My commission is: At Death

Caroline C. Strohe
Bar Roll Number 39354
Notary ID Number 170030
Commission Expires at Death

[Acknowledgement to Certificate of Merger (TN)]

Signature Certificate

Reference number: AYATP-AOHKE-4N6EP-F753Z

Signer	Timestamp	Signature
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