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Tennessee Public Utilities Commission  
Attn: Tory Lawless, Docket Manager  
502 Deaderick Street  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243

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Room on October 30, 2025 at 11:21 a.m.

RE: Ripple Fiber Tennessee LLC  
Renewal of Surety Bond Pursuant to TCA §65-4-125(j)  
Docket No. 24-00054

Dear Tory,

Please see the enclosed renewal of Ripple Fiber's \$20,000 Tennessee Telecommunications Service Provider's Surety Bond.

Kindest regards,

Joshua Runyan  
Chief Legal Officer  
Ripple Fiber Tennessee LLC

# TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## TENNESSEE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDER'S SURETY BOND

Bond #: RLP7475022

**WHEREAS,** Ripple Fiber LLC (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,** Old Republic Surety (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 11th day of October, 2025, 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

RIPPLE FIBER LLC  
Name of Company authorized by the TPUC

Company ID # as assigned by TPUC

### SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL

[Signature]  
Name: JUSTINA RYMAN  
Title: CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

### SURETY

Old Republic Surety Company  
Name of Surety

18500 W Corporate Dr, STE 170, Brookfield, WI 53045  
Address of Surety

### SIGNATURE OF SURETY AGENT

[Signature]  
Name: Amanda Witt  
Title: Attorney-in-fact

Address of Surety Agent:  
1415 28th Street Suite 420  
West Des Moines, IA 50266



**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 WECHESTER

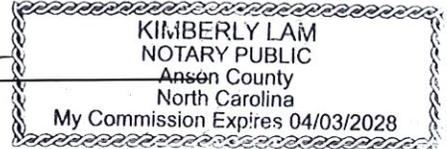
Before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared JULIA RAYAN with whom I am personally acquainted and who, upon oath, acknowledged himself to be the individual who executed the foregoing bond on behalf of RIIPLE FIBER LLC, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

My Commission Expires:

4-3, 2028

[Signature]  
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\_\_.

My Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_, 2000

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

APPROVAL AND INDORSEMENT

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing bond and found the same to be sufficient and in conformity to law, that the sureties on the same are good and worth the penalty thereof, and that the same has been filed with the Tennessee Public Utility Commission, State of Tennessee, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:



# OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY, a Wisconsin stock insurance corporation, does make, constitute and appoint:

BETH MILLER-HARBECK, BRITNEY WILLIS, BECKY NICHOLS, JENNA WEILAND, SEKERRA ROSS, AMANDA WITT, KIANA FAY, AMANDA OSLER, MICHELLE KLEIN, SAMANTHA BRANTLEY, MAKAYLA BRIGGS of WEST DES MOINES, IA

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority for and on behalf of the company as surety, to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the company thereto (if a seal is required), bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof, (other than bail bonds, bank depository bonds, mortgage deficiency bonds, mortgage guaranty bonds, guarantees of installment paper and note guaranty bonds, self-insurance workers compensation bonds guaranteeing payment of benefits, or black lung bonds), as follows:

### ALL WRITTEN INSTRUMENTS

and to bind OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY thereby, and all of the acts of said Attorneys-in-Fact, pursuant to these presents, are ratified and confirmed. This appointment is made under and by authority of the board of directors at a special meeting held on February 18, 1982.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the board of directors of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY on February 18, 1982.

RESOLVED that, the president, any vice-president or assistant vice president, in conjunction with the secretary or any assistant secretary, may appoint attorneys-in-fact or agents with authority as defined or limited in the instrument evidencing the appointment in each case, for and on behalf of the company to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the company to bonds, undertakings, recognizances, and suretyship obligations of all kinds; and said officers may remove any such attorney-in-fact or agent and revoke any Power of Attorney previously granted to such person.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or suretyship obligation shall be valid and binding upon the Company

- (i) when signed by the president, any vice president or assistant vice president, and attested and sealed (if a seal be required) by any secretary or assistant secretary; or
- (ii) when signed by the president, any vice president or assistant vice president, secretary or assistant secretary, and countersigned and sealed (if a seal be required) by a duly authorized attorney-in-fact or agent; or
- (iii) when duly executed and sealed (if a seal be required) by one or more attorneys-in-fact or agents pursuant to and within the limits of the authority evidenced by the Power of Attorney issued by the company to such person or persons.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the company; and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its proper officer, and its corporate seal to be affixed this 6th day of August, 2025.

Assistant Secretary



OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY

President

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF WAUKESHA - SS

On this 6th day of August, 2025, personally came before me, Alan Pavlic and Kevin J. Abitz, to me known to be the individuals and officers of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY

who executed the above instrument, and they each acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, did severally depose and say: that they are the said officers of the corporation aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the above instrument is the seal of the corporation, and that said corporate seal and their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority of the board of directors of said corporation.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: September 28, 2026

(Expiration of notary's commission does not invalidate this instrument)

### CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, assistant secretary of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY, a Wisconsin corporation, CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that the Resolutions of the board of directors set forth in the Power of Attorney, are now in force.



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Signed and sealed at the City of Brookfield, WI this 11th day of October, 2025.

Assistant Secretary

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