

**IN THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
AT NASHVILLE TENNESSEE  
October 15, 2024**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
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<b>COMPLAINT AND PETITION AGAINST</b>	)	
<b>CROWN CASTLE FIBER, LLC FOR</b>	)	
<b>ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO. 24-00059</b>
<b>STATUTES AND RULES REGULATING</b>	)	
<b>SMALL AND MINORITY-OWNED</b>	)	
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS</b>	)	
<b>PARTICIPATION PLANS</b>	)	

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**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW COMPLAINT AND  
PETITION TO CONVENE A SHOW CAUSE PROCEEDING**

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Comes now the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“TPUC” or “Commission”) Staff as a party (“Party Staff” or “Petitioner”), by and through the undersigned counsel, and requests that the Administrative Judge permit Party Staff to withdraw its *Complaint and Petition to Convene a Show Cause Proceeding* (“*Petition*”) and close the docket in this matter concerning Crown Castle Fiber, LLC (“CCF” or “Company”). As grounds for this request, Party Staff would state as follows:

Subsequent to the filing of the *Petition*, CCF contacted Party Staff concerning the Company’s small and minority-owned telecommunications business plan (“SMBP Plan”). The Company provided additional contact information for future inquiries regarding the SMBP Plan. On October 15, 2024, CCF submitted its updated SMBP Plan. A copy of the letter is attached as Exhibit 1. Party Staff asserts that this correspondence complies with the annual filing requirement concerning the SMBP Plan as required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-112 and that CCF is in compliance with statutory requirements concerning SMBP Plan filings.

For the foregoing reasons, Party Staff respectfully requests that the Administrative Judge issue an Order granting the withdrawal of its *Petition* and closing this docket.

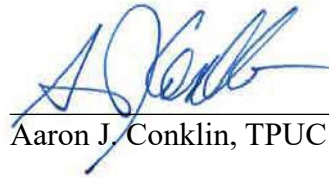
Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was serve via electronic mail upon CCF via Rebecca Hussey (rebecca.hussey@crowncastle.com), Associate General Counsel for CCF, this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.



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Aaron J. Conklin, TPUC Senior Counsel

# **EXHIBIT 1**



Crown Castle  
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October 15, 2024

*VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL*

Mr. Carlos Black  
Tennessee Public Utilities Commission  
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Nashville, TN 37243  
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Re: 2024 Crown Castle Fiber LLC Update Small and Minority-Owned  
Telecommunications Business Participation Plan

Dear Mr. Black,

Pursuant to T.C.A. §65-5-112, as amended, Crown Castle Fiber LLC ("Crown Castle") submits this annual update to its Small and Minority-owned Telecommunications Business Participation Plan (the "Plan").

The purpose of §65-5-112 is to provide opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses to provide goods and services to telecommunications service providers. Crown Castle is committed to the goals of §65-5-112 and to promoting supplier diversity within the company and the greater telecommunications industry.

Supplier diversity, to Crown Castle, is a proactive business strategy that provides suppliers equitable access to sourcing and purchasing opportunities. It emphasizes the creation of a diverse supply chain that works to secure the inclusion of diverse groups in procurement activities, including but not limited to minority-, veteran-, service-disabled veteran-, disabled-, women- and LGBT-owned business enterprises.

To be recognized as a diverse supplier with Crown Castle, a vendor must obtain a third-party certification. Certification organizations include, but are not limited to, state and local governments, the National Minority Supplier Development Council, the Women's Business Enterprise National Council, the National Veteran Business Development Council, and the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce. Crown Castle continues to make efforts to responsibly expand its certification organization pool each year.

Supplier Diversity plays a role in Crown Castle's overall Environmental, Social, and Governance commitment. We have established goal to reach 16% in diverse supplier spend by 2026, currently representing the top quartile in US diversity spend among 100+ large companies. We continue making progress toward this goal each year as we engage new vendors and maintain the relationships we have with vendors helping us to meet our goals.

For 2024, Crown Castle has a new administrator of our Small And Minority-Owned Telecommunications Business Participation Plan, Brad Ross. Mr. Ross's contact information is below:

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Please feel free to reach out to Mr. Ross or me with any questions about this filing or if any further information is needed.

Respectfully submitted,



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