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Chairman
Tennessee Public Utility Commission
502 Deaderick Street, 4th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

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25-00006

Re: Request of Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, Inc. for Name Change to Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, LLC

Dear Chairman,

Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, Inc. ("MetTel"), by its undersigned counsel, hereby notifies the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("Commission") to change its name to Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, LLC. This request arises from a change in business organizational structure only, and will not result in any changes in management, operations, rates, services or regulatory obligations.

MetTel files this request to maintain the accuracy of the Commission's records, and respectfully requests that the Commission modify MetTel's name as appropriate to reflect MetTel's name as "Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, LLC." MetTel is authorized to provide intrastate telecommunications services pursuant to an order of the Commission's predecessor — the Tennessee Regulatory Authority — issued May 29, 2001, in Docket 09-00047 (the "TN CPCN").

MetTel further states as follows:

I. Description of Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, Inc.

MetTel is a privately held corporation organized pursuant to the laws of Delaware whose principal business is telecommunications. MetTel is a wholly owned subsidiary of Manhattan Telecommunications Corporation and indirect subsidiary of MetTel Holding, a privately held Delaware holding company.

MetTel Holding, through its subsidiaries, is a strategic partner providing a comprehensive suite of voice and data solutions as well as telecommunications consulting services to leading businesses nationwide. From traditional voice services to MPLS networks and Voice over IP technologies, MetTel Holding offers a complete portfolio of products.

In addition to the services provided by MetTel to Tennessee customers, MetTel's affiliates are authorized by the various state public service commissions to provide facilities-based and/or resold interexchange telecommunications services, and competitive local exchange services in 49 other states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Canada pursuant to certification, registration or tariff requirements, or on a deregulated basis.

Further information regarding MetTel's legal, technical, financial and managerial qualifications to provide telecommunications service to Tennessee consumers may be found in its petition for the TN CPCN as a matter of public record. MetTel's Tariff describing the rules, regulations, and schedule of rates and charges applicable to end users is available online at https://www.mettel.net/wpcontent/uploads/2023/03/TN Rev-31 PG 03.08.23 P3372 PF.pdf. MetTel respectfully requests that the Commission take official notice of the information contained in the Tennessee petition and incorporate it herein for reference.

II. Designated Contacts

Inquiries or copies of any correspondence, orders, or other materials pertaining to this filing should be directed to:

Michael P. Donahue Adam M. Davis Marashlian & Donahue, PLLC The CommLaw Group 1430 Spring Hill Road, Suite 310 Tysons, Virginia 22102 Office Tel: 703-714-1319 Office Fax: 703-563-6222

E-Mail: mpd@CommLawGroup.com

with copies to:

Joseph Farano General Counsel MetTel BellWorks 101 Crawfords Corner Road, #4-311 Holmdel, NJ 07733 Office Tel: 212-359-5037

E-mail: <u>ifarano@mettel.net</u>

III. Description of the Proposed Name Change

MetTel hereby notifies the Commission of an internal restructuring resulting from the conversion of all MetTel operating companies to Delaware limited liability companies. As a result of this conversion, MetTel's name changed to Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, LLC. Under Delaware law, the conversion reverts to the date the entity was originally formed. The conversion changes the business organization form and name only of the certificated entity. There was no change in the certificated entity's ownership, management, operation, rates or service offerings or responsibility for regulatory obligations upon conversion of all the MetTel operating companies. Prior to the conversion, Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, Inc. invoiced customers under the name "MetTel" and Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, LLC will continue to invoice customers under the name "MetTel"; as such, customer notice would cause unnecessary confusion and will not be provided. Accordingly, the

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¹ See Del. Code Ann. tit. 8 § 266(h) ("When a corporation has been converted to another entity or business form pursuant to this section, the other entity or business form shall, for all purposes of the laws of the State of Delaware, be deemed to be the same entity as the corporation."

name change is minimal, as it applies only to the organization form after the entity's name, and will cause no confusion to customers.

In addition, upon completion of the conversion of all MetTel operating companies, an intermediate holding company, MetTel PI, LLC — also a Delaware limited liability company — was inserted between MetTel's ultimate parent company, MetTel, Inc., and the indirect parent, MetTel Holding. This entity will be controlled by MetTel, Inc. It is structured to permit other individuals or entities to obtain purely economic rights, such as the right to participate in distributions above a certain amount; however, these members will have no voting or management rights and all control will remain with MetTel, Inc. MetTel's managerial, technical, and financial qualifications that supported the grant of MetTel's TN CPCN remain the same.

MetTel, Inc. is implementing this internal restructuring to streamline operations and administration, facilitate financing and other transactions and for other business purposes.

IV. Public Interest Considerations

The internal corporate restructuring described herein will serve the public interest for several reasons.

The conversions will in no way diminish the availability, quality, and affordability of the telecommunications services offered to MetTel's Tennessee customers. Since the only change arising from the conversions was the certificated entity's conversion from a corporation to a limited liability company and the creation of an intermediate holding company, there were no changes in network coverage, services or rates as a result of the consummation of the conversions. Moreover, because customer invoices will not change, most MetTel subscribers will not even notice that their provider had undergone an internal corporate restructuring. Finally, the conversions should raise no antitrust concerns, because the participating entities are wholly owned and controlled by the same parent organizations. As such, there was no transfer of control of any business operations.

In sum, the conversions will serve the public interest by preserving and enhancing MetTel's strengths without posing any threat of anticompetitive effects or other public interest harms, and they will be largely invisible to consumers.

V. Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, MetTel respectfully submits that the public interest, convenience, and necessity would be furthered by the proposed transaction. Accordingly, MetTel respectfully requests that the Commission approve its name change as described above. To the extent necessary, MetTel further respectfully requests that the Commission amend and reissue MetTel's TN CPCN to reflect the name change of MetTel to Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, LLC.

MeTel is providing under separate cover letter a check payable to the Tennessee Public Utility Commission in the amount of \$25.00 to cover the filing fee. If there are any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Donahue at mpd@commlawgroup.com or (703) 714-1319.

[Signature on following page]

Respectfully submitted,

Michael P. Donahue

Counsel for Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, Inc.

EXHIBIT LIST

Exhibit A Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee Certificate of Formation and Certificate of Authority to transact business in **Tennessee Exhibit B Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee Certificate of Conversion to a Limited Liability Company Exhibit C** Verification that the public utility has registered the changed or assumed business name with the Office of the Tennessee Secretary of State in compliance with the requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. 48-14-103, 48-54-103, 48-207-103, or 61-2-103. **Exhibit D** Verification that the changed or assumed business name has been recorded in the public utility's surety bond or letter of credit obtained pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 65-4-125.

EXHIBIT A



I, JEFFREY W. BULLOCK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF
DELAWARE DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND
CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION OF "METROPOLITAN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF TENNESSEE, LLC" FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON
THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2022, AT 2:22 O'CLOCK
P.M.



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STATE OF DELAWARE CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The undersigned authorized person, desiring to form a limited liability company pursuant to the Limited Liability Company Act of the State of Delaware, hereby certifies as follows:

	bility company is Metropolitan Telecommunications of
Tennessee, LLC	
2. The Registered Office of th	e limited liability company in the State of Delaware is
located at 251 Little Falls Drive	(street),
in the City of Wilmington	, Zip Code 19808 . The
	ch address upon whom process against this limited
liability company may be served is	S Corporation Service Company
	By: /s/ Andoni Economou
	Authorized Person
	Name: Andoni Economou
	Print or Type

EXHIBIT B



Division of Business Services Department of State

State of Tennessee 312 Rosa L. Parks AVE, 6th FL Nashville, TN 37243-1102

Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, LLC 32ND FLOOR 55 WATER STREET NEW YORK, NY 10041-3299

February 28, 2024

Control # 398630

Effective Date: 02/27/2024

Document Receipt

Receipt #: 8712525

Filing Fee:

\$300.00

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

\$300.00

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONVERSION

METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF TENNESSEE, INC. converted from a DELAWARE For-profit Corporation to Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, LLC a DELAWARE 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.

Tre Hargett Secretary of State

Processed By: Akash Patel



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I, JEFFREY W. BULLOCK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF

DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND

CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF CONVERSION OF A DELAWARE

CORPORATION UNDER THE NAME OF "METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF

TENNESSEE, INC." TO A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CHANGING

ITS NAME FROM "METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF TENNESSEE, INC."

TO "METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF TENNESSEE, LLC", FILED IN

THIS OFFICE ON THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2022, AT 2:22

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STATE OF DELAWARE CERTIFICATE OF CONVERSION FROM A CORPORATION TO A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-214 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY ACT

1,) 1	The jurisdiction where the Corporation first formed is Delaware
2.) T	The jurisdiction immediately prior to filing this Certificate is Delaware
3.) 1	The date the corporation first formed is October 30, 2000
	The name of the Corporation immediately prior to filing this Certificate is Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, Inc.
5.) T	The name of the Limited Liability Company as set forth in the Certificate of Formation is Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, LLC
IN V 21s	WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate on the day of January, A.D. 2022
	By: /s/ Andoni Economou Authorized Person
	Name: Andoni Economou
	Print or Type



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I, JEFFREY W. BULLOCK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION OF "METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF TENNESSEE, LLC", FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2022, AT 2:22 O'CLOCK P.M.



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2.	The Registered Office of	the limited liability company in the State	of Delaware is
loca	ated at 251 Little Falls Drive		(street),
in t	he City of Wilmington	, Zip Code 19808	. The
		such address upon whom process against is Corporation Service Company	this limited
		By: /s/ Andoni Economou	
		Authorized Perso	n
		Name: Andoni Economou	
		Print or Type	



APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (55-4233)

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Business Services Division

Tre Hargett, Secretary of State State of Tennessee

312 Rosa L. Parks AVE, 6th Fl. Nashville, TN 37243-1102 (615) 741-2286

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To The Secretary of the State of Tennessee: Pursuant to the provisions of T.C.A. § 48-249-904 of the Tennessee Revised Limited Liability Company Act, the undersigned hereby applies for a certificate of authority to transact business in the State of Tennessee, and for that purpose sets forth:
The name of the Limited Liability Company is: Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, LLC
If different, the name under which the certificate of authority is to be obtained is:
NOTE: The Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee may not issue a certificate of authority to a foreign Limited Liability Company if its name does not comply with the requirements of T.C.A. § 48-249-106 of the Tennessee Revised Limited Liability Company Act. If obtaining a certificate of authority under an assumed Limited Liability Company name, an application must be filed pursuant to T.C.A. § 48-249-106(d).
2. The state or country under whose law it is formed is: Delaware
NOTE: Additional filing fees and proof of tax clearance confirming good standing may apply if the Limited Liability Company commenced doing business in Tennessee prior to the approval of this application. See T.C.A. § 48-249-913(d) and T.C.A. § 48-249-905(c)
3. This company has the additional designation of:
The name and complete address of its registered agent and office located in the state of Tennessee is: Name: Corporation Service Company
Address: 2908 Poston Avenue
City: Nashville State: TN Zip Code: 37203 County: Davidson
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:
7. The LLC will be: Member Managed Manager Managed Director Managed Board Managed Other
8. Number of Members at the date of filing: 1
9. Period of Duration: Perpetual Other//
10. The complete address of its principal executive office is: Address: 55 Water Street, 32nd Floor

State: NY

Zip Code: <u>10041</u>

City: New York

Business Email: aeconomou@mettel.net



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The name of the Limited Liability Company is: Metropolitan Tele	ecommunications of Tennessee,	rrc
11. The complete mailing address of the entity (If different from the	e principal office) is:	
Address:		
City: State:	Zip Code:	
12. Non-Profit LLC (required only if the Additional Designation of	ember is a nonprofit corporation, for offit Corporation Act and who is experienced.	oreign or domestic, incorporated xempt from franchise and excise
 13. Professional LLC (required only if the Additional Designation I certify that this PLLC has one or more qualified persons I certify that this entity meets the requirement of T.C.A. § Licensed Profession: 	as members and no disqualified pe 48-249-1123(b)(3)	
14. Series LLC (required only if the Additional Designation of "Ser I certify that this entity meets the requirements of T.C.A. §		
If the provisions of T.C.A. § 48-249-309(i) (relating to fore should be attached as part of this document.	ign series LLCs) apply, then the info	ormation required by that section
15. Obligated Member Entity (list of obligated members and signal	atures must be attached)	
☐ This entity will be registered as an Obligated Member Enti	ty (OME) Effective Date:	Day Year
☐ I understand that by statute: THE EXECUTION AND FILIN PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE DEBTS, OBLIGATIONS THE SAME EXTENT AS A GENERAL PARTNER OF A GI	S AND LIABILITIES FOR THE LIMI	TED LIABILITY COMPANY TO
16. Other Provisions:		
02/22/2024		
Signature Date	Signature	
Authorized Person	Andoni Economou	
Signer's Capacity (if other than individual capacity)	Name (printed or typed)	

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I, JEFFREY W. BULLOCK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF

DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF

TENNESSEE, LLC" IS DULY FORMED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF

DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL EXISTENCE SO FAR

AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF

FEBRUARY, A.D. 2024.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE SAID "METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF TENNESSEE, LLC" WAS FORMED ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 2000.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE ANNUAL TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID TO DATE.

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EXHIBIT C



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000398630: Limited Liability Company - Foreign Printer Friendly Version

Name: Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, LLC

Old Name: METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF TENNESSEE, INC.

Foreign Name:

Status: Active Initial Filing Date: 11/09/2000

Formed in: DELAWARE Delayed Effective Date:

Fiscal Year Close: December AR Due Date: 04/01/2025

Term of Duration: Perpetual Inactive Date:

Principal Office: 55 WATER STREET 32ND FLOOR

NEW YORK, NY 10041-3299 USA

Mailing Address: 55 WATER STREET 32ND FLOOR

NEW YORK, NY 10041-3299 USA

AR Exempt: No Obligated Member Entity: No Managed By: Manager Managed Number of Members: 1

Assumed Names

History

Registered Agent

Туре	Date	Image #	Detail
Conversion	02/27/2024	B1482-5801	<u>Detail</u> ▲
Filing Name Changed From: METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS LLC Principal Address 1 Changed From: 55 WATER ST To: 55 WATER STREE Principal Address 2 Changed From: FL 32 To: 32ND FLOOR Shares of Stock Changed From: 0 To: No value		Metropolitan Telecommu	nications of Tennesse
Member Count Changed From: 0 To:1			
Managed By Changed From: No Value To: Manager Managed			
2023 Annual Report Due 04/01/2024	12/15/2023	B1480-3680	
2022 Annual Report Due 04/01/2023	12/16/2022	B1309-7438	
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2020 Annual Report Due 04/01/2021	12/29/2020	B0963-2224	
Assumed Name Renewal	11/24/2020	B0948-4958	<u>Detail </u> ▽
2019 Annual Report Due 04/01/2020	12/19/2019	B0792-6432	
2018 Annual Report Due 04/01/2019	12/07/2018	B0622-8166	
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2016 Annual Report Due 04/01/2017	01/20/2017	B0335-1921	
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Assumed Name Renewal	01/20/2016	B0182-6130	<u>Detail</u> ▽
2014 Annual Report Due 04/01/2015	01/08/2015	B0035-6222	
2013 Annual Report Due 04/01/2014	01/17/2014	A0208-2313	<u>Detail</u> ▽
2012 Annual Report Due 04/01/2013	02/07/2013	A0154-0986	
2011 Annual Report Due 04/01/2012	01/26/2012	A0102-0945	<u>Detail</u> ▽
Assumed Name Renewal	02/23/2011	6837-1374	<u>Detail</u> ▽
2010 Annual Report Due 04/01/2011	01/07/2011	A0052-2183	
2009 Annual Report Due 04/01/2010	01/28/2010	A0003-0722	<u>Detail</u> ▼
2008 Annual Report Due 04/01/2009	01/26/2009	6428-1554	<u>Detail</u> ▽
2007 Annual Report Due 04/01/2008	03/10/2008	6298-0612	<u>Detail</u> ▼
2006 Annual Report Due 04/01/2007	04/16/2007	6038-1660	
Registered Agent Change (by Entity)	11/16/2006	5890-1524	<u>Detail</u> ▼
Assumed Name	04/10/2006	5765-1521	
2005 Annual Report Due 04/01/2006	02/14/2006	5685-2441	
2004 Annual Report Due 04/01/2005	03/24/2005	5403-0020	<u>Detail</u> ▼
Articles of Amendment	02/03/2005	5349-1837	<u>Detail</u> ▼
2003 Annual Report Due 04/01/2004	03/19/2004	5073-0768	
2002 Annual Report Due 04/01/2003	01/23/2003	4704-0488	
Administrative Amendment	05/29/2002	4520-1490	
Application for Reinstatement	05/28/2002	4515-1033	
2001 Annual Report Due 04/01/2002	05/28/2002	4515-1976	
2000 Annual Report Due 04/01/2001	10/05/2001	4314-0192	<u>Detail</u> ▽
Dissolution/Revocation - Administrative	09/21/2001	ROLL 4304	
Notice of Determination	06/15/2001	ROLL 4229	
Administrative Amendment	11/29/2000	4060-1325	<u>Detail</u> ▽
Assumed Name	11/09/2000	4047-0279	
Initial Filing	11/09/2000	4047-0275	



Secretary of State Tre Hargett

Tre Hargett was elected by the Tennessee General Assembly to serve as Tennessee's 37th secretary of state in 2009 and re-elected in 2013, 2017, and 2021. Secretary Hargett is the chief executive officer of the Department of State with oversight of more than 300 employees. He also serves on 16 boards and commissions, on two of which he is the presiding member. The services and oversight found in the Secretary of State's office reach every department and agency in state government.



About the Office

The Tennessee Secretary of State has oversight of the Department of State. The Secretary of State is one of three Constitutional Officers elected by the General Assembly, in joint session. The Secretary of State is elected to a four-year term. The constitution mandates that it is the secretary's duty to keep a register of the official acts and proceedings of the governor, and, when required, to "lay same, all papers, minutes and vouchers relative thereto, before the General Assembly."

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EXHIBIT D

WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Date: August 8, 2023

Bond No. K07193798

Surety: Westchester Fire Insurance Company

Obligee: State of Tennessee

Principal: Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, Inc.

Bond Amount: \$20,000.00

The Principal and Surety hereby consent to changing the said bond as follows:

Principal Name is Amended to: Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, LLC

This change is effective the 8th day of August, 2023.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any provision or condition of the bond other than as above stated.

Sign, Sealed and dated this 8th day of August, 2023.

Westchester Fire Insurance Company

Alyssa R. Michael, Attorney-in-Fact





Power of Attorney

Federal Insurance Company | Vigilant Insurance Company | Pacific Indemnity Company Westchester Fire Insurance Company | ACE American Insurance Company

each as their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact to execute under such designation in their names and to affix their corporate seals to and deliver for and on their behalf as surety thereon or otherwise, bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof (other than bail bonds) given or executed in the course of business, and any instruments amending or altering the same, and consents to the modification or alteration of any instrument referred to in said bonds or obligations.

In Witness Whereof, said FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY have each executed and attested these presents and affixed their corporate seals on this 11th day of May, 2020.

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Dawn M. Chloros, Assistant Secretary

Stephen M. Haney, Vice President





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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

County of Hunterdon

On this IIth day of May, 2020 before me, a Notary Public of New Jersey, personally came Dawn M. Chloros and Stephen M. Haney, to me known to be Assistant Secretary and Vice President, respectively, of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, the companies which executed the foregoing Power of Attorney, and the said Dawn M. Chloros and Stephen M. Haney, being by me duly sworn, severally and each for herself and himself did depose and say that they are Assistant Secretary and Vice President, respectively, of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY and know the corporate seals thereof, that the seals affixed to the foregoing Power of Attorney are such corporate seals and were thereto affixed by authority of said Companies; and that their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed by like authority.

Notarial Seal



KATHERINE J. ADELAAR NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY No. 2316685 Commission Expires July 16, 2024

CERTIFICATION

Resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, and PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY on August 30, 2016; WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY on December 11, 2006; and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY on March 20, 2009:

"RESOLVED, that the following authorizations relate to the execution, for and on behalf of the Company, of bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts and other written commitments of the Company entered into in the ordinary course of business (each a "Written Commitment"):

- Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized to execute any Written Commitment for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise.
- (2) Each duly appointed attorney-in-fact of the Company is hereby authorized to execute any Written Commitment for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise, to the extent that such action is authorized by the grant of powers provided for in such person's written appointment as such attorney-in-fact.
- (3) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company, to appoint in writing any person the attorney-in-fact of the Company with full power and authority to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise, such Written Commitments of the Company as may be specified in such written appointment, which specification may be by general type or class of Written Commitments or by specification of one or more particular Written Commitments.
- (4) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company, to delegate in writing to any other officer of the Company the authority to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, under the Company's seal or otherwise, such Written Commitments of the Company as are specified in such written delegation, which specification may be by general type or class of Written Commitments or by specification of one or more particular Written Commitments.
- (5) The signature of any officer or other person executing any Written Commitment or appointment or delegation pursuant to this Resolution, and the seal of the Company, may be affixed by facsimile on such Written Commitment or written appointment or delegation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing Resolution shall not be deemed to be an exclusive statement of the powers and authority of officers, employees and other persons to act for and on behalf of the Company, and such Resolution shall not limit or otherwise affect the exercise of any such power or authority otherwise validly granted or vested."

I, Dawn M. Chloros, Assistant Secretary of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY (the "Companies") do hereby certify that

(i) the foregoing Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Companies are true, correct and in full force and effect,

(ii) the foregoing Power of Attorney is true, correct and in full force and effect.

Given under my hand and seals of said Companies at Whitehouse Station, NJ, this

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