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Earl Taylor, Executive Director  
Tennessee Public Utility Commission  
502 Deaderick Street, 4th Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243  
[TPUC.DocketRoom@tn.gov](mailto:TPUC.DocketRoom@tn.gov)

**RE: Docket No. 25-00091, VA FIBER 1 PROPCO, LLC – *Pro Hac Vice* Application for Admission of Out-of-State Counsel to Appear as Counsel**

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Please accept this filing of the enclosed *pro hac vice* application for out of state counsel, to appear as counsel, representing VA Fiber 1 Propco, LLC.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edlira Kuka'.

Mike Hazzard (Not Admitted in Tennessee)  
Edlira Kuka (Pro Hac Vice Pending)  
DLA Piper (US)  
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Counsel to VA FIBER 1 PROPCO, LLC

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**IN RE:** )  
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**APPLICATION OF VA FIBER 1** )  
**PROPCO, LLC, PETITIONER, FOR A** )  
**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC** ) **DOCKET NO. 25-00091**  
**CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO** )  
**PROVIDE FACILITIES BASED LOCAL** )  
**EXCHANGE AND INTEREXCHANGE** )  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES** )  
**IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE** )  
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**MOTION TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE**

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Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 19(d), VA Fiber 1 Propco, LCC (“VA Fiber”) respectfully moves the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) to grant permission for Edlira Kuka to appear *pro hac vice* as counsel on behalf of VA Fiber in the above-captioned docket. In support of this motion, Applicant submits before the Commission the following:

1. Edlira Kuka is a licensed attorney in the State of Washington and District of Columbia. She is a member in good standing of both the Washington State Bar Association and the D.C. Bar. She is authorized to practice before the Washington Supreme Court and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.
2. Edlira Kuka has been retained by VA Fiber to represent its interests in the above captioned proceeding.
3. Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 19(g), Edlira Kuka is associated in this proceeding with Emma Marion, DLA Piper LLP (US), 1251 Avenue of the Americas, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10020, a lawyer licensed to practice law in the State of

Tennessee, who is in good standing and admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

4. Pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 19(f), Edlira Kuka has filed with the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee a copy of this motion along with supporting documentation and paid all fees required to appear *pro hac vice*.
5. Edlira Kuka's affidavit containing the information required by Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 19(d) is attached to this motion as Exhibit A. The affidavit includes certificates of good standing from the Washington State Bar Association and the D.C. Bar.

Accordingly, VA Fiber moves the Commission to permit Edlira Kuka's appearance on behalf of VA Fiber 1 Propco, LLC in the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

VA Fiber 1 Propco, LLC

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Emma Marion, TN-037689

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# **EXHIBIT A**

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**AFFIDAVIT OF EDLIRA KUKA**

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Comes now Affiant Edlira Kuka, having been duly sworn, and states as follows:

1. I reside in Washington State. I am an attorney and a member of the law firm DLA Piper LLP (US), with offices at 701 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 6900, Seattle Washington, 98104. My Washington State Bar Number is 64643. I have been retained personally as a member of the above-mentioned law firm by VA Fiber 1 Propco, LLC to provide legal representation in the above mentioned docket, now pending before the Tennessee Public Utility Commission.
2. I have been admitted to practice before the following courts:
  - Washington State Supreme Court, admitted on December 5, 2025
  - D.C. Court of Appeals, admitted on November 7, 2023.
3. I am presently a member in good standing of the bars of those courts listed above and have not been suspended or disbarred in any court.

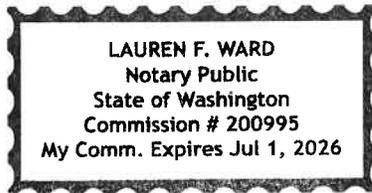
4. I have not been admitted to appear *pro hac vice* in the State of Tennessee at any prior time in the past.
5. I have never had any application for admission *pro hac vice* in this or any other jurisdiction denied or any *pro hac vice* admission revoked.
6. I have never been disciplined or sanctioned by any lawyer disciplinary agency or authority in any jurisdiction.
7. I am not subject to any suspension or disbarment proceedings and have not been formally notified of any complaints pending before a disciplinary agency.
8. I agree to comply with the applicable statutes, laws and rules of the State of Tennessee, and will familiarize myself with and comply with the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct.
9. I consent to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee and of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission.
10. Local counsel of record associated with Applicant in this case is Emma Marion of DLA Piper LLP (US), Tennessee State Bar No. TN-037689, with offices at 1251 Avenue of the Americas, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10020.
11. I have paid all fees in connection with the accompanying motion to appear *pro hac vice*.
12. A copy of this motion to appear *pro hac vice* and all associated papers, has been served upon all counsel of record in this proceeding and upon the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
KING COUNTY

I certify that Edlira Kuka personally appeared before me this day, acknowledging to me that she signed the forgoing document.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.



Lauren F. Ward  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Lauren F. Ward  
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Signature

# CURRENT STATUS CERTIFICATE

December 22, 2025

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that according to the records of the Washington State Bar Association, **Ms. Edlira Kuka**, license no. **64643** was licensed or admitted to the practice of law as a lawyer in this state by the Washington Supreme Court on **December 5, 2025**.

As of the date of this certificate, Ms. Edlira Kuka is and has been in good standing as a(n) **Active lawyer** of the Washington State Bar Association, who is **Eligible** to practice law in this state as a lawyer.

This certificate reflects the date of admission or licensure and the license status as of the date stated. Historical information about status, including periods on inactive status, administrative and disciplinary suspensions, disbarments, resignations, etc., are not reflected in this information, but are available through a Status History Certificate.



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Terra Nevitt  
Executive Director

Washington State Bar Association  
1325 Fourth Ave, Suite 600  
Seattle, WA 98101-2539  
206-443-WSBA



*On behalf of JULIO A. CASTILLO, Clerk of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals,  
the District of Columbia Bar does hereby certify that*

## ***Edlira Kuka***

*was duly qualified and admitted on November 7, 2023 as an attorney and counselor entitled to  
practice before this Court; and is, on the date indicated below, an Active member in good  
standing of this Bar.*

*In Testimony Whereof,  
I have hereunto subscribed my  
name and affixed the seal of this  
Court at the City of  
Washington, D.C., on December 19, 2025.*

*Julio A. Castillo*  
JULIO A. CASTILLO  
Clerk of the Court

Issued By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Chu".

*David Chu - Director, Membership  
District of Columbia Bar Membership*

***For questions or concerns, please contact the D.C. Bar Membership Office at 202-626-3475 or email  
memberservices@dcbbar.org.***

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**From:** Board of Professional Responsibility : Registration, Registration <[registration@tbpr.org](mailto:registration@tbpr.org)>  
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**To:** Edlira Kuka <[ekuka@seattleu.edu](mailto:ekuka@seattleu.edu)>  
**Subject:** BPR Payment Confirmation

Your CC Payment payment has been received by the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

Invoice Name: 2026 PHV Invoice  
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Amount Due: \$270.00  
Date Paid: 2/10/2026  
Amount Paid: \$270.00

Your registration status is now "registered" and you will be listed as active on the Board's website. You are required to notify our office should the Court deny your motion to appear *pro hac vice* in any matter. You are also required to notify our office should your case participation end. If you have any questions please contact [registration@tbpr.org](mailto:registration@tbpr.org).

NOTE: If your payment was made by credit card, please note that the State of Tennessee and Board of Professional Responsibility contract with a private company to process credit or debit card payments made through the attorney portal. The fee charged is a percentage of the payment you made (currently 2.35%). The current fee for the payment of the annual registration fee (\$270.00) is \$6.35. Since the Board does not receive these monies, we cannot issue a receipt. We suggest that you refer to the statement from your credit card company for proof of the convenience fee transaction.

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