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IN RE:

APPLICATION OF SOCKET TELECOM, LLC
D/B/A SOCKET FIBER, FOR A STATE-ISSUED
CERTIFICATE OF FRANCHISE AUTHORITY

DOCKET NO.
26-00038

CERTIFICATE OF FRANCHISE AUTHORITY

On May 8, 2026, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-59-301, *et seq.*, also known as the Competitive Cable and Video Services Act (“CCVSA”), Socket Telecom, LLC, d/b/a Socket Fiber (“Socket” or “Applicant”), filed with the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) the Affidavit of Carson Coffman, President, seeking a state-issued *Certificate of Franchise Authority*. In its affidavit/application, Socket requests authority to provide video service, cable service, or broadband service to portions of the City of Germantown, the City of Collierville, the City of Bartlett, as well as the unincorporated areas of Shelby County. In accordance with the CCVSA, issuance of this state-issued *Certificate of Franchise Authority* hereby conveys:

1. A nonexclusive grant of authority to provide cable or video service in the areas set forth in the application;
2. A nonexclusive grant of authority to construct, maintain and operate facilities through, along, upon, over and under any public rights-of-way, subject to the laws of the state of Tennessee, including the lawful exercise of police powers of the municipalities and counties in which such service is delivered;
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 & 2 above, this grant of authority is subject to lawful operation of the cable and video service by the Applicant or its successor in interest; and,
4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 & 2 above, this grant of authority does not confer upon the holder of the state-issued certificate of franchise authority the right to place facilities on private property without the owner’s consent to such placement, except that nothing in the CCVSA shall alter the condemnation authority provided pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-21-204 for internal improvements or as provided in title 29, chapter 16 of the Tennessee Code.

Upon the filing of the affidavit/application, the Tennessee Public Utility Commission hereby issues this *Certificate of Franchise Authority*.

BE IT HEREBY ISSUED.

FOR THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Earl Taylor" followed by a small monogram "abt".

Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director