

*This bond replaces and supersedes previously issued ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY Bond #: 800266380 dated July 14th, 2026.

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TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

TENNESSEE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDER'S SURETY BOND

Bond #: 800266532

WHEREAS, BRIGHTSPEED FIBER CONNECTION LLC 1120 South Tryon St., Suite 700, Charlotte, NC 28203 (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, ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY 605 Highway 169 North, Suite 800, Plymouth MN 55441 (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 10th day of July, 2026, 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

BRIGHTSPEED FIBER CONNECTION LLC

Name of Company authorized by the TPUC

129298

Company ID # as assigned by TPUC

SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL

Diane K Ballard
Name: Diane K Ballard
Title: Office Manager

SURETY

ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

Name of Surety

605 Highway 169 North, Suite 800, Plymouth MN 55441

Address of Surety

SIGNATURE OF SURETY AGENT

Sandra Diaz
Name: Sandra Diaz
Title: Attorney-In-Fact

Address of Surety Agent:
Aon Risk Services Northeast, Inc.

165 Broadway - 33rd Floor

New York, NY 10006

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 Mecklenburg

Before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Diane K Ballard with whom I am personally acquainted and who, upon oath, acknowledged himself to be the individual who executed the foregoing bond on behalf of Brightspeed Fiber Connection, LLC, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 1st day of October, 2026.

My Commission Expires:

January 21, 2031

Lauren Barbour

Notary Public

LAUREN BARBOUR
NOTARY PUBLIC
Mecklenburg County
North Carolina

My Commission Expires January 21, 2031

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY

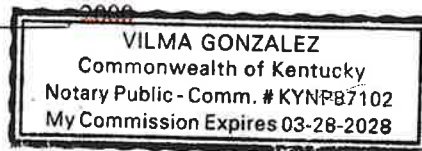
STATE OF ~~TENNESSEE~~ New York
COUNTY OF New York

Before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Sandra Diaz with whom I am personally acquainted and who, upon oath, acknowledged himself to be the individual who executed the foregoing bond on behalf of ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, 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 23rd day of September, 2026.

My Commission Expires:

March 28th, 2028



V. Gonzalez
Notary Public Vilma Gonzalez

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:



Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, a New York corporation with its principal office in Plymouth, Minnesota, does hereby constitute and appoint: **Aklima Noorhassan, Anne Potter, Debra A. Deming, Frances Rodriguez, Francesca Kazmierczak, Jennifer Jakaitis, Peter Healy, Sandra Diaz, Susan A. Welsh, Valorie Spates, Vilma Gonzalez**, each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety, any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof; provided that no bond or undertaking executed under this authority shall exceed in amount the sum of: **unlimited** and the execution of such bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Company as if they had been fully signed by an authorized officer of the Company and sealed with the Company seal. This Power of Attorney is made and executed by authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY on the twenty-fifth day of September, 2012:

Resolved: That the President, any Senior Vice President or Vice-President (each an "Authorized Officer") may execute for and in behalf of the Company any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and affix the seal of the Company thereto; and that the Authorized Officer may appoint and authorize an Attorney-in-Fact to execute on behalf of the Company any and all such instruments and to affix the Company seal thereto; and that the Authorized Officer may at any time remove any such Attorney-in-Fact and revoke all power and authority given to any such Attorney-in-Fact.

Resolved: That the Attorney-in-Fact may be given full power and authority to execute for and in the name and on behalf of the Company any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such instrument executed by any such Attorney-in-Fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if signed and sealed by an Authorized Officer and, further, the Attorney-in-Fact is hereby authorized to verify any affidavit required to be attached to bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof.

This power of attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY on the twenty-fifth day of September, 2012:

Resolved: That the signature of an Authorized Officer, the signature of the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary, and the Company seal may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing an Attorney-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and sealing any bond, undertaking, recognizance or other written obligation in the nature thereof, and any such signature and seal where so used, being hereby adopted by the Company as the original signature of such officer and the original seal of the Company, to be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by an Authorized Officer and the seal of the Company to be affixed this first day of January, 2023.

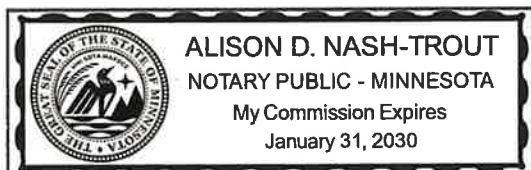
STATE OF MINNESOTA
HENNEPIN COUNTY



By


Sarah A. Kolar, Vice President and General Counsel

On this first day of January, 2023, before me personally came Sarah A. Kolar, Vice President and General Counsel of ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, to me personally known to be the individual and officer described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and she acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, that she is the said officer of the Company aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the seal of said Company and that the said seal and the signature as such officer was duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and at the direction of the Company.




Notary Public

I, the undersigned, Secretary of ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, a New York Corporation, do hereby certify that the foregoing power of attorney is in full force and has not been revoked, and the resolutions set forth above are now in force.

Signed and sealed. Dated 23rd day of September, 2026.



This Power of Attorney expires
January 31, 2030


Kara L.B. Barrow, Secretary



Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company

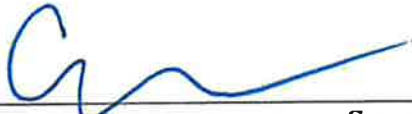
Period Ended 12/31/2025

Dollars displayed in thousands

Admitted Assets		Liabilities and Surplus	
Investments:		Liabilities	
Bonds	\$ 2,885,455	Loss Reserves	\$ 1,403,740
Preferred Stocks	-	Loss Adjustment Expense Reserves	330,086
Common Stocks	934,259	Total Loss & LAE Reserves	1,733,826
Mortgage Loans	-		
Real Estate	-	Unearned Premium Reserve	866,171
Contract Loans	-	Total Reinsurance Liabilities	51,082
Derivatives	-	Commissions, Other Expenses, and Taxes due	83,583
Cash, Cash Equivalents & Short Term Investments	1,000,755	Derivatives	-
Other Investments	29,147	Payable to Parent, Subs or Affiliates	-
Total Cash & Investments	4,849,616	All Other Liabilities	1,357,715
Premiums and Considerations Due	361,651	Total Liabilities	4,092,377
Reinsurance Recoverable	34,446		
Receivable from Parent, Subsidiary or Affiliates	15,668	Capital and Surplus	
All Other Admitted Assets	93,238	Common Capital Stock	9,001
Total Admitted Assets	5,354,619	Preferred Capital Stock	-
		Surplus Notes	-
		Unassigned Surplus	682,458
		Other Including Gross Contributed	570,784
		Capital & Surplus	1,262,242
		Total Liabilities and C&S	5,354,619

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

I, Sarah A. Kolar, Secretary of Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is a correct exhibit of the assets and liabilities of the said Company, on the 31st day of December, 2025, according to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.


Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Minnesota on this 5th day of March, 2026.


Notary Public

