

1 STATE OF ALABAMA
2 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
3 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW DIVISION
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6 IN THE MATTER OF:

7 PARKER FIBERNET, LLC DOCKET NO.: 31630
8 APPALACHIAN VALLEY DOCKET NO.: 31631
9 FIBER NETWORK, LLC
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12 TESTIMONY AND PROCEEDINGS before the
13 Honorable Scott Morris, Administrative Law
14 Judge, Carl L. Evans Chief Administrative Law
15 Judge Hearing Complex, RSA Union Building, 100
16 North Union Street, Room 900, Montgomery,
17 Alabama, on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, commencing
18 at approximately 10:43 a.m.; and reported by
19 Dee Coker, Registered Professional Reporter
20 and Commissioner for the State of Alabama at
21 Large.

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1 ALJ MORRIS: Let's go on the
2 record. Today's date is Tuesday, June
3 21st, 2011. We're here for Docket
4 31630, which is the application of
5 Parker FiberNet, LLC, for approval of a
6 certificate of public convenience and
7 necessity to provide telecommunication
8 service in the state of Alabama.

9 This application was filed on
10 May 16th, 2011. An original notice was
11 served on May 19th, 2011, setting a
12 hearing date of June 14th, 2011.
13 Subsequent notice was served on May
14 20th, 2011, setting a hearing date for
15 today. And there has been no
16 intervention in this docket.

17 We are also here for Docket
18 31631, which is the application of
19 Appalachian Valley Fiber Network, LLC.
20 This application was likewise filed --
21 I'm sorry. The applicant is
22 Appalachian Valley Fiber Network, LLC.
23 They're seeking approval of a

1 certificate of public convenience and
2 necessity to provide telecommunication
3 services in the state of Alabama. The
4 application of Parker FiberNet reads
5 the same. And there has been
6 intervention -- or no intervention in
7 either of these matters.

8 The application for Appalachian
9 Valley Fiber Network was identified on
10 May 16th, 2011. And notice of today's
11 hearing was served on May 20th of 2011.

12 With this, we will begin by
13 taking appearances, first on behalf of
14 both applicants, Parker FiberNet, LLC,
15 and Appalachian Valley Fiber Network,
16 LLC.

17 MR. McLEMORE: Good morning, Your
18 Honor. I am James H. McLemore, the
19 attorney for both Appalachian Valley
20 Fiber Network and Parker FiberNet. I
21 practice here in Montgomery with Capell
22 and Howard at 150 South Perry Street.
23 Our telephone number is area code 334,

1 241-8000. And with me today, a
2 representative for both companies, is
3 its principal, Mr. David Parker. And
4 I'll have him introduce himself for the
5 record.

6 MR. PARKER: My name is David
7 Parker. Our business address is 1005
8 South Commerce Street in Summerville,
9 Georgia, like summertime, Summerville
10 Georgia, 30747. And I'm the manager of
11 both companies.

12 ALJ MORRIS: And for the staff?

13 MR. COOK: Bill Cook,
14 Telecommunications Division, Commission
15 staff.

16 MS. CONWAY: Janet Conway.

17 ALJ MORRIS: Thank you.

18 And is there anyone else that
19 needs to enter an appearance?

20 Let the record reflect that no
21 one else has come forward.

22 Just as a preliminary matter, I
23 want to note for the record that we are

1 taking both of these applications
2 together because of the relationship of
3 the companies under the same owner and
4 the consideration of the parties and
5 the staff that this would best be
6 served by hearing these two together.

7 And with that, we will proceed.
8 Are there any other preliminary matters
9 we need to address before we get
10 started?

11 MR. McLEMORE: No, sir.

12 ALJ MORRIS: Okay. With that,
13 Mr. Parker, if you will stand and raise
14 your right hand, I'll swear you in and
15 we'll get started.

16 DAVID MATTHEW PARKER

17 The witness, having first been sworn
18 to speak the truth, the whole truth and
19 nothing but the truth, testified as follows.

20 ALJ MORRIS: Okay. Be seated.

21 Mr. McLemore.

22 MR. McLEMORE: Yes, sir.

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1 DIRECT EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. McLEMORE:

3 Q. State your name for the record, please.

4 A. David Matthew Parker.

5 Q. And, Mr. Parker, you're here on behalf of
6 Appalachian Valley Fiber Network and also
7 on behalf Parker FiberNet; is that
8 correct?

9 A. That is correct.

10 Q. What is your position with respect to the
11 two companies?

12 A. I'm the manager of both.

13 Q. Okay. Where is your business located?

14 A. We're located in Summerville, Georgia, at
15 1005 South Commerce Street. And the zip
16 is 30747.

17 Q. Okay. A little different than what I
18 normally do, I'd like to kind of get into
19 the back story a bit about how these two
20 applications came to be filed and what
21 you're proceeding to do. So first I'll
22 ask you about your existing company,
23 Parker FiberNet. Tell me what that

1 company does and how long it's been in
2 business.

3 A. Thank you. Parker FiberNet was began by
4 myself in approximately 1998. We were a
5 small company that was doing horizontal
6 cabling and we would build private
7 networks for existing businesses.

8 At that time, we were independently
9 securing public and private right-of-way
10 and access to various infrastructure to
11 connect facilities together. For
12 example, a large manufacturing company
13 might have an office just down the street
14 from their manufacturing facility; and we
15 would build network between those two
16 facilities.

17 Being a little bit of a self-
18 proclaimed geek, I was on the Internet a
19 lot reading about the Telecom Act of '96
20 and saw that as an opportunity to gain
21 access to the public rights-of-ways,
22 recognizing that at that time that I
23 would have to secure primarily pole

1 attachments from Georgia Power, Southern
2 Company, and some other -- various
3 utility owners. It became clear that we
4 needed to gain Public Service authority.
5 That's how you made yourself available to
6 the rights-of-ways.

7 So I did research and found out that
8 the largest pole owner in the state of
9 Georgia was Georgia Power, Southern
10 Company. Their attorneys was Troutman
11 and Sanders based out of Atlanta. I felt
12 like that I probably couldn't fight those
13 big guys, so I got the same attorney firm
14 that they did, and I went and seeked
15 approval.

16 Q. Sought?

17 A. Sought, yeah. Well, seeked in past
18 tense, sought.

19 Q. He's an engineer and I'm the lawyer.

20 A. That's right. I made 800 on the math
21 part of the SAT. I made 440 on the
22 verbal. That's why it's seeked.

23 Q. Georgia Tech, right?

1 A. Georgia Tech. I attended Georgia Tech as
2 an electrical engineer. So, anyway, we
3 sought approval for that. And it became
4 apparent we needed an other common
5 carrier certificate, a CLEC certificate,
6 some various FCC certificates, and those
7 types of things.

8 So we were successful in gaining
9 those; and then we began building fiber
10 networks in secondary markets, secondary
11 tier markets like Rome, Georgia; Athens,
12 Georgia. We then -- we purchased and
13 bought IRUs for fiber from Atlanta to
14 Chattanooga.

15 COURT REPORTER: Purchased and
16 built our -- what kind of use?

17 THE WITNESS: IRUs, indefeasible
18 rights of use, IRU.

19 Q. Slow down a little bit.

20 A. I know. I apologize. I get wound up.
21 I apologize to the court reporter.

22 So we -- we then began -- our company
23 expanded and grew, and so that kind of

1 brought us to the present. We -- we
2 serve commercial customers, no
3 residential. A typical set of customers
4 say in Rome, Georgia, to name one
5 location, would be like Shorter College,
6 Berry College, Floyd Hospital, Redmond
7 Hospital, Harbin Clinic. So we're a
8 large commercial provider. We provide
9 Internet, switched voice through other
10 providers, and ethernet type connectivity
11 services between those larger providers.

12 At that time, the stimulus program --

13 Q. Wait a minute. Before you get to that,
14 let me ask you this question.

15 A. Sure.

16 Q. How long has Parker FiberNet been in
17 business?

18 A. Since 1999.

19 Q. And you're the manager of the company?

20 A. I'm the manager.

21 Q. Are you the owner?

22 A. I'm the owner.

23 Q. How many employees do you have?

1 A. We have approximately 35 employees.

2 Q. Okay. And you're all located in
3 Summerville, Georgia?

4 A. Summerville. And that kind of leads into
5 another point I should have made. We do
6 everything in-house. We have our own
7 engineering firm. We have our own
8 construction. We do and seek our own
9 permits with the DOT, with Georgia Power,
10 BellSouth, AT&T. We have interconnection
11 agreements.

12 We have our own directional boring
13 machines. We have our own construction
14 equipment. So we provide -- we have
15 bucket trucks, splicing vans. So we
16 provision, design, install. And we're
17 provision CLEC, which means that we have
18 our own infrastructure in place.

19 In the beginning, you know, we
20 started out kind of using a UNE platform
21 that was provided to us from Bell; but as
22 they have sort of taken those options
23 away, our business model has shifted that

1 we only provide directly connected fiber
2 customers to our own network.

3 Q. You -- presently, you only have
4 telecommunications authority in Georgia;
5 is that correct?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. Okay. Let me ask you this. What -- what
8 is your interest with respect to these
9 two applications for these two applicants
10 to do business in Alabama?

11 A. Well, we -- as I started to say --

12 Q. When you say we, you mean Parker?

13 A. Parker. Parker FiberNet and other Parker
14 companies. We have some other companies
15 that do ancillary things. Parker Systems
16 is the construction arm. Parker FiberNet
17 is the CLEC authority in Georgia, for
18 example.

19 And so we sought a BTOP grant under
20 the stimulus program, and we were
21 successful in securing one. And that
22 grant -- we, in our business or in the
23 plan of the grant, made application to go

1 into Alabama to provide the middle mile
2 infrastructure fiber connectivity to an
3 underserved portion of Alabama, kind
4 of -- I get kind of turned around -- east
5 of --

6 Q. Anniston?

7 A. Anniston.

8 Q. Right.

9 A. Right.

10 Q. So up in Northeast Alabama with a
11 traditionally underserved area with
12 respect to telephone services?

13 A. That's right.

14 Q. There was a stimulus package available
15 that you applied for, received. And
16 that's -- that's the funding that you've
17 acquired to be able to seek to do
18 business in the state of Alabama?

19 A. That's right.

20 Q. Right?

21 A. That's right. As -- as we came, we
22 worked closely with some of the regional
23 development stuff. They were working on

1 their auto alley corridor concept to
2 provide just-in-time manufacturing with
3 small businesses, 60 to 80 people, to
4 provide to the auto industry. I know
5 Alabama was real successful in getting
6 some of the larger car makers to come
7 here.

8 Well, there has to be ancillary
9 support, you know, like brake assembly
10 manufacturers and those kind of
11 providers. The auto alley concept
12 brought us down, so we kind of mirrored
13 that in our strategy under the grant to
14 provide the middle mile connectivity to
15 support those kind of activities in that
16 region. Alabama became clear that they
17 were lacking the connectivity, and it --
18 the proximity of Northwest Georgia and
19 Northeast Alabama just made it -- made
20 the two projects mirror together nicely.

21 And so while I guess the folks in
22 Alabama don't want to be associated with
23 Georgia and the folks in Georgia don't

1 want to be associated with Alabama, those
2 two regions are very similar in their --
3 in their telecommunication and cultures.
4 So it was just a natural extension of
5 where our network was going to include
6 that underserved area.

7 Because we had the connectivity that
8 went Atlanta to Chattanooga and because
9 we followed the railroad track in that
10 region, it came very close to the edge of
11 the state, the state lines.

12 Q. With your application by Appalachian
13 Valley Fiber Network, you intend to seek
14 the authority to provide the
15 infrastructure for the fiberoptic cable
16 and the other construction services; is
17 that correct?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. You really don't intend by Appalachian
20 Valley to provide end user services; is
21 that right?

22 A. Right. The stipulations under the
23 grant -- and you guys can probably

1 appreciate more than most the
2 complications and the rules associated
3 with a federal grant and the -- the
4 guidelines and stringent boundaries that
5 they place us in. The grant project had
6 to be a middle mile only type fiber
7 project serving the infrastructure of
8 underserved communities and large anchor
9 institutions.

10 And so it was a nice marriage to
11 allow Parker FiberNet to come in to be
12 the interface to the customer and
13 Appalachian Valley, under the grant, to
14 provide the middle mile fiber
15 connectivity in those regions.

16 Q. Okay. And that was what I was going to
17 ask. Parker FiberNet will provide the
18 telecommunications services to the end
19 users --

20 A. Right.

21 Q. -- similar to the work that you're doing
22 in Georgia now?

23 A. That's right. That's right. And it was

1 an effort not to use grant or stimulus
2 funds to mirror or duplicate
3 iinfrastructure that existed in Parker
4 FiberNet, that all those funds could then
5 be funneled directly to extending the
6 network into the underserved areas.

7 Q. How many customers do you anticipate
8 having in Alabama?

9 A. Probably more than none and less than a
10 hundred.

11 Q. All right. Well, with that background,
12 let me ask you a few questions about
13 Parker FiberNet. Again, the primary
14 business address for that?

15 A. Is 1005 South Commerce Street.

16 Q. Is that true for Appalachian Valley as
17 well?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. And what's the telephone number for the
20 company?

21 A. It's 800-8-PARKER or 1-800-872-7537.

22 Q. Is that number true for Appalachian
23 Valley as well?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. I'll ask you have you read and are you
3 familiar with both of the applications in
4 this proceeding?

5 A. Yes, sir, I am.

6 Q. Are they true and correct?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. Are you familiar with both of the
9 proposed tariffs in this proceeding?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Are they true and correct?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. Your company is presently registered to
14 do business in the state of Alabama,
15 correct?

16 A. No. In the state of Georgia.

17 Q. Well, I mean, you don't have the
18 telecommunications authority from the
19 Public Service Commission yet, but you
20 have registered with the Secretary of
21 State's Office.

22 A. Right. Yes, sir. Yes, sir. I
23 apologize.

1 Q. Will the company operate -- either
2 company operate under any fictitious
3 names in Alabama?

4 A. No, sir.

5 Q. And Parker FiberNet is authorized by the
6 Public Utilities Commission of the State
7 of Georgia to do business there, but
8 you're not authorized with
9 telecommunications authority anywhere
10 else. Is that correct?

11 A. That is correct.

12 Q. And Appalachian Valley Fiber Net, does it
13 not have any authority from Georgia for
14 telecommunication services?

15 A. We're in the process.

16 Q. Okay. You're seeking that application
17 now?

18 A. I don't exactly know the status, but I --
19 we're in the process.

20 Q. Okay. Has Parker FiberNet ever applied
21 for telecommunications authority in any
22 other jurisdiction?

23 A. No, sir.

1 Q. Has the company ever been cited for any
2 formal complaints by the Public Service
3 Commission of Georgia?

4 A. No, sir.

5 Q. Has the company or any of the principals
6 or officers of the company ever been
7 indicted for a crime or -- or other
8 felony?

9 A. No, sir.

10 Q. Are you presently, either company, under
11 investigation for any regulatory
12 breaches?

13 A. No, sir.

14 Q. Does either company plan to operate any
15 physical facilities in the state of
16 Alabama other than the construction of
17 the fiberoptic cable?

18 A. No, sir.

19 Q. Does the company plan to have any
20 employees in the state of Alabama?

21 A. Other than during the construction, no,
22 sir.

23 Q. Okay. Who will Parker FiberNet use for

1 its underlying carrier?

2 A. For switched voice?

3 Q. Yeah.

4 A. We have interconnection agreements with
5 AT&T. It's now EarthLink. It used to be
6 Deltacom. A company called Momentum out
7 of Birmingham. And I believe that would
8 be all for switched voice.

9 Q. That's who you presently use?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Do you know which of those you'll be
12 using in Alabama?

13 A. It would probably be a mixture of the
14 three.

15 Q. But you don't have any agreements in
16 place with that yet?

17 A. No. The AT&T agreement, for example,
18 when we secured it, was for seven
19 states. So we went ahead -- even though
20 we didn't have authority, we made
21 application and have AT&T agreements for
22 all of their seven operating states.
23 Momentum, there's a voice over IP.

1 Perhaps you guys are more learned than I,
2 but under -- we felt like that under our
3 current agreement, that voice over IP,
4 being voice-packaged switch, was not
5 regulated; that we didn't need an
6 individual application for each state.

7 Q. And with respect to both companies -- I
8 guess, really, we're talking about Parker
9 FiberNet. With respect to sending
10 customer bills for telephone services, do
11 you plan to send bills on a monthly
12 basis?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. And will those bills be paper bills?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Will the telephone number of the company
17 be on the bill?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. And that telephone number will be what?

20 A. 1-800-8-PARKER or 800-872-7537.

21 Q. If a customer has a problem or needs to
22 contact the company to -- about a
23 grievance or any other issue, is that the

1 telephone number that they may call?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Okay. And what happens when they call
4 during your normal business hours?

5 A. They will get the secretary. We don't
6 believe in them machines where you have
7 to push one or two to get somebody. A
8 person answers the phone, and then
9 they'll be directed to -- we have an
10 in-house engineer that sits in
11 Summerville, and he fields all the calls
12 initially.

13 Q. Okay. What are your normal business
14 hours?

15 A. Eight to five Monday through Friday.

16 Q. And if a customer were to call after
17 business hours, what's your protocol for
18 handling those calls?

19 A. The call would be handled by the network
20 operations center, and they would direct
21 the call to the various engineer person
22 within the hour. Remembering that our
23 customers are large business customers,

1 the next business day for a response is
2 inadequate. So we return all of our
3 calls. Typically, they're just switched
4 directly to that end user's cell phone
5 because it would be on outage or some
6 complaint. And we require either
7 engineering to do a routing change or
8 look into the -- the -- you know, we
9 would look at our equipment to see how it
10 interfaces, if we're up and up against
11 the customer. If we had to, we would
12 begin the troubleshooting at that time.

13 That usually happens within 15
14 minutes, but our procedure is within the
15 hour.

16 Q. Okay. Do your companies plan to do any
17 marketing in the state of Alabama?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Okay. When you do marketing in Georgia,
20 for example, do you use a third party or
21 do you do it yourself?

22 A. We do it ourself. We don't do any
23 third-party marketing.

1 Q. You don't. So you don't have any intent
2 to use a third party in Alabama for
3 marketing either, do you?

4 A. No, sir.

5 Q. Okay. And with respect to your bill that
6 is sent to the customer that has the
7 telephone number that you mentioned, it
8 has the company's name on the bill as
9 well, right?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Does Parker FiberNet have a website?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. Okay. Does Appalachian Valley have a
14 website?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Is it the same or different?

17 A. They link each other, but they're
18 different.

19 Q. Okay. Is there a telephone number of
20 your company on those websites?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. And what number would that be, the same?

23 A. 1-800-8-PARKER.

1 Q. Where will the companies books and
2 records be maintained?

3 A. In Summerville, Georgia.

4 Q. Will you maintain accurate, up-to-date
5 tariffs on file with the Commission?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with the rules
8 and regulations of the Alabama Public
9 Service Commission?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Will you abide by them?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. Are you familiar with the laws, rules,
14 and regulations of the Federal
15 Communications Commission?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Will you abide by them?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Are you familiar with federal and state
20 slamming and cramming laws?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Will you abide by them?

23 A. Absolutely.

1 Q. Have you ever had any formal complaints
2 about slamming or cramming or any
3 telecommunications breach?

4 A. No, sir.

5 Q. In the event you were accused of any
6 slamming or cramming violations, would
7 the company immediately stop those
8 actions and engage in the appropriate
9 discipline of the relevant employees?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Do you understand that your companies
12 must file and have approved by the
13 Commission an interconnection agreement
14 with respect to providing services in
15 Alabama?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. And will you do that?

18 A. Absolutely.

19 Q. Are your companies aware that you must
20 file annually a supervision and
21 inspection report and pay the appropriate
22 fees associated with that?

23 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. Will your companies do that?

2 A. Absolutely.

3 Q. Are you aware that the company -- both
4 companies must file annually a financial
5 report with the Public Service
6 Commission?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. And will your companies comply with that
9 requirement?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 MR. McLEMORE: That's all.

12 ALJ MORRIS: Let's start with
13 Mr. Cook.

14 CROSS-EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. COOK:

16 Q. Mr. Parker, my compliments to your
17 attorney.

18 A. Thank you.

19 Q. He's asked about all my questions. Does
20 your company plan to use a d/b/a? I
21 noticed that you got Parker filed as an
22 LLC, hereafter PFN.

23 A. The PFN is just for convenience of the

1 Commission. Parker FiberNet. So we
2 don't -- we don't have a d/b/a that would
3 not be intuitively apparent. We felt
4 like PFN is Parker FiberNet, just an
5 acronym; so that's -- but there's no
6 d/b/a like John's Telephone Company or
7 anything like that.

8 That was just for the convenience of
9 or the documents. I apologize if we
10 shouldn't have done it that way.

11 Q. No. That's okay. It was just kind of
12 confusing.

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. The financial information that you filed,
15 is that the latest and current?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Who will be the contact person for
18 Alabama tariff-specific questions?

19 A. Kristy Parker.

20 Q. And what is her title?

21 A. She's the office manager.

22 Q. She any kin to you?

23 A. She might be. She's my wife. We're a

1 small company, as I stated. She went to
2 Georgia, too, which creates some
3 conflict.

4 Q. Oh, that gets kind of interesting at the
5 end of the year, don't it?

6 A. For the last nine years, it's been real
7 interesting except for one year.

8 Q. Has your company ever been filed or
9 presently in any bankruptcy proceedings?

10 A. No, sir.

11 Q. There will not be a marketing or sales
12 staff located in Alabama?

13 A. No, sir.

14 Q. Your underlying carrier, you said, is
15 going to be AT&T, EarthLink, which used
16 to be Deltacom, Momentum, which is the
17 VOiP?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. And -- and I don't know. I apologize for
21 my ignorance. I don't know if EarthLink
22 is going to be the survivor or if
23 Deltacom is going to be the survivor, but

1 I know they've merged. And I think -- I
2 noticed the other day that the EarthLink
3 logo was now on the bill.

4 MS. CONWAY: I think it's
5 EarthLink.

6 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am. I
7 apologize.

8 A. And then our -- we aggregate our Internet
9 product ourselves. So the underlying
10 carrier I guess would be us because we
11 BGP pier with our tier one.

12 COURT REPORTER: BGP what?

13 THE WITNESS: BGP, border gateway
14 protocol, so it's BGP pier. I'm sorry.
15 I sort of rattle off.

16 A. We take -- we take multiple Internet
17 providers, like AT&T or the larger
18 companies, UNET, cable and wireless; and
19 we aggregate that product ourselves. We
20 have a colocation at 56 Marietta, a
21 telecom hotel for the Southeast. So we
22 have a presence there. So we don't have
23 an underlying carrier for our Internet.

1 We do it ourselves.

2 Q. Okay. The locations you plan to serve in
3 Alabama is basically going to be
4 Northeast?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. Basically from Breman in Georgia to
8 Anniston.

9 Q. Are you aware that the Commission must be
10 notified if there are any changes in key
11 contact personnel --

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. -- company ownership via merger,
14 transfers or acquisitions?

15 A. Yes, sir?

16 Q. And -- and/or mailing or phone address?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Your company name will appear on the
19 bill?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. And the bill will be paper?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Who will provide operator service or

1 directory assistance?

2 A. The underlying carrier of the switch --
3 of the switch provider. So if we -- if
4 the circuit is derived from AT&T, AT&T
5 provides that service. If the circuit is
6 derived from EarthLink, they will provide
7 that service. If the system is derived
8 by Momentum, then I think they sub it
9 out. But it's provided by the underlying
10 carrier.

11 Q. Do you agree to provide by all the rules
12 and regulations of this commission?

13 A. Absolutely.

14 MR. COOK: I turn it over to
15 Ms. Conway.

16 ALJ MORRIS: Ms. Conway.

17 MS. CONWAY: Thank you.

18 CROSS-EXAMINATION

19 BY MS. CONWAY:

20 Q. Mr. Parker, is your company currently
21 providing any type of telecommunication
22 services in Alabama?

23 A. No, ma'am.

1 Q. You mentioned earlier that there was a
2 separate website for Appalachian Valley?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Do you happen to know what that is? Can
5 you provide that post-hearing?

6 A. Yes, ma'am. I think it's AVFN.com, but
7 I'll have to check. That website is
8 primarily placed currently for the
9 convenience of the grant, for the
10 selection of vendors and equipment and
11 contractors.

12 Q. Okay. Will Appalachian Valley actually
13 be leasing fiber to Parker FiberNet? Is
14 that the way it will work?

15 A. Yes. Yes, ma'am.

16 Q. Okay. So in all instances, the end user
17 would be Parker FiberNet from Appalachian
18 Valley?

19 A. Parker FiberNet would be an end user.
20 While it's not a requirement of the
21 federal stimulus grant, we intend to
22 provide an open architecture. So if a
23 wireless provider was known to AVFN or

1 Parker, we would be willing to sell to
2 any end user company; AVFN would.

3 Q. Okay. So you would be actually reselling
4 to another carrier?

5 A. On a wholesale basis, yes, ma'am.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. It -- there's not an exclusive
8 arrangement from AVFN to Parker. We
9 wanted to provide an open architecture
10 format to allow -- we're not into
11 wireless space; but if a wireless company
12 approached us as Parker FiberNet, because
13 we probably would be known to those guys
14 because we provide that to the Verizons
15 and AT&Ts of the world in these rural
16 markets that we're in, we would provide
17 that information to AVFN if a request was
18 made in Alabama. So Alabama could --
19 AVFN could have wholesale customers as
20 end users as well as Parker FiberNet.

21 Q. Okay. So just to clarify, the -- it
22 would be wholesale resale to other
23 carriers only?

1 A. That's right. That's right.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. And -- and I don't -- I don't want to
4 limit ourselves. If AVFN made a business
5 case to, say, a school system or a
6 hospital, we would determine what was
7 best for the customer. And in that case,
8 AVFN might directly take care of the
9 customer. Most likely, it would be
10 Parker FiberNet; but I want to be very
11 transparent.

12 Q. So it's possible it could be -- other end
13 users could --

14 A. But it would be -- it would be in
15 sophisticated industrial or institutional
16 type venues, right.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. I think it's highly unlikely, but I just
19 want to be transparent.

20 Q. Okay. And are you familiar with tariff
21 filing procedures and notification of
22 promotions?

23 A. Yes, ma'am.

1 MS. CONWAY: Judge Morris, the
2 actual tariff for Appalachian Valley
3 was not filed until yesterday.

4 ALJ MORRIS: Okay.

5 MS. CONWAY: So I have not had time
6 to thoroughly review it.

7 ALJ MORRIS: Okay.

8 MS. CONWAY: So I'd like to take a
9 few days to be able to thoroughly
10 review it. And I have already seen a
11 couple of issues in it that we'll need
12 to discuss and maybe make some changes.

13 THE WITNESS: Sure.

14 MS. CONWAY: But I will get back
15 with you, Jimmy, on that --

16 MR. McLEMORE: Okay.

17 MS. CONWAY: -- as soon as I've got
18 it completed.

19 MR. McLEMORE: I apologize for
20 that. We thought maybe we would be
21 excused from filing that, and we
22 weren't, so I appreciate that, so we
23 got it to you.

1 MS. CONWAY: That's okay. That's
2 okay. So post-hearing, I will just
3 need the website address also of
4 Appalachian Valley. That's all I have.

5 MR. McLEMORE: Okay.

6 ALJ MORRIS: Okay. I've just got a
7 couple of things. I notice in your
8 financial -- financial information with
9 the PFN application, there is some sort
10 of a balance sheet for DKSL. Can you
11 tell me what that is?

12 THE WITNESS: That's a holding
13 company for tax that owns all the
14 companies that I have.

15 ALJ MORRIS: Okay.

16 THE WITNESS: It stands for David,
17 Kristy, Seth and Luke. Those are my
18 children's names. So I'm not very
19 creative. Parker Systems, Parker
20 FiberNet.

21 ALJ MORRIS: You like acronyms.
22 Okay.

23 THE WITNESS: Yeah. My tax

1 accountant suggested that, and so it's
2 a holding company.

3 ALJ MORRIS: Okay. And for
4 Appalachian Valley Fiber Network, has
5 that even been capitalized yet?

6 THE WITNESS: Well, it's funded by
7 the BTOP stimulus grant.

8 ALJ MORRIS: And that's the sole
9 source of capital for that project?

10 THE WITNESS: And it's more than
11 sufficient to accomplish. We received
12 a \$28 million grant.

13 ALJ MORRIS: Okay. And, you know,
14 there's no plan to put any of your own
15 personal capital into that?

16 THE WITNESS: We matched the grant
17 with \$5 million.

18 ALJ MORRIS: You matched the grant.

19 THE WITNESS: Of in-kind.

20 ALJ MORRIS: All right. And I will
21 need actually -- for both Parker
22 FiberNet and Appalachian Valley Fiber
23 Network, I will need the articles of

1 organization. What I've got is the
2 operating agreements were filed, but
3 I'm going to need the articles of
4 organization post-hearing.

5 MR. McLEMORE: Yes, sir.

6 ALJ MORRIS: And as Ms. Conway has
7 already stated, she needs the website
8 for Appalachian Valley and she's going
9 to need some time to review the
10 tariff. And we'll get those issues
11 resolved before we take this to the
12 Commission for final approval.

13 Mr. McLemore, do you have
14 anything else you'd like to add?

15 MR. McLEMORE: No, sir.

16 ALJ MORRIS: Okay. With that, we
17 will take this under advisement. And
18 this hearing is concluded.

19 (Proceedings concluded at
20 11:16 a.m.)

21 * * * END OF PROCEEDINGS * * *

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