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HARGRAY OF ALABAMA, INC.,

Applicant

**APPLICATION: For approval of a
Certificate of Public Convenience and
Necessity to provide Local Exchange
Service and Interexchange Service in
Alabama.**

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REPORT AND ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed on or about January 31, 2019, Hargray of Alabama, Inc., a Georgia corporation, 870 William Hilton Parkway, Building C, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29938, seeks a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide Local Exchange Service and Interexchange Service in the State of Alabama.

Pursuant to notice dated February 6, 2019, the application came on for hearing on February 19, 2019. No one intervened in the proceeding, but Commission staff participated in the hearing.

It appears from the record in this cause, and we find, that the public convenience and necessity requires the proposed service and the public interest will be best served by the proposed operations. In addition, it appears that the Applicant is qualified to conduct the operations proposed.

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Accordingly, it appears that the Applicant should be granted a certificate authorizing the provision of Local Exchange Service and Interexchange Service, which is consistent with the services similarly situated applicants have been authorized to provide. The Local Exchange Service authorized herein must be provided in compliance with the rules and regulations governing such service established by the Commission in its Local Competition proceedings in Dockets 24030, 24472, 24499 and 24865, as well as all other applicable rules and regulations of the Commission. Further, the Applicant's certification to provide Local Exchange Service will expire in one (1) year if the Applicant has not submitted for Commission approval an interconnection/resale contract or agreement for local service and has not filed a final tariff governing said service.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is hereby issued to Hargray of Alabama, Inc., a Georgia corporation, 870 William Hilton Parkway, Building C, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29938, authorizing operations as a provider of Local Exchange Service in all areas of the State of Alabama as authorized by this Commission in its September 20, 1995, Report and Order in Dockets 24030, 24472, 24499 and 24865; provided, however that service under this Certificate may be commenced only after the Applicant has complied with all orders, rules and regulations that have and shall be promulgated by the Commission under Dockets 24030, 24472, 24499 and 24865.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That the Local Exchange Service herein authorized may be commenced only after the Applicant has filed with this Commission a final tariff governing said services which has been approved by the Commission and an interconnection/resale contract or agreement with all applicable

incumbent local exchange carriers. Unless the Applicant complies with these requirements within one (1) year after the date of this Order, or within such additional time as may be authorized by the Commission, the grant of authority made in this Order shall be considered as null and void and the application shall stand denied in its entirety effective upon the expiration of said compliance time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That the certificate granted herein shall also authorize the provision of Interexchange Service in the State of Alabama.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That the Applicant shall not commence the provision of Interexchange Service in the State of Alabama until such time as the Applicant has submitted a tariff governing said service that has been approved by the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That the Applicant shall file annual reports consisting of audited financial statements and shall maintain adequate books of account and financial records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and the rules and regulations promulgated by this Commission. Said books and records shall separate the telephone resale service from all other business in which Applicant may be engaged.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That any changes e.g., name, address, telephone number(s), contact personnel, or any other pertinent information concerning the Applicant shall be filed with this Commission by written transmittal letter within thirty (30) days from the time of change. Failure to comply will result in this Certificate becoming null and void and any and all other authority(s) granted under this docket number will hereby be immediately revoked.

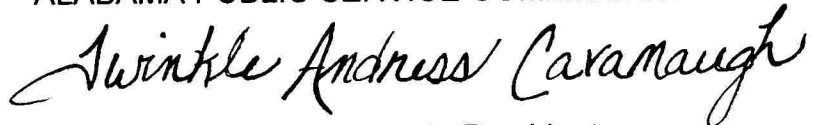
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That the Applicant shall render sufficient and continuous service in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission and the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That jurisdiction in this cause is hereby retained for any further order or orders as this Commission may find just and reasonable in the premises.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this Order shall be effective as of the date hereof.

DONE at Montgomery, Alabama, this 15th day of March, 2019.

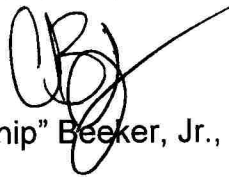
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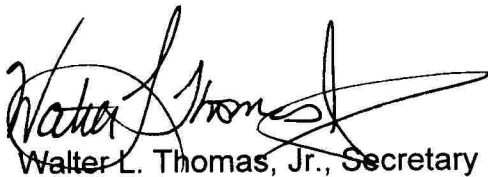


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Chris "Chip" Beeker, Jr., Commissioner

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