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**FIBER UTILITY NETWORK D/B/A ALABAMA FIBER
NETWORK,**

Petitioner

**In Re: APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO
PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES
IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA**

Docket 33553

REPORT AND ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application dated March 7, 2025, Fiber Utility Network d/b/a Alabama Fiber Network ("Alabama Fiber Network"), located at 103 Jesse Samuel Hunt Boulevard, Prattville, Alabama 36066, seeks the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide wholesale carrier access services to other telecommunications providers in the State of Alabama.

By notice dated March 31, 2025, this matter was set for hearing on May 12, 2025. No one intervened in the proceeding, but members of the Commission staff participated in the hearing.

Alabama Fiber Network is a wholesale "carriers' carrier" that seeks to provide telecommunications services in the State of Alabama and seeks to supply competitive local exchange and interexchange carriers. Additionally, Alabama Fiber Network operates on a customer demand basis with other telecommunications providers and does not provide competing local exchange services to end-users.

It appears from the record in this proceeding, and we find, that Alabama Fiber Network has demonstrated that it has the technical, managerial and financial resources to provide the services proposed. It further appears that the Applicant has demonstrated that the public interest would be best served by its proposed operations. Accordingly, it appears that the Applicant should be granted a certificate authorizing the

provision of wholesale carrier access services which is consistent with the services similarly situated applicants have been authorized to provide. The wholesale carrier access services authorized herein must be provided in compliance with the rules and regulations governing such services 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.

Applicant's proposal to provide wholesale carrier access services to other carriers through contractual arrangements is well taken. Contractual arrangements will allow Applicant the flexibility to structure services and billing so as to best meet those wholesale customer's needs in a competitive market, and to pass along whatever savings it can for whatever incremental parts of its services customers might want.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is hereby granted to, authorizing operations as a provider of wholesale carrier access services 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 services under this Certificate may be commenced only after 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 authority granted to Fiber Utility Network d/b/a Alabama Fiber Network ("Alabama Fiber Network"), located at 103 Jesse Samuel Hunt Boulevard, Prattville, Alabama 36066. Applicant herein to provide telecommunications services to telecommunications common carriers within the State of Alabama will be provided pursuant to contracts with such telecommunications common carriers, which contracts will be subject to review by this Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That Fiber Utility Network d/b/a Alabama Fiber Network shall file annual reports and shall maintain adequate books of accounts and financial records in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by this Commission. Said books and records shall separate the telecommunications services from all other businesses in which Alabama Fiber Network may be engaged.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That any changes in contact information or contact personnel, or other pertinent company information, shall be filed with this Commission by a transmittal letter

within thirty (30) days from the time of such 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 Fiber Utility Network d/b/a Alabama Fiber Network shall render sufficient and continuous service in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission and the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity granted herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That jurisdiction in this matter is retained for any further Orders that the Commission deems just and reasonable in the premises.

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

DONE at Montgomery, Alabama, this 5th day of June, 2025.

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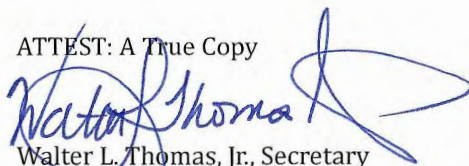


Jeremy H. Oden, Commissioner



Chris V. Beeker, III, Commissioner

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Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary