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Re: Application of Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange and Exchange Access Service to Customers Located in Certain Areas of the State of South Carolina
Docket No. 2014-324-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC, please find a Motion For Expedited Review in the above-referenced matter.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Very truly yours,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Heather M. Elder, do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the Motion for Expedited Review on behalf of Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC in the above-referenced docket upon the following parties causing said copy to be deposited with the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and properly affixed thereto, and addressed as follows:

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MOTION FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW

Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC ("Palmetto") hereby respectfully moves for expedited review of its application to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280 and the rules and regulations of the Commission, to permit it to provide local exchange and exchange access service to customers located in those areas of the State of South Carolina that are served by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina ("AT&T"); Frontier Communications of the Carolinas, Inc. ("Frontier"); United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink"); Windstream South Carolina, LLC ("Windstream"); and other incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILECs") whose rural exemptions under 47 U.S.C. §251(f)(1) have been terminated by the Commission. Palmetto also requests flexible regulation for its local exchange service offerings in the expanded area.

Palmetto requests that this matter be decided by the Commission at the Commission's earliest opportunity in a regularly-scheduled agenda session, and that the

Commission cancel the formal hearing on this matter, which is currently scheduled for October 13, 2014. This motion is made on the following grounds:

1. Palmetto published notice of the filing of the request in newspapers of general circulation, as required by the Commission. The deadline to intervene in this matter was September 2, 2014.

2. The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") is a statutory party to this action. See S.C. Code Ann. § 58-4-10(B). On September 11, 2014, ORS filed a letter in this docket stating that it does not oppose the Commission granting Palmetto's Application. Palmetto's counsel has consulted with counsel for ORS, and ORS does not object to proceeding without a formal hearing in this matter.

3. No other comments or petitions to intervene were received in response to the notice. Thus, all interested persons have been afforded an opportunity for a hearing, as required by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280(B), Section 1-23-320(a) of the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act, and constitutional due process. Proceeding without a formal hearing in this matter would serve the public interest in administrative efficiency.

4. Palmetto was organized as a Limited Liability Company in the State of South Carolina in 1998. Palmetto is a wholly owned subsidiary of Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., which has been providing local exchange telephone service in the State of South Carolina since 1955. Palmetto has previously been issued certificates of public convenience and necessity by this Commission. In 1999, the Commission granted Palmetto a certificate to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina. See Commission Order No. 1999-617 in Docket No. 1999-309-C. In 2004, the Commission granted Palmetto a certificate to provide competitive local exchange and exchange access service to customers located in the Walterboro exchange

served by Verizon South, Inc., now served by Frontier. See Commission Order No. 2004-1 in Docket No. 2003-270-C. In 2012, the Commission granted Palmetto's request to expand its authority to include Frontier's Yemassee, Ehrhardt, Olar, and Fairfax exchanges, and CenturyLink's Hampton and Estill exchanges. See Commission Order No. 2012-75 in Docket No. 2011-303-C. Each of these certificates was granted to Palmetto upon a finding by the Commission that Palmetto has the technical, financial, and managerial resources sufficient to provide the requested services within the State of South Carolina, and that Palmetto met all other requirements of certification. Palmetto continues to meet these requirements, as demonstrated in the description of key personnel attached as Exhibit A to the Application; the most recent Telecommunications Company Annual Report of Applicant's parent company, Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., which is on file with the Commission and is attached as Exhibit B to the Application; and the verified Testimony of Jason D. Dandridge filed in this docket on August 29, 2014.

5. Palmetto proposes to expand its service to those areas of the State that are served by AT&T, Frontier, CenturyLink, Windstream, and other ILECs whose rural exemptions pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §251(f)(1) have been terminated by the Commission, as opportunities and facilities become available. Palmetto will provide the same service, under the same terms and conditions, to customers located in the expanded area as it is currently providing to customers in its presently certificated service area, at rates comparable to those of the incumbent LEC serving the area.

5. Mr. Dandridge's verified testimony in this docket, and the Attachments filed with the Application, demonstrate that the relief requested in the Application is warranted and that approval of the Application is in the public interest.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC respectfully requests that the Commission grant its request for expedited review of its application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in this matter, and that the Application be approved at the Commission's earliest convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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