BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for certificate to provide local telecommunications service by Rapid Fiber Internet, LLC.

DOCKET NO. 20230016-TX ORDER NO. PSC-2023-0115-PAA-TX ISSUED: March 27, 2023

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

ANDREW GILES FAY, Chairman ART GRAHAM GARY F. CLARK MIKE LA ROSA GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding, pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

Rapid Fiber Internet, LLC (Rapid) applied for a Certificate of Authority to provide telecommunications service, pursuant to Section 364,335, Florida Statutes (F.S.). Upon review of the application, it appears Rapid has sufficient technical, financial, and managerial capability to provide such service. Accordingly, Certificate of Authority No. 8978 is hereby granted to Rapid, which shall authorize Rapid to provide telecommunications service throughout the State of Florida.

Telecommunications service providers are required to comply with all applicable provisions of Chapter 364, F.S. and Chapter 25-4, F.A.C.

In addition, under Section 364.336, F.S., certificate holders must pay a minimum annual Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAF) if the certificate was active during any portion of the calendar year. A RAF Return notice will be mailed each December to Rapid for payment by January 30th. Neither the cancellation of its certificate nor the failure to receive a RAF Return notice shall relieve Rapid from its obligation to pay its RAF.

If this Order becomes final and effective, it will serve as Rapid's certificate. Rapid shall retain this Order as proof of its certification. We are vested with jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 364.335 and 364.336, F.S.

Based on the foregoing, it is

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ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Rapid Fiber Internet, LLC's application for Certificate of Authority is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that Rapid Fiber Internet, LLC is awarded Certificate of Authority No. 8978, which authorizes Rapid to provide telecommunications service throughout the State of Florida, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that this Order shall serve as Rapid Fiber Internet, LLC's certificate and shall be retained by Rapid Fiber Internet, LLC as proof of certification. It is further

ORDERED that the provisions of this Order, issued as proposed agency action, shall become final and effective upon issuance of a Consummating Order unless an appropriate petition, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code, is received by the Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on the date set forth in the "Notice of Further Proceedings" attached hereto. It is further

ORDERED that in the event this Order becomes final, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 27th day of March, 2023.

ADAM J. TEITZMAN

Commission Clerk

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Copies furnished: A copy of this document is provided to the parties of record at the time of issuance and, if applicable, interested persons.

NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing that is available under Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

The action proposed herein is preliminary in nature. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on <u>April 17, 2023</u>.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

Any objection or protest filed in this/these docket(s) before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.