BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

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Application of GTech Fiber, LLC for its Designation as a Telecommunications Carrier Eligible for Federal Universal Service Support pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Case No.

GTECH FIBER, LLC APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER

COMES NOW GTech Fiber, LLC (GTech), and hereby applies to the Missouri Public Service Commission to enter an Order granting this Application to designate GTech Fiber, LLC as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC). ETC designation is necessary to participate in the Lifeline Program and the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). In support of this Application GTech states as follows:

By way of Case Number DN-2022-0269 filed with the Commission, GTech
Fiber, LLC became the new name for its predecessor entity, Gascosage Technologies, LLC,
which by way of registration was granted authority to provide Interconnected Voice over Internet
Protocol services by the Commission in Case No. DA-2020-0266.

2. GTech's street address and principal place of business is 803 S. Ellen St., Dixon, Missouri 65459. GTech's telephone number is (573) 759-7146, and its facsimile number is (573) 759-6020. GTech is a Missouri limited liability company in good standing, and does business utilizing its corporate name. A copy of a Certificate of Good Standing from the Missouri Secretary of State is Attachment "A" attached hereto.

3. GTech Fiber, LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Gascosage Electric

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Cooperative organized for the purposes of providing internet and phone services.

GTech service offerings include 100 Mb/s symmetrical, 250 Mb/s symmetrical, 1

gigabit symmetrical and voice services.

4. All correspondence, pleadings, notices, orders, and decisions in this matter should be addressed to the GTech principal office and key management/contact

individual:

Carmen Hartwell GTech Fiber, LLC 803 S. Ellen St. Dixon, MO 65459 (573) 759-7146 (573) 759-6020 fax carmen.hartwell@gascosage.coop

and to

Andrew Sporleder Mo Bar# 51197 Johnson & Sporleder LLP 1606 South Oaks Drive Jefferson City MO 65101 (573) 606-4400 as@cjaslaw.com

5. Information about GTech's services and rates can be found online at

www.mygtechfiber.com.

6. GTech has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates, which action, judgment or decision has occurred within three years of the date of this application.

7. GTech has no annual report or assessment fees that are overdue.

8. GTech has not obtained any waivers of ETC-related requirements from the FCC.

9. GTech will comply with ETC requirements established by the Missouri Public Service Commission.

10. GTech does intend to seek support from the Missouri USF or participate in the Disabled program.

11. GTech commits to maintaining current company contact information on the Missouri Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System.

12. GTech is compliant with contribution obligations to the federal USF.

13. GTech is registered by the Missouri Commission and is compliant with all reporting and assessment obligations.

14. GTech intends to offer in Missouri the following services which will be eligible for federal ETC support: 100 Mb/s symmetrical; 250 Mb/s symmetrical; 1 gigabit symmetrical broadband internet service and voice services.

15. GTech intends to seek Lifeline support from the MoUSF for voice service, and for broadband service when and if the MoUSF makes support for broadband service available, and also intends to participate in the disabled program for voice services.

16. GTech rates for services are expected as follows:

- 100 Mb/s -- \$54.99;
- 250 Mb/s -- \$74.99;
- 1 Gigabit -- \$94.99;
- A \$10.00 per month equipment rental and protection plan will be added to each service and will be in addition to the aforementioned rates unless the customer supplies their own router.
- Voice Rates: \$19.99 per month for residential service and \$29.99 per month for commercial service.

17. GTech intends to offer all of its services within the service territory of Gascosage Electric Cooperative and immediately adjoining areas within Camden, Maries, Miller, Phelps and Pulaski Counties in Missouri.

18. GTech will offer three levels of symmetrical services using a combination of directly financed and grant funded infrastructure. Currently, GTech leases GPON equipment and outside plant from Gascosage Electric Cooperative. GTech receives backhaul services from Sho-Me Technologies.

19. GTech will advertise services through social medial, bill inserts to current members of Gascosage Electric Cooperative, direct contact through email and/or bill messenger.

20. GTech has planned on remaining functional in emergency situations by incorporation of battery backup systems within its service equipment/hub locations, support also from mobile generators for emergency situations. GTech offers customers a several affordable uninterruptible power supply purchase options for at-the-home power failures, including a 24-hour option.

21. GTech will satisfy applicable consumer protection and service quality standards.

22. GTech hereby certifies that neither it, nor any other member of this filing party has had communications with a Commissioner, Commission Advisor, Regulatory Law Judge, member of the General Counsel or any member of their support team in the sixty (60) days prior to the filing date of this Application regarding any substantive issue included in this filing.

23. GTech meets the requirements of, and hereby commits to continue to comply with the requirements of the FCC for ETCs as set forth in 47 CFR 54.201 and 47 CFR 54.202. GTech will also comply with the ETC requirements identified in 20 CSR 4240-31.014 and 31.015.

24. GTech has recently been awarded funding via ReConnect 1, ReConnect 2, NTIA grant and a MoBroadband grant to build broadband facilities in the census blocks and area designated as "Tick Creek" in Attachment "B" hereto, all located near the city of Doolittle, Missouri.

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25. GTech 's broadband deployment for which funding support has been awarded consists of fiber-to-the-home via Calex Ethernet Service Access Platform providing a Gigabit Tier and LowLatency.

Wherefore, on the basis of this Application, GTech Fiber, LLC requests that the Commission enter an Order granting an ETC designation to GTech Fiber, LLC, in the census blocks listed and area depicted in Attachment "B" hereto.

> <u>/s/ Andrew J. Sporleder</u> Andrew J. Sporleder Mo Bar #51197 Johnson & Sporleder LLP 1606 South Oaks Drive Jefferson City, MO 65101 (573) 606-4400 as@cjaslaw.com

ATTORNEY FOR GTECH FIBER, LLC

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned does hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was electronically mailed, this 17 th day of August, 2022, to the following parties:

General Counsel Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102 opcservice@ded.mo.gov

General Counsel Office of the Public Counsel P.O. Box 7800 Jefferson City, MO 65102 <u>staffcounselservice@psc.mo.gov</u>

> <u>/s/ Andrew J. Sporleder</u> Attorney for GTech Fiber, LLC

VERIFICATION

I, Carmen Hartwell, having been duly sworn upon my oath, that Iam the General Manager of GTech Fiber, LLC, the Applicant, and am authorized by the Applicant to execute the foregoing Application and tomake this Affidaviton its behalf, and that the matters and things stated in the foregoing Application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

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Carmen Hartwell

STATE OF MISSOURI **COUNTY OF PULASKI**

Subscribed and sworn to me, a Notary Public on this 17th day of August, 2022.

MELINDA DEE STORMES Notary Public - Notary Seal STATE OF MISSOURI Maries County My Commission Expires: Aug. 27, 2024 Commission #97497292

Melinda De Atomes Notary Public Melinda Dee Stormes

My commission expires <u>August</u> 27, 2024

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APPENDIX "A"

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING FROM MISSOURI SECRETARY OF STATE

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John R. Ashcroft Secretary of State

CORPORATION DIVISION CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

I, JOHN R. ASHCROFT, Secretary of State of the STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby certify that the records in my office and in my care and custody reveal that

GTECH FIBER, LLC LC1805592

was created under the laws of this State on the 30th day of July, 2021, and is active, having fully complied with all requirements of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri. Done at the City of Jefferson, this 17th day of August, 2022.

Certification Number: CERT-08172022-0055



APPENDIX "A"

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APPENDIX "B"

MAP and LIST OF CENSUS BLOCKS IN WHICH APPLICANT SEEKS DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER

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