METRO Act Permit Application Form Revised February 2, 2015

<u>City of Rochester Hills</u> Name of Local Unit of Government

APPLICATION FOR ACCESS TO AND ONGOING USE OF PUBLIC WAYS BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS UNDER METROPOLITAN EXTENSION TELECOMMUNICATIONS RIGHTS-OF-WAY OVERSIGHT ACT 2002 PA 48 MCL SECTIONS 484.3101 TO 484.3120

BY

[Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC] ("APPLICANT")

<u>Unfamiliar with METRO Act?--Assistance</u>: Municipalities unfamiliar with Michigan Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight Act ("METRO Act") permits for telecommunications providers should seek assistance, such as by contacting the Telecommunications Division of the Michigan Public Service Commission at 517-284-8190 or via its web site at <u>http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,4639,7-159-16372_22707---,00.html</u>.

<u>45 Days to Act—Fines for Failure to Act</u>: The METRO Act states that "A municipality shall approve or deny access under this section within 45 days from the date a provider files an application for a permit for access to a public right-of-way." MCL 484.3115(3). The Michigan Public Service Commission can impose fines of up to \$40,000 per day for violations of the METRO Act. It has imposed fines under the Michigan Telecommunications Act where it found providers or municipalities violated the statute.

<u>Where to File</u>: Applicants should file copies as follows [municipalities should adapt as appropriate—unless otherwise specified service should be as follows]:

-- Three (3) copies (one of which shall be marked and designated as the master copy) with the Clerk at [insert address].

<u>City of Rochester Hills</u> Name of Local Unit of Government

APPLICATION FOR ACCESS TO AND ONGOING USE OF PUBLIC WAYS BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS

By

[Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC] ("APPLICANT")

This is an application pursuant to Sections 5 and 6 of the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight Act, 2002 PA 48 (the "METRO Act") for access to and ongoing usage of the public right-of-way, including public roadways, highways, streets, alleys, easements, and waterways ("Public Ways") in the Municipality for a telecommunications system. The METRO Act states that "A municipality shall approve or deny access under this section within 45 days from the date a provider files an application for a permit for access to a public right-of-way." MCL 484.3115(3).

This application must be accompanied by a one-time application fee of \$500, unless the applicant is exempt from this requirement under Section 5(3) of the METRO Act, MCL 484.3105(3).

1 <u>GENERAL INFORMATION</u>:

- 1.1 Date: June 20, 2025
- Applicant's legal name: <u>Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC</u> Mailing Address: <u>5959 Corporate Dr., Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77036</u> Telephone Number: <u>713-255-7500</u> Fax Number: Corporate website: <u>https://ezeefiber.com/</u>

Name and title of Applicant's local manager (and if different) contact person regarding this application:

<u>Garner Duncan, SVP, Government Affairs</u> Mailing Address: <u>5959 Corporate Dr., Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77036</u> Telephone Number: <u>972-898-5487</u> Fax Number: <u>_____</u> E-mail Address: <u>Garner.Duncan@ezeefiber.com</u>

- 1.3 Type of Entity: (Check one of the following)
 - Corporation
 - General Partnership
 - Limited Partnership
 - <u>X</u> Limited Liability Company
 - Individual
 - ____ Other, please describe: _____
- 1.4 Assumed name for doing business, if any: Ezee Fiber
- 1.5 Description of Entity:
 - 1.5.1 Jurisdiction of incorporation/formation;
 - 1.5.2 Date of incorporation/formation;
 - 1.5.3 If a subsidiary, name of ultimate parent company;
 - 1.5.4 Chairperson, President/CEO, Secretary and Treasurer (and equivalent officials for non-corporate entities).
- Ezee Fiber is a rapidly growing Houston-based fiber telecommunications company that provides affordable and reliable multi-gig internet service to residential, business, and government customers through its 100% fiber-optic network.

1.6 Attach copies of Applicant's most recent annual report (with state ID number) filed with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and certificate of good standing with the State of Michigan. For entities in existence for less than one year and for non-corporate entities, provide equivalent information.

• Ezee Fiber is certified by the Michigan Public Service Commission¹ to provide telecommunications services, and therefore does not need to provide financial information based on section 1.10. Please advise on what the City would accept to prove our financial ability to maintain our position in the ROW.

1.7 Is Applicant aware of any present or potential conflicts of interest between Applicant and Municipality? If yes, describe: N/A

1.8 In the past three (3) years, has Applicant had a permit to install telecommunications facilities in the public right of way revoked by any Michigan municipality?

Circle: Yes (No)

If "yes," please describe the circumstances.

1.9 In the past three (3) years, has an adverse finding been made or an adverse final action been taken by any Michigan court or administrative body against Applicant under any law or regulation related to the following:

1.9.1 A felony; or

1.9.2 A revocation or suspension of any authorization (including cable franchises) to provide telecommunications or video programming services? *Circle: Yes* (No)

¹ See Exhibit A.

If "yes," please attach a full description of the parties and matters involved, including an identification of the court or administrative body and any proceedings (by dates and file numbers, if applicable), and the disposition of such proceedings.

1.10 [If Applicant has been granted and currently holds a license to provide basic local exchange service, no financial information needs to be supplied.] If publicly held, provide Applicant's most recent financial statements. If financial statements of a parent company of Applicant (or other affiliate of Applicant) are provided in lieu of those of Applicant, please explain.

1.10.1 If privately held, and if Municipality requests the information within 10 days of the date of this Application, the Applicant and the Municipality should make arrangements for the Municipality to review the financial statements.

If no financial statements are provided, please explain and provide particulars.

• Ezee Fiber holds the attached certificate² from the Michigan Public Service Commission. Please see the answer to section 1.6.

2 <u>DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT</u>:

2.1 Provide a copy of authorizations, if applicable, Applicant holds to provide telecommunications services in Municipality. If no authorizations are applicable, please explain.

• Authorization³ is attached separately.

2.2 Describe in plain English how Municipality should describe to the public the telecommunications services to be provided by Applicant and the telecommunications facilities to be installed by Applicant in the Public Ways.

• Ezee Fiber will be installing fiber optic cable and other necessary facilities within public road rights of way, either underground via conduit or overhead via poles. Ezee Fiber will be providing fiber to the premise for all residents and business owners along the serviceable route of project.

2.3 Attach route maps showing the location (including whether overhead or underground) of Applicant's existing and proposed facilities in the public right-of-way. To the extent known, please identify the side of the street on which the facilities will be located. (If construction approval is sought at this time, provide engineering drawings, if available, showing location and depth, if applicable, of facilities to be installed in the public right-of-way).

- Please refer to the attached map⁴. The red lines represent approximate routes we would take to deliver fiber to the home. This is around 1878K feet.
 - 2.4 Please provide an anticipated or actual construction schedule.
- Construction would start as early as October 2025 and take approximately 9 months to complete, not including work stoppage due to winter and general weather.

² See Exhibit A.

³ See Exhibit B.

⁴ See Exhibit C.

2.5 Please list all organizations and entities which will have any ownership interest in the facilities proposed to be installed in the Public Ways.

• iSquared Capital.

2.6 Who will be responsible for maintaining the facilities Applicant places in the Public Ways and how are they to be promptly contacted? If Applicant's facilities are to be installed on or in existing facilities in the Public Ways of existing public utilities or incumbent telecommunications providers, describe the facilities to be used, and provide verification of their consent to such usage by Applicant.

- Ezee Fiber will maintain the facilities and can be contacted through the following number: 1-833-920-5400.
- Ezee Fiber facilities are to be installed in new conduit in existing rights-of-way and or easements, not in existing telecommunications facilities.

3 <u>TELECOMMUNICATION PROVIDER ADMINISTRATIVE</u> <u>MATTERS</u>:

Please provide the following or attach an appropriate exhibit.

3.1 Address of Applicant's nearest local office;

• 5959 Corporate Dr., Houston, Texas 77036

3.2 Location of all records and engineering drawings, if not at local office;

3.3 Names, titles, addresses, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of the contact person(s) for Applicant's engineer or engineers and their responsibilities for the telecommunications system;

- Seann Perry
 - VP. Engineering & Market Selection
 - <u>seann.perry@ezeefiber.com</u>
 - o **713-405-1135**
- Jerome DeCuir
 - Senior Director, Network Development
 - <u>Jerome.decuir@ezeefiber.com</u>

3.4 Provide evidence of self-insurance or a certificate of insurance showing Applicant's insurance coverage, carrier and limits of liability for the following: **Please see our attached Certificate of Insurance⁵**.

- 3.4.1 Worker's compensation;
- 3.4.2 Commercial general liability, including at least:
 - 3.4.2.1 Combined overall limits;
 - 3.4.2.2 Combined single limit for each occurrence of bodily injury;
 - 3.4.2.3 Personal injury;
 - 3.4.2.4 Property damage;

⁵ See Exhibit D.

3.4.2.5 Blanket contractual liability for written contracts, products, and completed operations;

3.4.2.6 Independent contractor liability;

3.4.2.7 For any non-aerial installations, coverage for property damage from perils of explosives, collapse, or damage to underground utilities (known as XCU coverage);

3.4.2.8 Environmental contamination;

3.4.3 Automobile liability covering all owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles used by Applicant, its employee, or agents.

3.5 Names of all anticipated contractors and subcontractors involved in the construction, maintenance and operation of Applicant's facilities in the Public Ways.

• Construction contractor will be GAC Enterprises LLC, and Ezee Fiber will perform maintenance and operations

4 <u>CERTIFICATION</u>:

All the statements made in the application and attached exhibits are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

NAME OF ENTITY ("APPLICANT")

Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC

Unal 1 By:

Type or Print Name: Garner Duncan

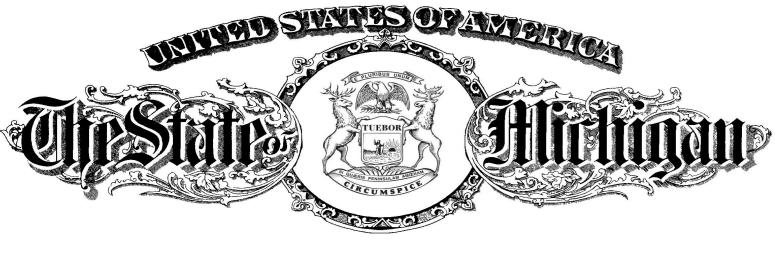
<u>SVP, Government Affairs</u> Title

06/19/2025

Date

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EXHIBIT A





This is to Certify That

EZEE FIBER TEXAS, LLC

a(n) Delaware FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

was validly authorized on November 2, 2023, to transact business in Michigan, and that said limited liability company holds a valid certificate of authority to transact business in this state, and has satisfied its annual filing obligations.

This certificate is issued pursuant to the provisions of 1993 PA 23 to attest to the fact that the limited liability company is in good standing in Michigan as of this date and is duly authorized to transact in this state any business set forth in its application which a domestic limited liability company formed under this act may lawfully conduct except as limited by statements in its Application for Certificate of Authority or under the law of its jurisdiction of organization.

This certificate is in due form, made by me as the proper officer, and is entitled to have full faith and credit given it in every court and office within the United States.



Sent by electronic transmission Certificate Number: 25050616805

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, in the City of Lansing, this 27th day of May , 2025.

Linda Clegg, Director Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau

Verify this certificate at: URL to eCertificate Verification Search http://www.michigan.gov/corpverifycertificate.

EXHIBIT B

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of **EZEE FIBER TEXAS, LLC**, for a temporary and permanent license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the state of Michigan.

Case No. U-21663

At the January 23, 2025 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing, Michigan.

> PRESENT: Hon. Daniel C. Scripps, Chair Hon. Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner Hon. Alessandra R. Carreon, Commissioner

ORDER

On June 10, 2024, Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC (Ezee Fiber) filed an application, with supporting testimony and exhibits, under the Michigan Telecommunications Act (MTA), MCL 484.2101 *et seq.*, for a temporary and permanent license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the state of Michigan. On October 31, 2024, Ezee Fiber filed an amended application and exhibits. On November 21, 2024, Ezee Fiber was granted a temporary license.

At an evidentiary hearing held on December 18, 2024, Ezee Fiber presented the testimony and exhibits of Ken Bonvillian, Ezee Fiber's Vice President of Sales and External Affairs. At the close of the hearing, the parties (Ezee Fiber and the Commission Staff) waived compliance with Section 81 of the Michigan Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, MCL 24.281.

After a review of the application, testimony, and exhibits, as amended, the Commission finds that approval of the application is in the public interest. On numerous occasions, the Commission

has found that competition can be advantageous to the residents of this state. Approval of the request for a license to provide basic local exchange service will expand the opportunities for competition. Accordingly, the application, as amended, is approved.

The grant of a license is conditioned on full compliance with the provisions of the MTA, as well as the anti-slamming procedures adopted in Case No. U-11900, and the number reclamation process adopted in Case No. U-12703. Failure to comply fully may result in revocation of the license and other penalties. The grant of a license is conditioned upon the provision of service to customers within a reasonable time. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the license. Finally, the Commission notes that any numbers obtained by the applicant are a public resource and are not owned by the applicant. If the applicant fails to provide service or goes out of business, any numbers assigned to it are subject to reclamation.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC, is granted a permanent license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the state of Michigan.

B. Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC, shall provide basic local exchange service in accordance with the regulatory requirements specified in the Michigan Telecommunications Act, MCL 484.2101 *et seq.*, including the number portability provisions of MCL 484.2358, the anti-slamming procedures adopted in Case No. U-11900, and the number reclamation process adopted in Case No. U-12703.

C. Before commencing basic local exchange service, Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC, shall submit its tariff reflecting the services that it will offer and identifying the exchanges in which it will offer service.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so by the filing of a claim of appeal in the Michigan Court of Appeals within 30 days of the issuance of this order, under MCL 484.2203(12). To comply with the Michigan Rules of Court's requirement to notify the Commission of an appeal, appellants shall send required notices to both the Commission's Executive Secretary and to the Commission's Legal Counsel. Electronic notifications should be sent to the Executive Secretary at LARA-MPSC-Edockets@michigan.gov and to the Michigan Department of Attorney General - Public Service Division at sheac1@michigan.gov. In lieu of electronic submissions, paper copies of such notifications may be sent to the Executive Secretary and the Attorney General - Public Service Division at 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Daniel C. Scripps, Chair

Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner

Alessandra R. Carreon, Commissioner

By its action of January 23, 2025.

Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary

PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

Case No. U-21663

County of Ingham

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Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on January 23, 2025 A.D. she

electronically notified the attached list of this Commission Order via e-mail transmission,

to the persons as shown on the attached service list (Listserv Distribution List).

Brianna

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of January 2025.

Angela P. Sanderson Notary Public, Shiawassee County, Michigan As acting in Eaton County My Commission Expires: May 21, 2030

Name	On Behalf Of	Email Address				
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Jonathan F. Thoits	ALJs - MPSC	thoitsj@michigan.gov				
Michael J. Orris	MPSC Staff	orrism@michigan.gov				
Sean P. Gallagher	Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC	sgallagher@fraserlawfirm.com				

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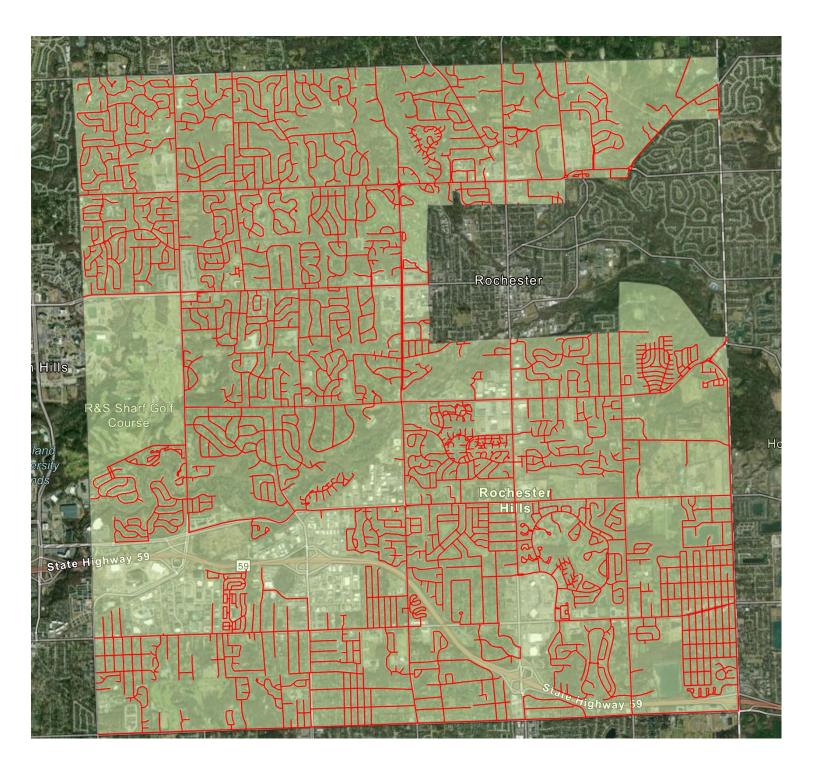


EXHIBIT D



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

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ADDITIONAL REMARKS

THIS ADDITIONAL REMARKS FORM IS A SCHEDULE TO ACORD FORM,

FORM NUMBER: ACORD 25 FORM TITLE: Certificate of Liability Insurance

Description of Operations/Locations/Vehicles:

The General Liability policy includes an endorsement providing that 30 day notice of cancellation (or coverage change) will be furnished to the certificate holder. Notice is sent to the certificate holders with mailing addresses on file with the agent or the company. This endorsement does not provide for notice of cancellation to the certificate holder if the named insured requests cancellation.

Umbrella policy is follow form.