

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY CONFIRMING THE RENEWAL OF THAT CERTAIN NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES CORP., & LILA VERIZON ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES, FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS WITH OPTION TO RENEW UPON MUTUAL AGREEMENT, FOR A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, PLACEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF FACILITIES FOR THE TRANSMISSION, DELIVERY, PROVISION AND SALE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES ALONG, IN, ON, OVER AND UNDER THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY ("CITY"), ALL UPON THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND COVENANTS CONTAINED IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 11-2019, adopted by the City Council, on December 18, 2019 (the "Establishment Resolution"), provided for the creation, establishment and sale of a non-exclusive franchise for a term of five (5) years to construct, install, replace, repair, monitor, maintain, use, operate and remove facilities and related equipment and appurtenances for the transmission, distribution, delivery and sale of telecommunications services from points either within or without the corporate limits of this City, to this City and the inhabitants thereof, and from and through this City to persons, corporations and municipalities beyond the limits thereof, and for the sale of telecommunications services and other related telecommunications purposes; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 01-2020, approved and adopted by City Council on March 30, 2020, confirmed the sale and awarding of such Non-Exclusive Franchise by the City to MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp., & Lila Verizon Access Transmission Services ("Franchisee"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 01-2020 and the Telecommunications Franchise Agreement executed by and between the City and Franchisee, attached hereto as Attachment "A" and made a part hereof, the original term of the franchise rights was five (5) years from the Effective Date of said Franchise Agreement, and such term was subject to renewal upon mutual agreement of the parties to such Agreement, provided that the total duration of the Term of such Agreement cannot exceed twenty (20) years as provided under Section 164 of the Kentucky Constitution; and

WHEREAS,; the City and Franchisee have mutually agreed to renew the term of the Franchise Agreement for an additional five (5) years, pursuant to that certain Renewal of Telecommunications Agreement attached hereto as Attachment "B" and made a part hereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I

Based upon the foregoing recitals and acting in accordance with Sections 163 and 164 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and applicable Kentucky law, and subject to the conditions and covenants set forth in that certain Telecommunications Franchise Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Attachment "A" (the "Franchise Agreement") and that certain Renewal of Telecommunications Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Attachment "B" ("Renewal"), the non-exclusive telecommunications franchise created and granted by the Establishment Resolution 11-2019 and Ordinance 01-2020 and reflected in the Franchise Agreement be, and it hereby is, renewed for a term of five (5) years, for the cost of advertising, plus any application fees, and the franchise fees and such other compensation, all as are set forth in the Franchise Agreement. The franchise granted and awarded in Ordinance 01-2020, and renewed by this Ordinance, only authorizes Franchisee to provide the telecommunications services specifically authorized in the Franchise Agreement.

SECTION II

The renewal term of the Franchise granted in this Ordinance shall be for a period of five (5) years with the option to renew upon mutual agreement of the City and the Franchisee.

SECTION III

All prior ordinances, municipal orders, or policies or parts thereof in conflict herewith, are to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

SECTION IV

That the Mayor of the City is hereby authorized to sign the Renewal of Telecommunications Franchise Agreement to memorialize the renewal with Franchisee said franchise. Further, the Mayor is hereby authorized to negotiate such changes to the Franchise Agreement as he or she may deem necessary or desirable, so long as such changes do not affect the overall substance of the Franchise Agreement or granting Ordinances.

SECTION V

That the statements set forth in the Preamble to this Ordinance are hereby incorporated in this Ordinance by reference, the same as if set forth at length herein.

SECTION VI

All rights and privileges granted in the Franchise Agreement (Attachment "A"), are, at times during the aforesaid term, subject to all lawful exercise of the police and legislative powers of the City. Franchisee shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations which the City has adopted or shall adopt, applying to the public generally and to other franchisees, licensees, or grantees.

SECTION VII

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other provisions hereof, and such other provisions shall remain in full force and effect as long as they remain valid in the absence of that provision determined to be invalid.

SECTION VIII

Upon its passage, this Ordinance shall be published according to law, and said publication may be in summary form.

SECTION IX

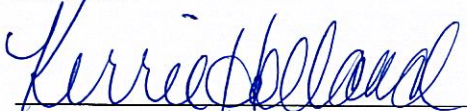
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect when passed, recorded, and published according to law. Said publication may be in summary form.


CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY

By: _____

DAVE HATTER – Mayor

ATTEST:



Kerrie Holland, City Clerk

FIRST READING:

2-19-25

SECOND READING:

3-5-25

PUBLICATION:

3-15-25

ATTACHMENT "A"

Telecommunications Franchise Agreement

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

This Telecommunications Franchise Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into and made effective as of MAY 10, 2020 ("Effective Date"), by and between the City of Fort Wright, Kentucky, a municipal corporation and city of the home rule class ("City"), and MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp., d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services ("Franchisee").

Section 1. Non-Exclusive Franchise Granted Subject to Conditions.

A. The City hereby grants to Franchisee, subject to the conditions prescribed in this Agreement, the non-exclusive franchise rights and authority ("Franchise") to construct, install, replace, repair, monitor, maintain, use, operate and remove its equipment and facilities necessary for a wireline fiber optic telecommunications system ("Facilities") in, under, on, across, over, and through, those specified areas of right-of-way as set forth and described in the plan attached hereto as Exhibit A ("Franchise Area"). Franchisee hereby accepts the Franchise granted pursuant to this Agreement.

B. The foregoing franchise rights and authority shall not be deemed to be exclusive to Franchisee and shall in no way prohibit or limit the City's ability to grant other franchises, permits, or rights along, over, or under the areas to which this Franchise has been granted to Franchisee. This Franchise shall in no way interfere with existing utilities or in any way limit, prohibit, or prevent, the City from using its rights-of-way or affect the City's jurisdiction over such rights-of-way in any way consistent with applicable law.

Section 2. Franchise Limitations. This Agreement does not authorize Franchisee to construct, install, operate, or place or attach any equipment associated with or for cellular antenna towers, small cell towers, or small cell systems. City does not warrant the suitability of any portion of its rights-of-way for the purposes for which Franchisee may desire to use them under this Agreement, nor does the City warrant the condition of any structure, pole, or other improvement currently located within the City's rights-of-way. Franchisee hereby accepts the City's rights-of-way and all publicly owned improvements located therein on an AS-IS, WHERE-IS, and WITH ALL FAULTS basis.

Section 3. Authority. The City Administrator or his or her designee is hereby granted the authority to administer and enforce the terms and provisions of this Agreement and may develop such lawful and reasonable rules, policies, and procedures as he or she deems necessary to carry out the provisions contained herein.

Section 4. Franchise Term. The franchise rights granted herein shall remain in full force and effect for a term period of five (5) years from the Effective Date of this Agreement ("Term"). The Term may be renewed upon mutual agreement of the parties hereto, such agreement to not be unreasonably withheld; provided however, the total duration of the Term of this Agreement shall not exceed twenty (20) years as provided under Section 164 of the Kentucky Constitution.

Section 5. Acceptance of Terms and Conditions. Failure on the part of Franchisee to provide an executed original of this Agreement to the City Clerk within sixty (60) calendar days of the

City Council's passage of the Ordinance approving this Agreement shall be deemed a rejection thereof by Franchisee and shall result in this Agreement being null and void, having no further force or effect and all rights granted under this Agreement shall then terminate.

Section 6. Construction Provisions and Standards. The following provisions shall be considered mandatory and failure to abide by any conditions described herein shall be deemed as noncompliance with the terms of this Agreement.

A. Permit Required. No installation, construction, expansion, or material modification of the Facilities shall be undertaken in the Franchise Area without first obtaining all required right of way use and/or construction permits as required under all applicable ordinances of the City and under all regulations and other requirements of Planning and Development Services of Northern Kentucky ("PDS").

B. Construction Standards. Any construction, installation, maintenance, and restoration activities performed by or for Franchisee within the Franchise Area shall be constructed and located so as to produce the least amount of interference with the free passage of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. All work and improvements made by Franchisee shall be so performed in a safe and good and workmanlike manner, and in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws. The Facilities shall be concealed or enclosed, as much as possible, in a box, cabinet, or other unit, and external cables and wires installed on poles shall be sheathed or enclosed in a conduit, so that wires are protected and are visually minimized as much as possible. Franchisee shall not locate any overhead wires or cables across any roadway without the express prior approval of the City. In the performance of any work by Franchisee relating to its Facilities under this Agreement, Franchisee, at its sole cost and expense, shall restore and repair any damage to the City's rights-of-way or any public improvements located therein, to their original condition as existed prior to the commencement of such work.

C. Relocation. Whenever the City causes a public improvement to be constructed within the Franchise Area, and such public improvement requires the relocation of Franchisee's Facilities, the City shall provide Franchisee with written notice requesting such relocation along with plans for the public improvement that are sufficiently complete to allow for the initial evaluation, coordination and the development of a relocation plan. The City and Franchisee shall meet at a time and location determined by the City to discuss the project requirements including critical timelines, schedules, construction standards, utility conflicts, as-built requirements, and other pertinent relocation plan details. The City shall not be liable to Franchisee for any lost revenues or any other costs incurred by Franchisee in relocating its Facilities due to a relocation as a result of a City public improvement project.

D. Removal or Abandonment. Upon the removal from service of any Facilities within the Franchise Area, Franchisee shall comply with all applicable standards and requirements prescribed by the City and/or PDS for the removal or abandonment of said Facilities. No Facilities constructed or owned by Franchisee may be abandoned in place without the express prior written consent of the City.

F. "One-Call" Location & Liability. Franchisee shall subscribe to and maintain membership in the regional "call before you dig" utility location service and shall promptly locate all of its lines upon request. The City shall not be liable for any damages to Franchisee's Facilities or for interruptions in service to Franchisee's customers which are a direct result of work performed for any City project for which Franchisee has failed to properly locate its Facilities within the prescribed time limits and guidelines established.

G. As-Built Plans Required. Franchisee shall maintain accurate engineering plans and details of all installed system Facilities, within the City limits, and upon request by the City, shall provide such information in both paper form and electronic form using the most current Autocad version (or other mutually-agreeable format) prior to close-out of any permit issued by the City and any work undertaken by Franchisee pursuant to this Agreement.

H. Compliance. Franchisee shall at all times comply with all rules, regulations, and policies promulgated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission, and shall at all times maintain in good standing any licenses, certificates of need, and other governmental approvals authorizing Franchisee to engage in the activities permitted under this Agreement.

I. Tree Trimming. Franchisee shall have the right, at its own expense, to trim trees located in or overhanging the City rights-of-way and that are interfering with the operation of its Facilities and/or related equipment only to the extent necessary to keep the branches of the trees from coming into contact with such Facilities. All trimming and pruning shall comply with all applicable ordinances of the City. Notwithstanding the foregoing and prior to engaging in such activity, Franchisee shall submit to the City a tree trimming or pruning plan for approval. Franchisee shall secure the consent of the private property owner, upon whose property the tree or bush is located, prior to cutting or trimming such tree or bush. Any person engaged by Franchisee to provide tree trimming or pruning services shall be deemed, for purposes of this Agreement, an employee or agent of Franchisee, and in no event shall such person be deemed an employee or agent of the City.

Section 7. Insurance. Franchisee shall maintain liability insurance written on a per occurrence basis during the full term of this Agreement for injuries and property damages. The policy or policies shall afford insurance covering all operations, vehicles, and employees with the following limits and provisions:

1. Commercial general liability insurance with limits of not less than \$2,000,000 each occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage, including contractual liability; personal and advertising injury; explosion hazard, collapse hazard, and underground property damage hazard; products; and completed operations.

2. Commercial automobile liability insurance with limits not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage, covering all owned, non-owned, leased, and hired automobiles, as applicable.
3. Worker's compensation insurance with limits as required by applicable law.

Such insurance shall include as additional insured and/or loss payee the City, shall apply as primary insurance, and shall stipulate that no insurance affected by the City will be called on to contribute to a loss covered thereunder. Upon receipt of notice from its insurer(s), Franchisee shall use all commercially reasonable efforts to provide at least thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice of cancellation to the City. Franchisee may utilize primary and umbrella liability insurance policies to satisfy insurance policy limits required herein.

Section 8. State Controlled Rights of Way and Other Permits & Approvals. The Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that many rights-of-way within the City may in fact be rights-of-way that are owned or controlled by the Commonwealth of Kentucky or the County of Kenton. It is the responsibility of Franchisee to conduct its own investigation as to whether or not state or county governmental authorities have jurisdiction over any rights-of-way through which Franchisee intends to install its Facilities, and Franchisee shall be responsible to obtain all necessary approvals and permits directly from such state and/or county governmental authorities. The authorizations on behalf of the City pursuant to this Agreement extend only to rights-of-way which the City owns or controls. Nothing in this Agreement shall relieve Franchisee from any obligation to obtain approvals or necessary permits from applicable federal, state, and local authorities for all activities in the Franchise Area.

Section 9. Transfer of Ownership. The rights, privileges, benefits, title, or interest provided by this Agreement shall not be sold, transferred, assigned, or otherwise encumbered, without the prior written consent of the City, which consent may be conditioned upon such transferee agreeing in writing to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Approval shall not be required for any transfer from Franchisee to another person or entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with Franchisee or if Franchisee adopts a new company name without a change in control. Franchisee may license fibers to other users operating a telecommunications services business or service providers without the consent of the City provided that Franchisee remains solely responsible for the terms and conditions outlined in this Agreement, provides the City with written notice of licenses or leases for such purposes, and such licensee or lessee shall have agreed in writing to assume the obligations to pay the fees set forth in Section 10 of this Agreement directly to City. The licensing or lease of fibers for other uses shall require a separate assignment, franchise or right of way agreement approved by the City.

Section 10. Fees. It is the intention of the City that Franchisee compensate City for the use of the City's rights-of-way, as they are valuable assets of the City that: (a) the City acquired and maintains at the expense of its taxpayers and citizens; (b) the City holds in trust for the benefit of its citizens; and (c) the grant to Franchisee of the use of the City's rights-of-way is a valuable right without which Franchisee would be required to invest substantial capital in right-of-way

acquisition costs. Accordingly, it is the intention of the City and Franchisee to obtain and to pay a fair and reasonable compensation for grant of this Franchise.

- A. Permit Fees. Franchisee shall pay to City all fees required in obtaining permits and processing permit applications for the Facilities as now codified, or as shall be in the future, codified pursuant to any ordinance of City, or pursuant to its permit application fee structure generally applicable to all other users of City rights-of-way.
- B. Franchise Fees. In addition to the fees set forth in Section 10.A above, Franchisee shall be obligated to pay an annual franchise fee equal to five percent (5.00%) of Gross Receipts received from customers and subscribers, or other users located within the Franchise Area and such obligation shall commence on the earlier of the completion date of the installation of the Facilities, or the date when the Facilities become commercially operational. All franchise fees and other compensation due and payable under this Agreement shall be paid automatically by Franchisee without any notice or other request from City. "Gross Receipts" means any and all revenues or receipts (as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles), including cash, credits, or other consideration of any kind or nature, derived directly or indirectly from the telecommunications system being provided through the Facilities including:
 - (a) revenues and receipts which Franchisee receives in connection with its telecommunications services or other services provided in accordance with this Agreement;
 - (b) revenues and receipts which Franchisee receives from its customers or subscribers, including residential, industrial and commercial entities within the Franchise Area for the sale, transmission, rendering and/or provision of its telecommunications services, under rates, temporary or permanent, whether authorized or not by the Public Service Commission and represents amounts billed under such rates, as adjusted for refunds, the net write-off of uncollectible accounts, corrections or other regulatory adjustments; and
 - (c) any revenues and receipts received for rendering other services, products or charges (including installation, maintenance and service charges) relating or pertaining to, or in connection with, the telecommunications system being provided through the Facilities.Notwithstanding the foregoing, "Gross Receipts" shall not include revenue received by Franchisee in providing internet access services within the Franchise Area unless and until the incumbent local exchange provider is also paying to the City the same franchise fee that Franchisee is required to pay under this Agreement, and shall not include any revenue or rents received by Franchisee from renting or leasing its Dark Fiber to another telecommunications service provider that is sending its own telecommunications signals, not controlled by Franchisee, across such Dark Fiber, provided that Franchisee shall have advised such licensee or lessee that it must provide its agreement in writing to pay all applicable fees and obligations to the City, including to pay the fees set forth in this Section 10 as provided for in Section 9 of this Agreement. The Franchise Fee shall be paid by Franchisee on an annual basis and shall be made directly to the City not later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of each calendar year. Simultaneously with the payment of the Franchise Fee, Franchisee shall file with the City a detailed revenue statement clearly showing the Gross Receipts received by Franchisee during the preceding year and certified by an officer of Franchisee attesting to the accuracy, completeness and veracity of the

revenue figures consistent with the definition of Gross Receipts as defined in this Agreement.

- C. **Minimum Rental Rate.** In the event that Franchisee (a) shall not have any Gross Receipts, or (b) Gross Receipts shall be less than the per year Rental Rate defined herein, then based upon Franchisee's representation that its initial installation of Facilities shall be less than 8.0 linear miles of wire/fiber in, under, above or along rights of way controlled by the City and not by another entity, then Franchisee shall pay an alternate fee in the form of a Rental Rate for each year that Franchisee does not achieve the Gross Receipts described immediately above and such Rental Rate to be paid to the City is in the amount of \$8,000.00 per year ("Rental Rate"), and for the sake of clarity it is agreed that for each year Franchisee shall pay to the City the greater of the Franchise Fee under Section 10.B or the Rental Rate under this Section 10.C, and in the event that Franchisee subsequently installs additional Facilities that increases its total above 8.0 linear miles then Franchisee shall have an obligation to so notify City in writing and the parties shall negotiate a new Rental Rate.

Section 11. Notices. Any notice to be served upon the City or Franchisee shall be delivered to the following addresses respectively by either personal delivery or by nationally recognized overnight delivery service:

CITY:

City of Fort Wright, Kentucky
Attn: City Administrator
409 Kyles Lane
Fort Wright, Kentucky 41011

With copy to:

Hemmer DeFrank Wessels PLLC
Attn: Todd V. McMurtry, Esq.
250 Grandview Drive, Suite 500
Fort Mitchell, Kentucky 41017

FRANCHISEE:

MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp.
Attn: Franchise Manager HQE02E102
600 Hidden Ridge
Irving, Texas 75038

With copy to (except for invoices):

Verizon Business Services, Inc.
1320 N. Courthouse Road, Suite 900
Arlington, Virginia 22201
Attn: Vice President and Deputy General Counsel

Section 12. Indemnification. To the extent permitted by applicable law and except with respect to Claims based on the City's gross negligence or willful misconduct, Franchisee shall at all times fully defend, indemnify, protect and save harmless the City and its elected officials, non-elected officers, employees, agents and representatives (individually, an "Indemnitee" and collectively, the "Indemnitees"), from and against any and all occurrences, claims, demands, actions, suits, proceedings, liabilities, losses, fines, penalties, damages, expenses, costs including reasonable attorneys' fees (collectively, "Claims"), which might be claimed now or in the future, and which arise out of, or be caused by, whether directly or indirectly: (a) the installation, construction, operation, modification, maintenance, repair, and removal of the Facilities; (b) the acts or omissions of Franchisee, or its contractors, subcontractors, employees, and agents; (c) Franchisee's

failure to comply with the provisions of any applicable law to which it or the Facilities are subject; and (d) Franchisee's failure to comply with the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement.

Section 13. Environmental Laws. Franchisee shall comply with, and shall cause its contractors, sub-contractors and vendors to comply with, all rules, regulations, statutes or orders of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection and any other governmental agency with the authority to promulgate and enforce environmental rules and regulations applicable to Franchisee's use of any portion of the City rights-of-way under this Agreement ("Environmental Laws"). Franchisee shall promptly reimburse the City for any costs, expenses, fines or penalties levied against the City because of Franchisee's failure, and/or the failure of its contractors, subcontractors and/or vendors to comply with Environmental Laws. Neither Franchisee, nor its contractors, subcontractors or vendors shall possess, use, generate, release, discharge, store, dispose of or transport any hazardous or toxic materials on, under, in, above, to or from its work sites except in compliance with the Environmental Laws. "Hazardous Materials" mean any substances, materials or wastes that are or become regulated as hazardous or toxic substances under any applicable federal, state or local laws, regulations, ordinances or orders. Franchisee shall not deposit oil, gasoline, grease, lubricants or any ignitable or hazardous liquids, materials or substances in the City's storm sewer system or sanitary sewer system or elsewhere on or in the City rights-of-way in violation of the Environmental Laws.

Section 14. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining sections, sentences, clauses and phrases shall not be affected thereby, and shall remain in full force and effect legally binding upon the parties hereto.

Section 15. Reservation of Rights. The parties agree that this Agreement is intended to satisfy the requirements of all applicable laws, administrative guidelines, rules, orders, and ordinances. Accordingly, any provision of this Agreement or any local ordinance which may conflict with or violate the law shall be invalid and unenforceable, whether occurring before or after the execution of this Agreement, it being the intention of the parties to preserve their respective rights and remedies under the law, and that the execution of this Agreement does not constitute a waiver of any rights or obligations by either party under the law.

Section 16. Police Powers. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to affect the City's authority to exercise its police powers. Franchisee shall not by this Agreement obtain any vested rights to use any portion of the City rights-of-way except for the locations approved by the City and then only subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. This Agreement and the permits issued thereunder shall be governed by applicable City ordinances in effect at the time of application for such permits.

Section 17. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the domestic laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and federal laws of the United States of America which may preempt state laws.

Section 18. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterpart signature pages by the parties hereto.

Section 19. Authorization. The entering into of this Agreement has been authorized by the City by passage of Resolution No. 11- 2019.

Section 20. Organization and Standing. Franchisee is a telecommunications provider duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state of its organization and is duly authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Franchisee has all requisite power and authority to own or lease its properties and assets, subject to the terms of this Agreement, to conduct its businesses as currently conducted, to offer telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement and all other agreements entered into or delivered in connection with or as contemplated hereby.

Section 21. Relationship of Parties. Franchisee shall be responsible and liable for its contractors, subcontractors, sublicensees and vendors. The City has no control or supervisory powers over the manner or method of Franchisee's, or its contractors', subcontractors' and sublicensees' performance under this Agreement. All personnel Franchisee uses or provides are its employees, contractors, subcontractors or sublicensees and not the City's employees, agents, or subcontractors for any purpose whatsoever. The relationship between City and Franchisee is at all times solely that of franchisor and franchisee, not that of partners or joint venturers.

Section 22. Entire Agreement. This Agreement merges the prior negotiations and understandings of the parties and embodies the entire agreement of the parties.

Section 23. Amendment. This Agreement may only be amended or modified by a written instrument executed by all of the parties hereto.

Section 24. Non-Waiver. If either party fails to require the other to perform a term or condition of this Agreement, that failure does not prevent the party from later enforcing that term or condition. If either party waives a breach of this Agreement by the other party, that waiver does not waive a later subsequent breach of this Agreement.

Section 25. Mechanics Liens. Franchisee shall keep all portions of the City's rights-of-way wherein its Facilities and related equipment are located or placed free from any mechanics liens or encumbrances arising from any work performed, materials furnished, or obligations incurred by or at the request of Franchisee. If any lien is filed against the City's rights-of-way or any portion thereof or other property belonging to the City as a result of the acts or omissions of Franchisee or its employees, agents, or contractors, Franchisee shall discharge the lien or bond the lien off in a manner satisfactory to the City within thirty (30) days after Franchisee receives written notice from any party that the lien has been filed.

Section 26. Default. Each of the following shall constitute an event of default under this Agreement: (i) any failure of Franchisee to pay any fee, rental, or other charges due and payable under this Agreement, upon the date it is due, or (ii) Franchisee otherwise fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement or to perform any other obligation of Franchisee under this Agreement when such compliance or performance is due, or (iii) Franchisee shall become a debtor in any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, or Franchisee shall make an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or a receiver shall be appointed to take control of any property of the Franchisee, or Franchisee shall admit in writing its inability to pay its debts

as they become due in the ordinary course of business, or (iv) abandons the Facilities, as abandonment is defined below in Section 27. After an event of default under this Agreement, interest shall be charged upon any monetary amounts which are delinquent in payment at a fixed rate of seven (7%) per annum, and City may proceed to exercise any rights and remedies afforded to City at law, or in equity, or pursuant to this Agreement. If City shall exercise any of its rights and remedies against Franchise as a result of an event of default under this Agreement, Franchisee shall reimburse to City its costs of collection incurred, including its reasonable attorneys' fees.

Section 27. Abandonment and Removal of Facilities. Upon the expiration or termination of this Agreement by passage of time or otherwise, and unless Franchisee transfers the Facilities to a subsequent fiber optic provider approved by the City, Franchisee shall remove its Facilities, and all other appurtenances from the City's rights-of-way, and shall restore any property, public or private, to a condition reasonably similar to its condition just before the removal. Franchisee shall complete such removal of its Facilities at its expense. If such removal and restoration is not completed within twelve (12) months after the date that this Agreement expires or terminates, all of Franchisee's Facilities remaining in the affected rights-of-way, at the option and election of the City, shall be deemed abandoned (an "abandonment"), and the City shall have the right (but not the obligation) to remove or cause to be removed the Facilities at the sole cost and expense of Franchisee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their signatures as of the Effective Date described above.

CITY:

FRANCHISEE:

City of Fort Wright, Kentucky

By: 

David Hatter - Mayor

MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp.
d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services

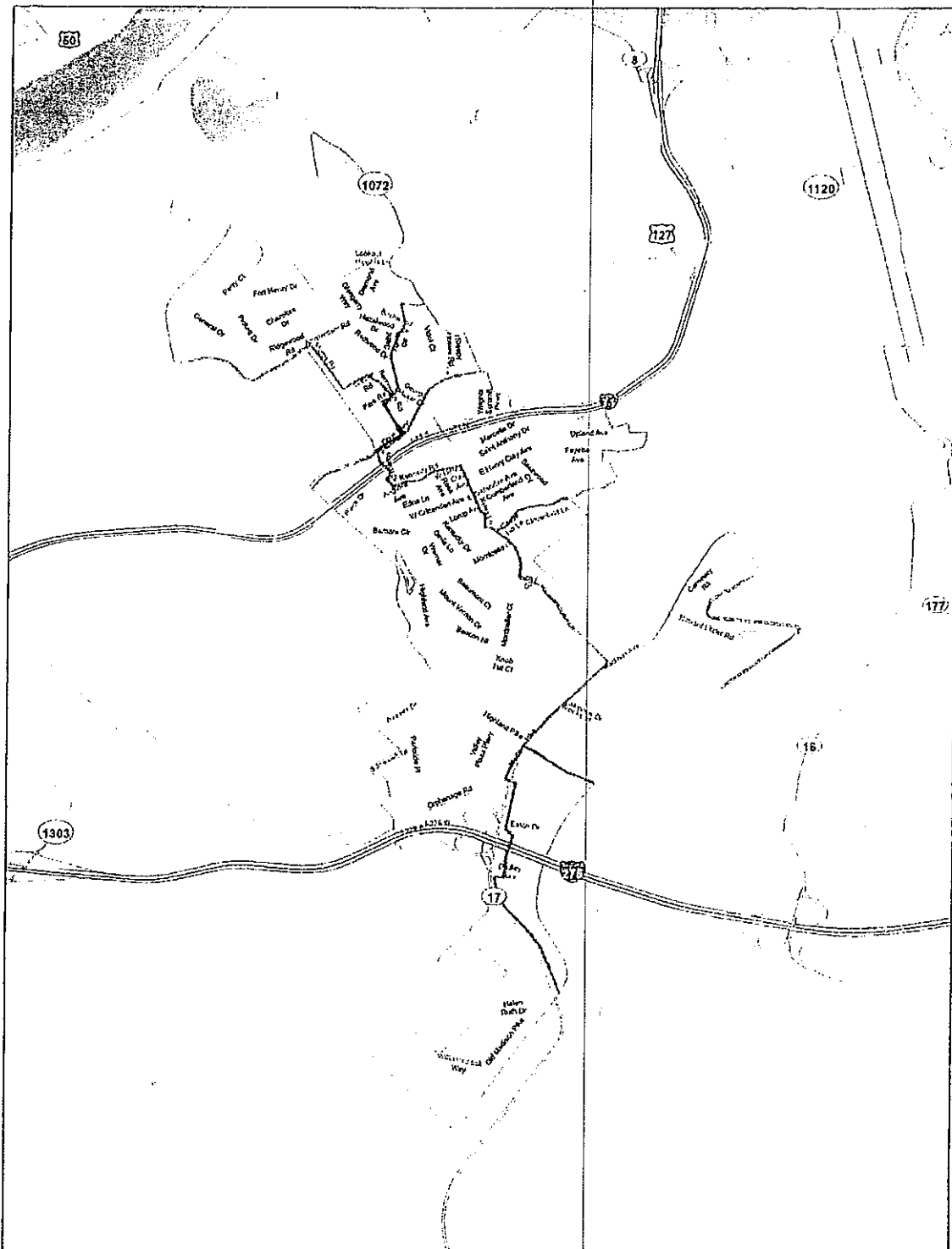
By: 

Robert J. Hayes - Sr. Mgr. Ntwk Eng & Ops

EXHIBIT A

FRANCHISE AREA

<p>MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp. d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services</p> <p>Planned Fiber Routes</p> <p>City of Fort Wright, KY</p>	
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-Planned Aerial - 37,059 Linear Ft.
 -Planned Buried - 4,948 Linear Ft.
 Fort Wright

Note: This is a PRELIMINARY VIEW only
Final design not yet completed, thus routes subject to change.
Cables shown represent backbone fiber to existing or
new cell sites. Not shown above are additional (lateral)
off backbone cables to be determined to serve business customers
along the routes.

Verizon/MCI metro Confidential and Proprietary. May Contain Trade Secrets, or Sensitive Commercial or Financial Information. Any Unauthorized Review, Use, Disclosure, Distribution, or Copying is Prohibited.

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ATTACHMENT "B"

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This Renewal of Telecommunications Franchise Agreement ("Renewal") is entered into and made effective as of the _____ day of _____, 2025 ("Effective Date"), by and between the City of Fort Wright, Kentucky, a municipal corporation and city of the home rule class ("City"), and MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC dba Verizon Access Transmission Services ("Franchisee").

Whereas, on or about March 18, 2020, the City and Franchisee entered into that certain Telecommunications Franchise Agreement ("Original Agreement"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", incorporated herein and specifically made a part hereof; and

Whereas, the Original Agreement specifically provided that said Agreement would remain in full force and effect for a term period of five (5) years from the Effective Date of the Original Agreement, and that the term may be renewed upon mutual agreement of the parties to such Original Agreement, provided that the total duration of the term of the Agreement shall not exceed twenty (20) years from the Effective Date of the Original Agreement as provided under Section 164 of the Kentucky Constitution; and

Whereas, the initial term of the Original Agreement is set to expire on March 18, 2025, and the City and Franchisee wish to renew the Original Agreement for an additional term of five (5) years, under the same terms and conditions as set forth in the Original Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", incorporated herein and specifically made a part hereof;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth herein as well as the Original Agreement (Exhibit "A"), the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the City and Franchisee agree as follows:

- (1) The Original Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", incorporated herein and specifically made a part hereof, is hereby renewed for an additional term of five (5) years, commencing on March 18, 2025 and continuing for five (5) years thereafter.
- (2) MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp. changed its name to MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC as of July 31, 2021.
- (3) Paragraph 11 of the Original Agreement shall be amended to reflect the name and address of the City's current City Attorney, to wit:

Brooking & Halloran, PLLC
Attn: John S. "Brook" Brooking
909 Wright's Summit Parkway, Suite 220
Fort Wright, Kentucky 41011

In addition, the secondary notice address for the franchisee shall be amended as follows:

Verizon Legal Department
Attn: Network Legal Team
1300 I Street, NW
5th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

- (4) Except as specifically modified by this Renewal, the Original Agreement (Exhibit "A" shall remain as originally stated, in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their signatures as of the Effective Date described above.

CITY:

City of Fort Wright, Kentucky

By: _____

Title: _____

FRANCHISEE:

MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC
dba Verizon Access Transmission Services

By: _____

Title: Associate Director – Network
Regulatory/Real Estate

EXHIBIT "A"

ORIGINAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

This Telecommunications Franchise Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into and made effective as of March 18, 2020 ("Effective Date"), by and between the City of Fort Wright, Kentucky, a municipal corporation and city of the home rule class ("City"), and MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp., d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services ("Franchisee").

Section 1. Non-Exclusive Franchise Granted Subject to Conditions.

A. The City hereby grants to Franchisee, subject to the conditions prescribed in this Agreement, the non-exclusive franchise rights and authority ("Franchise") to construct, install, replace, repair, monitor, maintain, use, operate and remove its equipment and facilities necessary for a wireline fiber optic telecommunications system ("Facilities") in, under, on, across, over, and through, those specified areas of right-of-way as set forth and described in the plan attached hereto as Exhibit A ("Franchise Area"). Franchisee hereby accepts the Franchise granted pursuant to this Agreement.

B. The foregoing franchise rights and authority shall not be deemed to be exclusive to Franchisee and shall in no way prohibit or limit the City's ability to grant other franchises, permits, or rights along, over, or under the areas to which this Franchise has been granted to Franchisee. This Franchise shall in no way interfere with existing utilities or in any way limit, prohibit, or prevent, the City from using its rights-of-way or affect the City's jurisdiction over such rights-of-way in any way consistent with applicable law.

Section 2. Franchise Limitations. This Agreement does not authorize Franchisee to construct, install, operate, or place or attach any equipment associated with or for cellular antenna towers, small cell towers, or small cell systems. City does not warrant the suitability of any portion of its rights-of-way for the purposes for which Franchisee may desire to use them under this Agreement, nor does the City warrant the condition of any structure, pole, or other improvement currently located within the City's rights-of-way. Franchisee hereby accepts the City's rights-of-way and all publicly owned improvements located therein on an AS-IS, WHERE-IS, and WITH ALL FAULTS basis.

Section 3. Authority. The City Administrator or his or her designee is hereby granted the authority to administer and enforce the terms and provisions of this Agreement and may develop such lawful and reasonable rules, policies, and procedures as he or she deems necessary to carry out the provisions contained herein.

Section 4. Franchise Term. The franchise rights granted herein shall remain in full force and effect for a term period of five (5) years from the Effective Date of this Agreement ("Term"). The Term may be renewed upon mutual agreement of the parties hereto, such agreement to not be unreasonably withheld; provided however, the total duration of the Term of this Agreement shall not exceed twenty (20) years as provided under Section 164 of the Kentucky Constitution.

Section 5. Acceptance of Terms and Conditions. Failure on the part of Franchisee to provide an executed original of this Agreement to the City Clerk within sixty (60) calendar days of the

City Council's passage of the Ordinance approving this Agreement shall be deemed a rejection thereof by Franchisee and shall result in this Agreement being null and void, having no further force or effect and all rights granted under this Agreement shall then terminate.

Section 6. Construction Provisions and Standards. The following provisions shall be considered mandatory and failure to abide by any conditions described herein shall be deemed as noncompliance with the terms of this Agreement.

A. Permit Required. No installation, construction, expansion, or material modification of the Facilities shall be undertaken in the Franchise Area without first obtaining all required right of way use and/or construction permits as required under all applicable ordinances of the City and under all regulations and other requirements of Planning and Development Services of Northern Kentucky ("PDS").

B. Construction Standards. Any construction, installation, maintenance, and restoration activities performed by or for Franchisee within the Franchise Area shall be constructed and located so as to produce the least amount of interference with the free passage of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. All work and improvements made by Franchisee shall be so performed in a safe and good and workmanlike manner, and in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws. The Facilities shall be concealed or enclosed, as much as possible, in a box, cabinet, or other unit, and external cables and wires installed on poles shall be sheathed or enclosed in a conduit, so that wires are protected and are visually minimized as much as possible. Franchisee shall not locate any overhead wires or cables across any roadway without the express prior approval of the City. In the performance of any work by Franchisee relating to its Facilities under this Agreement, Franchisee, at its sole cost and expense, shall restore and repair any damage to the City's rights-of-way or any public improvements located therein, to their original condition as existed prior to the commencement of such work.

C. Relocation. Whenever the City causes a public improvement to be constructed within the Franchise Area, and such public improvement requires the relocation of Franchisee's Facilities, the City shall provide Franchisee with written notice requesting such relocation along with plans for the public improvement that are sufficiently complete to allow for the initial evaluation, coordination and the development of a relocation plan. The City and Franchisee shall meet at a time and location determined by the City to discuss the project requirements including critical timelines, schedules, construction standards, utility conflicts, as-built requirements, and other pertinent relocation plan details. The City shall not be liable to Franchisee for any lost revenues or any other costs incurred by Franchisee in relocating its Facilities due to a relocation as a result of a City public improvement project.

D. Removal or Abandonment. Upon the removal from service of any Facilities within the Franchise Area, Franchisee shall comply with all applicable standards and requirements prescribed by the City and/or PDS for the removal or abandonment of said Facilities. No Facilities constructed or owned by Franchisee may be abandoned in place without the express prior written consent of the City.

F. "One-Call" Location & Liability. Franchisee shall subscribe to and maintain membership in the regional "call before you dig" utility location service and shall promptly locate all of its lines upon request. The City shall not be liable for any damages to Franchisee's Facilities or for interruptions in service to Franchisee's customers which are a direct result of work performed for any City project for which Franchisee has failed to properly locate its Facilities within the prescribed time limits and guidelines established.

G. As-Built Plans Required. Franchisee shall maintain accurate engineering plans and details of all installed system Facilities, within the City limits, and upon request by the City, shall provide such information in both paper form and electronic form using the most current Autocad version (or other mutually-agreeable format) prior to close-out of any permit issued by the City and any work undertaken by Franchisee pursuant to this Agreement.

H. Compliance. Franchisee shall at all times comply with all rules, regulations, and policies promulgated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission, and shall at all times maintain in good standing any licenses, certificates of need, and other governmental approvals authorizing Franchisee to engage in the activities permitted under this Agreement.

I. Tree Trimming. Franchisee shall have the right, at its own expense, to trim trees located in or overhanging the City rights-of-way and that are interfering with the operation of its Facilities and/or related equipment only to the extent necessary to keep the branches of the trees from coming into contact with such Facilities. All trimming and pruning shall comply with all applicable ordinances of the City. Notwithstanding the foregoing and prior to engaging in such activity, Franchisee shall submit to the City a tree trimming or pruning plan for approval. Franchisee shall secure the consent of the private property owner, upon whose property the tree or bush is located, prior to cutting or trimming such tree or bush. Any person engaged by Franchisee to provide tree trimming or pruning services shall be deemed, for purposes of this Agreement, an employee or agent of Franchisee, and in no event shall such person be deemed an employee or agent of the City.

Section 7. Insurance. Franchisee shall maintain liability insurance written on a per occurrence basis during the full term of this Agreement for injuries and property damages. The policy or policies shall afford insurance covering all operations, vehicles, and employees with the following limits and provisions:

1. Commercial general liability insurance with limits of not less than \$2,000,000 each occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage, including contractual liability; personal and advertising injury; explosion hazard, collapse hazard, and underground property damage hazard; products; and completed operations.

2. Commercial automobile liability insurance with limits not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage, covering all owned, non-owned, leased, and hired automobiles, as applicable.
3. Worker's compensation insurance with limits as required by applicable law.

Such insurance shall include as additional insured and/or loss payee the City, shall apply as primary insurance, and shall stipulate that no insurance affected by the City will be called on to contribute to a loss covered thereunder. Upon receipt of notice from its insurer(s), Franchisee shall use all commercially reasonable efforts to provide at least thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice of cancellation to the City. Franchisee may utilize primary and umbrella liability insurance policies to satisfy insurance policy limits required herein.

Section 8. State Controlled Rights of Way and Other Permits & Approvals. The Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that many rights-of-way within the City may in fact be rights-of-way that are owned or controlled by the Commonwealth of Kentucky or the County of Kenton. It is the responsibility of Franchisee to conduct its own investigation as to whether or not state or county governmental authorities have jurisdiction over any rights-of-way through which Franchisee intends to install its Facilities, and Franchisee shall be responsible to obtain all necessary approvals and permits directly from such state and/or county governmental authorities. The authorizations on behalf of the City pursuant to this Agreement extend only to rights-of-way which the City owns or controls. Nothing in this Agreement shall relieve Franchisee from any obligation to obtain approvals or necessary permits from applicable federal, state, and local authorities for all activities in the Franchise Area.

Section 9. Transfer of Ownership. The rights, privileges, benefits, title, or interest provided by this Agreement shall not be sold, transferred, assigned, or otherwise encumbered, without the prior written consent of the City, which consent may be conditioned upon such transferee agreeing in writing to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Approval shall not be required for any transfer from Franchisee to another person or entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with Franchisee or if Franchisee adopts a new company name without a change in control. Franchisee may license fibers to other users operating a telecommunications services business or service providers without the consent of the City provided that Franchisee remains solely responsible for the terms and conditions outlined in this Agreement, provides the City with written notice of licenses or leases for such purposes, and such licensee or lessee shall have agreed in writing to assume the obligations to pay the fees set forth in Section 10 of this Agreement directly to City. The licensing or lease of fibers for other uses shall require a separate assignment, franchise or right of way agreement approved by the City.

Section 10. Fees. It is the intention of the City that Franchisee compensate City for the use of the City's rights-of-way, as they are valuable assets of the City that: (a) the City acquired and maintains at the expense of its taxpayers and citizens; (b) the City holds in trust for the benefit of its citizens; and (c) the grant to Franchisee of the use of the City's rights-of-way is a valuable right without which Franchisee would be required to invest substantial capital in right-of-way

acquisition costs. Accordingly, it is the intention of the City and Franchisee to obtain and to pay a fair and reasonable compensation for grant of this Franchise.

- A. Permit Fees. Franchisee shall pay to City all fees required in obtaining permits and processing permit applications for the Facilities as now codified, or as shall be in the future, codified pursuant to any ordinance of City, or pursuant to its permit application fee structure generally applicable to all other users of City rights-of-way.
- B. Franchise Fees. In addition to the fees set forth in Section 10.A above, Franchisee shall be obligated to pay an annual franchise fee equal to five percent (5.00%) of Gross Receipts received from customers and subscribers, or other users located within the Franchise Area and such obligation shall commence on the earlier of the completion date of the installation of the Facilities, or the date when the Facilities become commercially operational. All franchise fees and other compensation due and payable under this Agreement shall be paid automatically by Franchisee without any notice or other request from City. "Gross Receipts" means any and all revenues or receipts (as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles), including cash, credits, or other consideration of any kind or nature, derived directly or indirectly from the telecommunications system being provided through the Facilities including:
 - (a) revenues and receipts which Franchisee receives in connection with its telecommunications services or other services provided in accordance with this Agreement;
 - (b) revenues and receipts which Franchisee receives from its customers or subscribers, including residential, industrial and commercial entities within the Franchise Area for the sale, transmission, rendering and/or provision of its telecommunications services, under rates, temporary or permanent, whether authorized or not by the Public Service Commission and represents amounts billed under such rates, as adjusted for refunds, the net write-off of uncollectible accounts, corrections or other regulatory adjustments; and
 - (c) any revenues and receipts received for rendering other services, products or charges (including installation, maintenance and service charges) relating or pertaining to, or in connection with, the telecommunications system being provided through the Facilities.Notwithstanding the foregoing, "Gross Receipts" shall not include revenue received by Franchisee in providing internet access services within the Franchise Area unless and until the incumbent local exchange provider is also paying to the City the same franchise fee that Franchisee is required to pay under this Agreement, and shall not include any revenue or rents received by Franchisee from renting or leasing its Dark Fiber to another telecommunications service provider that is sending its own telecommunications signals, not controlled by Franchisee, across such Dark Fiber, provided that Franchisee shall have advised such licensee or lessee that it must provide its agreement in writing to pay all applicable fees and obligations to the City, including to pay the fees set forth in this Section 10 as provided for in Section 9 of this Agreement. The Franchise Fee shall be paid by Franchisee on an annual basis and shall be made directly to the City not later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of each calendar year. Simultaneously with the payment of the Franchise Fee, Franchisee shall file with the City a detailed revenue statement clearly showing the Gross Receipts received by Franchisee during the preceding year and certified by an officer of Franchisee attesting to the accuracy, completeness and veracity of the

revenue figures consistent with the definition of Gross Receipts as defined in this Agreement.

- C. Minimum Rental Rate. In the event that Franchisee (a) shall not have any Gross Receipts, or (b) Gross Receipts shall be less than the per year Rental Rate defined herein, then based upon Franchisee's representation that its initial installation of Facilities shall be less than 8.0 linear miles of wire/fiber in, under, above or along rights of way controlled by the City and not by another entity, then Franchisee shall pay an alternate fee in the form of a Rental Rate for each year that Franchisee does not achieve the Gross Receipts described immediately above and such Rental Rate to be paid to the City is in the amount of \$8,000.00 per year ("Rental Rate"), and for the sake of clarity it is agreed that for each year Franchisee shall pay to the City the greater of the Franchise Fee under Section 10.B or the Rental Rate under this Section 10.C, and in the event that Franchisee subsequently installs additional Facilities that increases its total above 8.0 linear miles then Franchisee shall have an obligation to so notify City in writing and the parties shall negotiate a new Rental Rate.

Section 11. Notices. Any notice to be served upon the City or Franchisee shall be delivered to the following addresses respectively by either personal delivery or by nationally recognized overnight delivery service:

CITY:

City of Fort Wright, Kentucky
Attn: City Administrator
409 Kyles Lane
Fort Wright, Kentucky 41011

FRANCHISEE:

MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp.
Attn: Franchise Manager HQE02E102
600 Hidden Ridge
Irving, Texas 75038

With copy to:

Hemmer DeFrank Wessels PLLC
Attn: Todd V. McMurtry, Esq.
250 Grandview Drive, Suite 500
Fort Mitchell, Kentucky 41017

With copy to (except for invoices):

Verizon Business Services, Inc.
1320 N. Courthouse Road, Suite 900
Arlington, Virginia 22201
Attn: Vice President and Deputy General Counsel

Section 12. Indemnification. To the extent permitted by applicable law and except with respect to Claims based on the City's gross negligence or willful misconduct, Franchisee shall at all times fully defend, indemnify, protect and save harmless the City and its elected officials, non-elected officers, employees, agents and representatives (individually, an "Indemnitee" and collectively, the "Indemnitees"), from and against any and all occurrences, claims, demands, actions, suits, proceedings, liabilities, losses, fines, penalties, damages, expenses, costs including reasonable attorneys' fees (collectively, "Claims"), which might be claimed now or in the future, and which arise out of, or be caused by, whether directly or indirectly: (a) the installation, construction, operation, modification, maintenance, repair, and removal of the Facilities; (b) the acts or omissions of Franchisee, or its contractors, subcontractors, employees, and agents; (c) Franchisee's

failure to comply with the provisions of any applicable law to which it or the Facilities are subject; and (d) Franchisee's failure to comply with the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement.

Section 13. Environmental Laws. Franchisee shall comply with, and shall cause its contractors, sub-contractors and vendors to comply with, all rules, regulations, statutes or orders of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection and any other governmental agency with the authority to promulgate and enforce environmental rules and regulations applicable to Franchisee's use of any portion of the City rights-of-way under this Agreement ("Environmental Laws"). Franchisee shall promptly reimburse the City for any costs, expenses, fines or penalties levied against the City because of Franchisee's failure, and/or the failure of its contractors, subcontractors and/or vendors to comply with Environmental Laws. Neither Franchisee, nor its contractors, subcontractors or vendors shall possess, use, generate, release, discharge, store, dispose of or transport any hazardous or toxic materials on, under, in, above, to or from its work sites except in compliance with the Environmental Laws. "Hazardous Materials" mean any substances, materials or wastes that are or become regulated as hazardous or toxic substances under any applicable federal, state or local laws, regulations, ordinances or orders. Franchisee shall not deposit oil, gasoline, grease, lubricants or any ignitable or hazardous liquids, materials or substances in the City's storm sewer system or sanitary sewer system or elsewhere on or in the City rights-of-way in violation of the Environmental Laws.

Section 14. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining sections, sentences, clauses and phrases shall not be affected thereby, and shall remain in full force and effect legally binding upon the parties hereto.

Section 15. Reservation of Rights. The parties agree that this Agreement is intended to satisfy the requirements of all applicable laws, administrative guidelines, rules, orders, and ordinances. Accordingly, any provision of this Agreement or any local ordinance which may conflict with or violate the law shall be invalid and unenforceable, whether occurring before or after the execution of this Agreement, it being the intention of the parties to preserve their respective rights and remedies under the law, and that the execution of this Agreement does not constitute a waiver of any rights or obligations by either party under the law.

Section 16. Police Powers. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to affect the City's authority to exercise its police powers. Franchisee shall not by this Agreement obtain any vested rights to use any portion of the City rights-of-way except for the locations approved by the City and then only subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. This Agreement and the permits issued thereunder shall be governed by applicable City ordinances in effect at the time of application for such permits.

Section 17. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the domestic laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and federal laws of the United States of America which may preempt state laws.

Section 18. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterpart signature pages by the parties hereto.

Section 19. Authorization. The entering into of this Agreement has been authorized by the City by passage of Resolution No. 11- 2019.

Section 20. Organization and Standing. Franchisee is a telecommunications provider duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state of its organization and is duly authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Franchisee has all requisite power and authority to own or lease its properties and assets, subject to the terms of this Agreement, to conduct its businesses as currently conducted, to offer telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement and all other agreements entered into or delivered in connection with or as contemplated hereby.

Section 21. Relationship of Parties. Franchisee shall be responsible and liable for its contractors, subcontractors, sublicensees and vendors. The City has no control or supervisory powers over the manner or method of Franchisee's, or its contractors', subcontractors' and sublicensees' performance under this Agreement. All personnel Franchisee uses or provides are its employees, contractors, subcontractors or sublicensees and not the City's employees, agents, or subcontractors for any purpose whatsoever. The relationship between City and Franchisee is at all times solely that of franchisor and franchisee, not that of partners or joint venturers.

Section 22. Entire Agreement. This Agreement merges the prior negotiations and understandings of the parties and embodies the entire agreement of the parties.

Section 23. Amendment. This Agreement may only be amended or modified by a written instrument executed by all of the parties hereto.

Section 24. Non-Waiver. If either party fails to require the other to perform a term or condition of this Agreement, that failure does not prevent the party from later enforcing that term or condition. If either party waives a breach of this Agreement by the other party, that waiver does not waive a later subsequent breach of this Agreement.

Section 25. Mechanics Liens. Franchisee shall keep all portions of the City's rights-of-way wherein its Facilities and related equipment are located or placed free from any mechanics liens or encumbrances arising from any work performed, materials furnished, or obligations incurred by or at the request of Franchisee. If any lien is filed against the City's rights-of-way or any portion thereof or other property belonging to the City as a result of the acts or omissions of Franchisee or its employees, agents, or contractors, Franchisee shall discharge the lien or bond the lien off in a manner satisfactory to the City within thirty (30) days after Franchisee receives written notice from any party that the lien has been filed.

Section 26. Default. Each of the following shall constitute an event of default under this Agreement: (i) any failure of Franchisee to pay any fee, rental, or other charges due and payable under this Agreement, upon the date it is due, or (ii) Franchisee otherwise fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement or to perform any other obligation of Franchisee under this Agreement when such compliance or performance is due, or (iii) Franchisee shall become a debtor in any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, or Franchisee shall make an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or a receiver shall be appointed to take control of any property of the Franchisee, or Franchisee shall admit in writing its inability to pay its debts

as they become due in the ordinary course of business, or (iv) abandons the Facilities, as abandonment is defined below in Section 27. After an event of default under this Agreement, interest shall be charged upon any monetary amounts which are delinquent in payment at a fixed rate of seven (7%) per annum, and City may proceed to exercise any rights and remedies afforded to City at law, or in equity, or pursuant to this Agreement. If City shall exercise any of its rights and remedies against Franchise as a result of an event of default under this Agreement, Franchisee shall reimburse to City its costs of collection incurred, including its reasonable attorneys' fees.

Section 27. Abandonment and Removal of Facilities. Upon the expiration or termination of this Agreement by passage of time or otherwise, and unless Franchisee transfers the Facilities to a subsequent fiber optic provider approved by the City, Franchisee shall remove its Facilities, and all other appurtenances from the City's rights-of-way, and shall restore any property, public or private, to a condition reasonably similar to its condition just before the removal. Franchisee shall complete such removal of its Facilities at its expense. If such removal and restoration is not completed within twelve (12) months after the date that this Agreement expires or terminates, all of Franchisee's Facilities remaining in the affected rights-of-way, at the option and election of the City, shall be deemed abandoned (an "abandonment"), and the City shall have the right (but not the obligation) to remove or cause to be removed the Facilities at the sole cost and expense of Franchisee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their signatures as of the Effective Date described above.

CITY:

City of Fort Wright, Kentucky

By: 

David Hatter – Mayor

FRANCHISEE:

MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp.
d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services

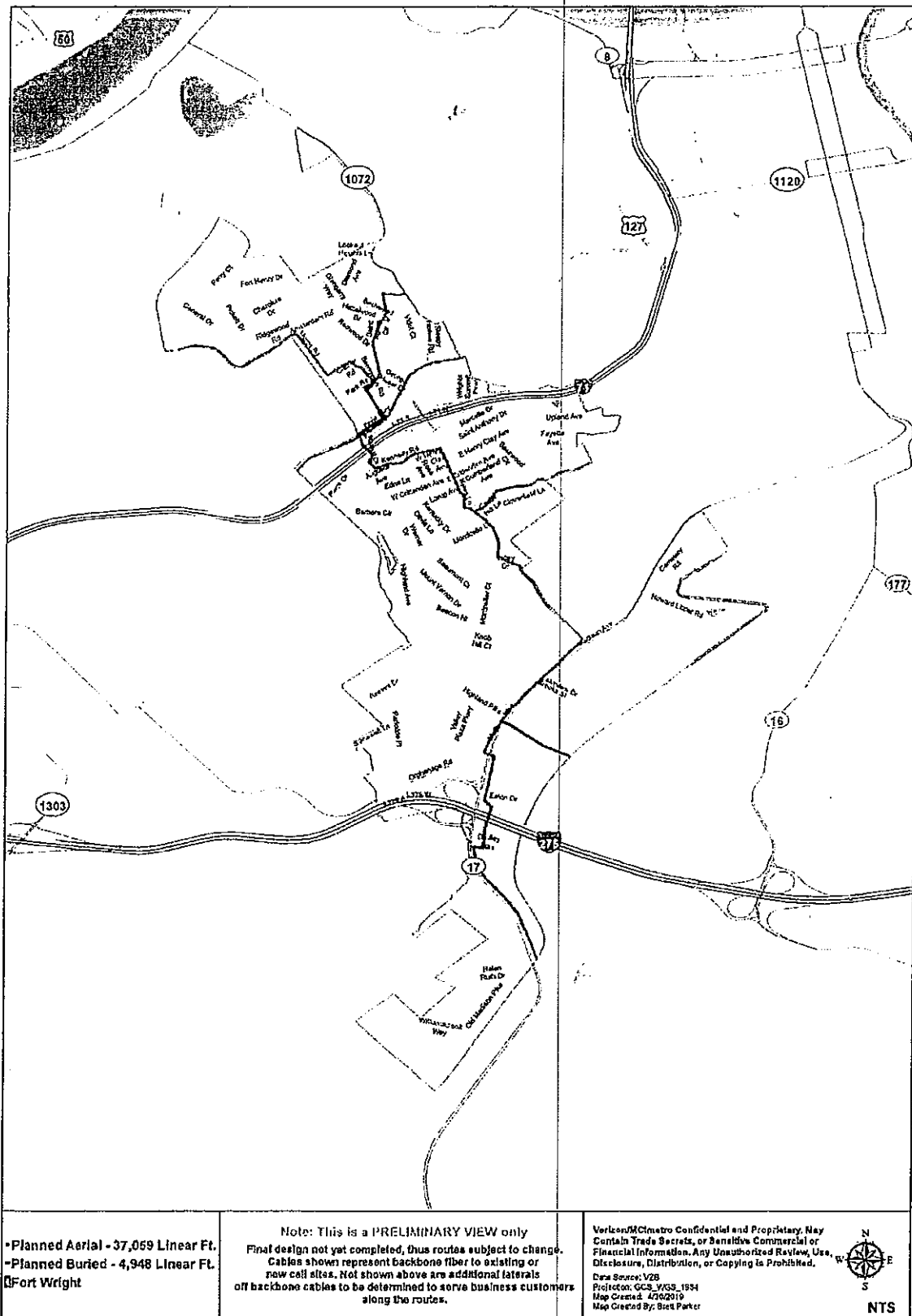
By: 

Robert J. Hayes – Sr. Mgr. Ntwk Eng & Ops

EXHIBIT A

FRANCHISE AREA

MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp. d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services
Planned Fiber Routes
City of Fort Wright, KY





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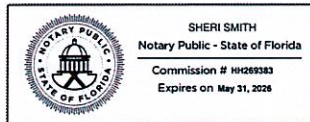
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County of Broward

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Notary Public
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