

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on September 6, 2018. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

The Parties:

Crown Fiber is a New York limited liability company formed on December 24, 2001. Crown Fiber has been authorized by the Secretary of State to operate in Nebraska as a foreign corporation. CCNG-

Central is a Delaware limited liability company. Both parties' corporate headquarters are located in Houston, Texas.

Crown Fiber is not currently authorized to provide telecommunications services in Nebraska; however, CCNG-Central is authorized to provide non-switched local transport service in Nebraska, pursuant to the order granted on October 28, 2014 in Commission Docket No. C-4700.

Description of the Transaction:

The Applicants propose a *pro forma* consolidation of CCNG-Central into Crown Fiber. Upon completion of this consolidation, CCNG-Central will cease to exist and Crown Fiber will continue providing fiber-based services to CCNG-Central's existing wholesale customers pursuant to the same contracts and other service arrangements as those customers currently have with CCNG-Central. Under this consolidation, Crown Fiber will acquire the customers and certain assets of CCNG-Central, including its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, issued in Commission Docket No. C-4700. Upon completion of the consolidation, Crown Fiber will be a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Crown Castle Fiber Holdings Corp., a Delaware Corporation. Diagrams depicting the current and proposed corporate structure were attached to the application as Exhibit E.

The Applicants state that this transition will be seamless and will not result in any change to customers' rates, terms, or conditions of service, and that customers will be notified of the consolidation pursuant to their contracts. A copy of the proposed customer notice was attached to the application as Exhibit F.

The Applicants state that this transaction is in the public interest, as it will simplify CCIC's existing corporate structure and reduce its reporting and accounting burdens and provide other operational efficiencies. The Applicants state that Crown Fiber will continue to provide high-quality services without interruption, and that the reorganization will allow the corporation to keep its costs low. The Applicants state their intention to complete the *pro forma* consolidation no later than December 31, 2018.

Based upon the evidence presented, the Commission finds the application to be fair and reasonable and in the public interest. The application should be granted.

O R D E R



IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-5002 be, and it is hereby, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the authority granted by the Commission to Crown Castle NG Central LLC remain in effect until such time as the *pro forma* consolidation is completed, at which time the authority shall be held by Crown Castle Fiber LLC.

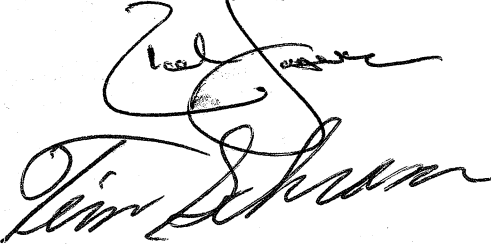
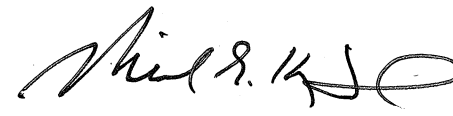
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 16th day of October, 2018.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

 
Chair

ATTEST:

 
Executive Director

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Mary Ridder