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**STATE OF INDIANA**

**INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**APPLICATION OF MIDWEST FIBER NETWORKS, LLC ) CAUSE NO. 46386**  
**FOR A CERTIFICATE OF TERRITORIAL AUTHORITY )**  
**FOR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS ) APPROVED: JUN 03 2026**

**ORDER OF THE COMMISSION**

**Presiding Officer:**  
**Lorraine L. Seyfried, Chief Administrative Law Judge**

On April 1, 2026, Midwest Fiber Networks, LLC (“Applicant”) filed with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) its Application for a Certificate of Territorial Authority (“CTA”) to provide communications services, specifically telecommunications services and information services, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153 and described in the Application, within the state of Indiana. The Commission published notice that Applicant filed an application for a CTA to provide communications services within the state of Indiana. Absent a timely request, the Application may be granted without a hearing.

Based upon information contained in the Application and applicable law, the Commission makes the following findings:

- 1. Commission Notice and Jurisdiction.** Due, legal, and timely notice of the Application was given and published by the Commission in accordance with General Administrative Order (“GAO”) 2024-01 and Ind. Code § 8-1-32.5-9. Applicant requests the issuance of a CTA pursuant to Ind. Code ch. 8-1-32.5 and, therefore, the Commission has jurisdiction over Applicant and the subject of this Cause.
- 2. Commission Discussion and Findings.** Applicant filed an application for a CTA and information describing its legal authority and demonstrating its financial, managerial, and technical ability to provide the proposed communications services in certain identified service areas. Applicant also provided information indicating the type, means, and location of service that Applicant proposes to provide.

The Application was filed with the Commission on April 1, 2026, and amended on May 18, 2026. Notice of the Application was posted to the Commission’s website. No timely written request for intervention or a hearing was made by any entity during the 30-day posting period, and the Commission has not, on its own motion, determined a need for a hearing in this Cause. Accordingly, no hearing is required in this Cause.

Therefore, based upon the information provided by Applicant in its Application as amended, the Commission finds that a Certificate of Territorial Authority for: (1) telecommunications service in the form of facilities-based local exchange and interexchange service and dedicated transport (point-to-point Ethernet/MPLS); and (2) information services in

the form of Broadband Internet access service (retail and enterprise), interconnected VoIP, and wholesale internet service (dedicated Internet access), proposed to be offered within the service areas identified in the Application should be issued to Applicant, consistent with and subject to the following findings.

Applicant shall comply with all applicable legal requirements pertaining to the provision of the communications services authorized by this CTA, including, but not limited to, the following:

a. **Public Utility Fees.** Applicant shall pay all public utility fees assessed by the Commission, pursuant to Ind. Code ch. 8-1-6.

b. **InTRAC.** Applicant shall establish and maintain contact with the Indiana Telephone Relay Access Corporation for the Hearing and Speech Impaired (“InTRAC”) and pay all fees required by Ind. Code ch. 8-1-2.8.

c. **211 Dialing Code.** Applicant shall establish and maintain contact with, and provide appropriate notice to, the Indiana 211 Partnership, Inc. (the designated administrator of the 211 dialing code in Indiana) to coordinate proper switch translations for the 211 dialing code described in Ind. Code ch. 12-13-16 to ensure that its customers can dial “211” when desired or, in the case of a bundled reseller of local exchange service, to ensure the facilities-based carrier has provided 211 Service.

d. **E-911.** If and to the extent Applicant is a “provider” (as defined in Ind. Code § 36-8-16.7-19), Applicant shall provide notice to all counties and Public Service Answering Points (“PSAPs”) covering areas in which Applicant offers communications service (as defined in Ind. Code § 36-8-16.7-7) in Indiana to users (as defined in Ind. Code § 36-8-16.7-21), when the offering of communications service commences in the county and the PSAP’s area, in order to facilitate the continued operation of the enhanced emergency telephone systems, provide PSAP database updates to applicable 911 Service Providers, and perform all other obligations and responsibilities as set forth in Ind. Code ch. 36-8-16.6 and/or Ind. Code ch. 36-8-16.7, as applicable.

e. **Dialing Parity.** Applicant shall implement dialing parity to competing service providers throughout its Indiana service territory as required by § 251(b)(3) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Commission’s Order in Cause No. 40284, commencing with Applicant’s initial provision of the requested communications services within the state.

f. **Indiana Universal Service Fund.** Applicant shall pay all required assessments into the Indiana Universal Service Fund (“IUSF”), based on the “net billed intrastate retail telecommunications revenue,” pursuant to the Order in Cause No. 42144 and the “Implementation Guidelines” attached to the July 25, 2007 Docket Entry issued in Cause No. 42144, and pursuant to any subsequently issued IUSF-related requirements, rules, or procedures.

g. **List of Current Intrastate Access Rates and Charges.** Consistent with Ind. Code §§ 8-1-2.6-1.5(d), 8-1-32.5-6(b)(3)(E)(ii), 8-1-32.5-11(c), and 8-1-2-88.6 and various orders of the Commission in Cause No. 39369 as amended in Cause Nos. 44004 and 45733, Applicant shall file

prior to commencement of service, the rates, charges, terms and conditions for intrastate switched and special access services and/or appropriate concurrence or exception pages if the offering of such services has been approved by the Commission. In addition, pursuant to the Commission's GAO 1998-2, Applicant should provide current hyperlinks to the rates, charges, terms, and conditions that are subject to these findings, so that such links may be posted on the Commission's website. These rates, charges, terms, and conditions shall be set forth in the appropriate intrastate Access Tariff or Rate and Service Guide.

h. **Notice of Initiation of Service.** Pursuant to Ind. Code §§ 8-1-32.5-6(b)(3)(D) and 8-1-32.5-6(a)(9)(A), Applicant shall file under this Cause a notice with the Secretary of the Commission of Applicant's "in service" dates (i.e., the dates on which Applicant commences offering communications service in each service area identified in the Application in accordance with Ind. Code § 8-1-32.5-6(a)(4)) within 90 days of each "in service" date.

i. **Additional Filing Requirements.** Applicant shall file any other data, information, or reports required or requested by the Commission, including but not limited to information concerning the types of service offered, the areas in which the services are offered and any information needed by the Commission.

j. **Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service.** To the extent Applicant owns, maintains, or otherwise has control over underground facilities, Applicant shall establish and maintain contact with, and provide appropriate notice to, the Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service, the designated administrator of the 811 dialing code in Indiana, and comply with Ind. Code ch. 8-1-26.

k. **Notice of Changes.** Applicant shall notify the Commission, pursuant to Ind. Code § 8-1-32.5-12, of any change involving either Applicant or the CTA occurring after the issuance of this CTA. Such notice shall be provided using a Verified Notice of Change form in accordance with GAO 2024-01. If the change involves the provision of other types of services than those approved in this Order or the reclassification of a communications service approved in this CTA, additional obligations and fees may apply.

l. **Other Customer Notifications.** Applicant shall provide appropriate notice to customers when Applicant offers new communications services, discontinues communications services, and/or increases rates and charges for communications services in any of Applicant's service areas in Indiana pursuant to Ind. Code § 8-1-32.5-11(b) and any regulations adopted by the Commission.

m. **Confidential Information.** On April 1, 2026, Applicant filed a Request for Confidential Treatment of Certain Financial Information and Data with an affidavit to support that certain financial information to be submitted to the Commission was trade secret information as defined in Ind. Code § 24-2-3-2 and should be treated as confidential in accordance with Ind. Code §§ 8-1-2-29 and 5-14-3-4. A docket entry was issued on April 13, 2026, wherein the Presiding Administrative Law Judge determined the information should be held confidential on a preliminary basis. Thereafter, Applicant filed the information under seal. After review of the information and consideration of the affidavit, the Commission finds the information is trade secret

information as defined in Ind. Code § 24-2-3-2, is exempt from public access and disclosure pursuant to Ind. Code §§ 8-1-2-29 and 5-14-3-4, and shall be held confidential and protected from public access and disclosure by the Commission.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:**

1. Subject to the Findings set forth in this Order, Applicant Midwest Fiber Networks, LLC is issued a Certificate of Territorial Authority as a Communications Service Provider to provide: (1) telecommunications service in the form of facilities-based local exchange and interexchange service and dedicated transport (point-to-point Ethernet/MPLS); and (2) information services in the form of Broadband Internet access service (retail and enterprise), interconnected VoIP, and wholesale internet service (dedicated Internet access) as requested in the amended Application that is the subject of this Order.

2. The information submitted under seal in this Cause pursuant to Applicant's request for confidential treatment is determined to be confidential trade secret information and shall continue to be held confidential and protected from public access and disclosure by the Commission in accordance with Ind. Code §§ 8-1-2-29 and 5-14-3-4

3. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

**ZAY, DEIG, SWINGER, VELETA, AND ZIEGNER CONCUR:**

**APPROVED: JUN 03 2026**

**I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Order as approved.**

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**Dana Kosco  
Secretary of the Commission**