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**Re: *Windstream Services LLC, et al. v. Verizon Delaware LLC, et al.*  
Proceeding No. 22-280, Bureau ID No. EB-22-MD-003**

Counsel:

On July 25, 2022, Windstream Services LLC and Verizon Delaware LLC requested that the Commission enter their proposed Protective Order in the above-referenced proceeding.<sup>1</sup> The proposed Protective Order, a copy of which is attached, establishes procedures “to facilitate and expedite the production and review of documents containing trade secrets and commercial or financial information which is privileged or confidential, and to govern the use and disclosure of such information in and in connection with this proceeding.”<sup>2</sup>

Having reviewed the proposed Protective Order, we note that it is based largely upon the Model Protective Order approved by the Commission in *Examination of Current Policy Concerning the Treatment of Confidential Information Submitted to the Commission*, Report and Order, 13 FCC Red 24816, Appendix C (1998). We are satisfied that granting the parties’ request will serve the public interest. Specifically, the Protective Order will ensure that, in addition to Commission staff, only the

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<sup>1</sup> E-mail from William B. Sullivan, Counsel to Windstream Services LLC, to Anthony J. DeLaurentis, Special Counsel, Market Disputes Resolution Division, FCC Enforcement Bureau (July 25, 2022, 12:05 PM EDT).

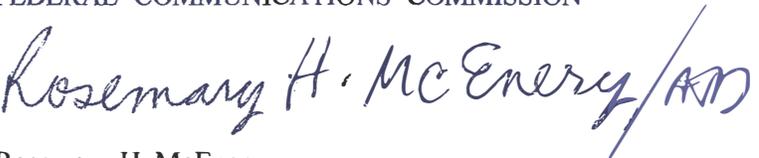
<sup>2</sup> See Protective Order at 1.

parties' counsel and authorized individuals will have access to privileged or confidential information.

Accordingly, we hereby grant the parties' request and enter the proposed Protective Order into the above-referenced proceeding.

This letter ruling is issued pursuant to Sections 4(i), 4(j), and 208 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 208, sections 0.457, 0.459 and 1.720-1.740 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.457, 0.459, 1.720-1.740, and the authority delegated by sections 0.111 and 0.311 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.111, 0.311.

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Rosemary H. McEnery  
Chief, Market Disputes Resolution Division  
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Before the  
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In the Matter of	)	Proceeding No. 22-280
	)	Bureau ID No. EB-22-MD-003
Windstream Services LLC, <i>et al.</i>	)	
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<i>Complainants,</i>	)	
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v.	)	
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Verizon Delaware LLC, <i>et al.</i>	)	
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<i>Respondents.</i>	)	

**PROTECTIVE ORDER**

The Enforcement Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission hereby enters the following Protective Order, adopted by consent of Complainants (“Windstream”) and Respondents (“Verizon”), to facilitate and expedite the production and review of documents containing trade secrets and commercial or financial information which is privileged or confidential, and to govern the use and disclosure of such information in and in connection with this proceeding. It sets forth the manner in which “Confidential Information” and “Highly Confidential Information,” as those terms are defined herein, are to be treated.

The Order is not intended to constitute a resolution of the merits concerning whether any “Confidential Information” or “Highly Confidential Information” would be released publicly by the Commission upon a proper request under the Freedom of Information Act or other applicable law or regulation, including 47 C.F.R. § 0.442.

1. Definitions:
  - a. *Authorized Representative.* “Authorized Representative” shall have the meaning set forth in Paragraph 7.
  - b. *Commission.* “Commission” means the Federal Communications Commission or any arm of the Commission acting pursuant to delegated authority.
  - c. *Confidential Information.* “Confidential Information” means (i) information submitted to the Commission or to another party by the Submitting Party that has been so designated by the Submitting Party and which the Submitting Party has determined in good faith constitutes trade secrets or commercial or financial information which is privileged or confidential within the meaning of Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4); (ii) information submitted to the Commission or to another party by the Submitting Party that has been so designated by the Submitting Party and which the Submitting Party has determined in good faith falls within the terms of Commission rules and orders regarding the designation and treatment of Confidential Information; and (iii) information that the Commission has allowed to be exchanged or examined off-site and that otherwise complies with the requirements of this paragraph. Confidential Information includes additional copies of and information derived from Confidential Information.

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- d. *Counsel*. “Counsel” means In-House Counsel and Outside Counsel of Record.
- e. *Declaration*. “Declaration” means Appendix A or Appendix B to this Protective Order, as applicable.
- f. *Highly Confidential Information*. “Highly Confidential Information” means information that (a) satisfies the requisites of Paragraph 1(c) above, (b) the Submitting Party has kept strictly confidential, and (c) the Submitting Party reasonably and in good faith claims constitutes some of its most sensitive business data that would place its business at a material competitive disadvantage in the marketplace if disclosed without restriction to personnel employed by the Reviewing Party. Highly Confidential Information includes additional copies of and information derived from Highly Confidential Information.
- g. *In-House Counsel*. “In-House Counsel” means the attorney or attorneys employed by a party to these proceedings or an affiliated entity and who is actively engaged in the conduct of this proceeding.
- h. *Outside Consultant*. “Outside Consultant” means a consultant or expert retained for the purpose of assisting Counsel in this proceeding, provided that such consultant or expert is not involved in the competitive decision-making activities of any competitor of a Submitting Party.
- i. *Outside Counsel of Record*. “Outside Counsel of Record” means the firm(s) of attorneys (including employees of those firms) representing a party in these proceedings.
- j. *Reviewing Party*. “Reviewing Party” means a person or entity participating in this proceeding or considering in good faith participating in this proceeding that receives a Submitting Party’s Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information. The definition of “Reviewing Party” does not include the Commission or Commission staff.
- k. *Submitting Party*. “Submitting Party” means a person or entity that seeks confidential treatment of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information it has filed or produced in this proceeding, pursuant to this Protective Order.

2. Claim of Confidentiality. The Submitting Party may designate information as “Confidential Information” or “Highly Confidential Information” consistent with the definition of those terms in Paragraph 1 of this Protective Order by clearly marking each page of any such information with the applicable designation, “Confidential Information” or “Highly Confidential Information.” Native or other non-paginated materials may be designated by including “Confidential Information” or “Highly Confidential Information” in the file name. The Commission may, *sua sponte* or upon petition, pursuant to 47 C.F.R §§ 0.457, 0.459, & 0.461, determine that all or part of the information claimed as “Confidential Information” or “Highly Confidential Information” is not entitled to such treatment.

3. Submitting Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information to the Commission. Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information submitted to the Commission shall be filed under seal and shall bear on the front page in bold print, “DO NOT RELEASE – NOT FOR INCLUSION IN THE PUBLIC RECORD,” or such similar designation, along with the appropriate confidentiality designation under Paragraph 12(c). Confidential Information and Highly Confidential Information shall be segregated by the Submitting Party from all non-confidential information submitted to the Commission. To the extent a document contains both Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information and non-confidential information, the Submitting Party shall designate the specific portions of the document claimed to contain Confidential

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Information or Highly Confidential Information and shall, where feasible, also submit a redacted version not containing Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information.

4. Storage of Confidential Information at the Commission. The Secretary of the Commission or other Commission staff to whom Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information is submitted shall place the Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information in a non-public file. Confidential Information and Highly Confidential Information shall be segregated in the files of the Commission, and shall be withheld from inspection by any person not bound by the terms of this Protective Order, unless such Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information is released from the restrictions of this Order either through agreement of the parties, or pursuant to the order of the Commission or a court having jurisdiction.

5. Access to Confidential Information. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Submitting Party in writing, Confidential Information shall be made available only to Commission staff, Commission consultants, Counsel to the Reviewing Party, and persons designated by the Reviewing Party or Counsel to the Reviewing Party (including but not limited to Outside Consultants).

- a. Before Counsel to a Reviewing Party or such other person designated by the Reviewing Party or Counsel to the Reviewing Party may obtain access to Confidential Information, counsel or such other designated person must execute the Declaration attached as Appendix A. Consultants under contract to the Commission may obtain access to Confidential Information only if they have signed, as part of their employment contract, a non-disclosure agreement or if they execute the Declaration attached as Appendix A.
- b. Each Submitting Party shall have an opportunity to object to the disclosure of Confidential Information to any such persons identified in Declarations based on Appendix A. Any objection must be submitted to the Commission and served on Counsel representing, retaining, or employing such person within two business days of receiving a copy of that person's Declaration. Until any such objection is resolved by the Commission and, if appropriate, any court of competent jurisdiction prior to any disclosure, and unless such objection is resolved in favor of the person seeking access, persons subject to an objection from a Submitting Party shall not have access to Confidential Information. If no such objection is lodged as to a person that has executed the Declaration attached as Appendix A within two business days of the Submitting Party receiving a copy of that person's Declaration, that person may have access to Confidential Information.
- c. Notwithstanding anything in this Paragraph, the Submitting Party may agree in writing that any person that has executed a Declaration based on Appendix A is not subject to the two-business day waiting period and may obtain Confidential Material immediately.

6. Disclosure of Confidential Information. Counsel to a Reviewing Party or such other person designated pursuant to Paragraph 5 may disclose Confidential Information to other Authorized Representatives to whom disclosure is permitted under the terms of paragraph 7 of this Protective Order only after advising such Authorized Representatives of the terms and obligations of the Order. In addition, before Authorized Representatives may obtain access to Confidential Information, each Authorized Representative must execute the Declaration attached as Appendix A and afford the Submitting Party an opportunity to object pursuant to Paragraph 5 of this Protective Order.

7. Authorized Representatives shall be limited to:

- a. Counsel for the Reviewing Parties to this proceeding, including In-House Counsel actively engaged in the conduct of this proceeding, and their associated attorneys, paralegals,

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clerical staff, and other employees, to the extent reasonably necessary to render professional services in this proceeding;

- b. Specified persons, including employees of the Reviewing Parties, requested by Counsel to furnish technical or other expert advice or service, or otherwise engaged to prepare material for the express purpose of formulating filings in this proceeding; and
- c. Any person designated by the Commission in the public interest, upon such terms as the Commission may deem proper.

8. Access to Highly Confidential Information. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Submitting Party in writing, Highly Confidential Information shall be made available only to Commission staff; Commission consultants; Outside Counsel to the Reviewing Party and that Outside Counsel's associated attorneys, paralegals, clerical staff, and other employees, to the extent reasonably necessary to render professional services in this proceeding; Outside Consultants for the Reviewing Party; and, subject to the conditions set forth below in this Paragraph 8, the In-House Counsel for each Reviewing Party who are identified in this Paragraph 8 who have executed the Declaration attached as Appendix B. The following Windstream In-House Counsel may review Highly Confidential Information: Thomas Whitehead and Nicole Winter. The following Verizon In-House Counsel may review Highly Confidential Information: Curtis Groves, William Carnell, and Anthony Black.

- a. Before anyone permitted to access Highly Confidential Information pursuant to Paragraph 8 may obtain access to Highly Confidential Information, they must execute the Declaration attached as Appendix B. Consultants under contract to the Commission may obtain access to Highly Confidential Information only if they have signed, as part of their employment contract, a nondisclosure agreement or if they execute the Declaration attached as Appendix B.
- b. Each Submitting Party shall have an opportunity to object to the disclosure of Highly Confidential Information to any such persons identified in Declarations based on Appendix B. Any objection must be submitted to the Commission and served on Counsel representing, retaining, or employing such person within two business days after receiving a copy of that person's Declaration. Until any such objection is resolved by the Commission and, if appropriate, any court of competent jurisdiction prior to any disclosure, and unless such objection is resolved in favor of the person seeking access, persons subject to an objection from a Submitting Party shall not have access to Highly Confidential Information. If no such objection is lodged as to a person that has executed Appendix B within two business days of the Submitting Party receiving a copy of that person's Declaration, that person may have access to Highly Confidential Information.
- c. If a Submitting Party believes that any information requested in discovery in this proceeding is not appropriate for disclosure to any of the In-House Counsel identified above, then the Submitting Party shall object in writing to the proposed disclosure, within five days of receiving the discovery request, and provide reasons why the proposed disclosure should not be made to the In-House Counsel. If the parties cannot reach agreement regarding the appropriate disclosure, then either the Submitting Party or the Receiving Party may request that the Commission resolve the dispute.
- d. Notwithstanding anything in this Paragraph, the Submitting Party may agree in writing that any person that has executed a Declaration based on Appendix B is not subject to the two-business-day waiting period and may obtain Highly Confidential Material immediately.

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9. Copies of Confidential Information and Highly Confidential Information. Counsel, Authorized Representatives, and Outside Consultants in this proceeding (including any subsequent administrative or judicial review) who are permitted to access Confidential Information and Highly Confidential Information under this Order may make additional copies of such Confidential Information and Highly Confidential Information, but only to the extent required and solely for the preparation and use in this proceeding. The original copy and all other copies of the Confidential Information and Highly Confidential Information shall remain in the care and control of Authorized Representatives at all times. Authorized Representatives having custody of any Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information shall keep the documents properly secured at all times.

10. Filing Declarations. Prior to the filing of any complaint in this proceeding, Counsel for Reviewing Parties shall provide to the Submitting Party and the Commission, by email, a copy of any executed Declarations within five (5) business days after the Declaration is executed, or by any other deadline that may be prescribed by the Commission. After the filing of any complaint in this proceeding, Counsel for Reviewing Parties shall file each executed Declaration with the Enforcement Bureau, on behalf of the Commission, and serve it upon each Submitting Party through its Outside Counsel of Record. The Reviewing Party shall file and serve each executed Declaration within five (5) business days after the Declaration is executed.

11. Use and Disclosure of Confidential Information and Highly Confidential Information. Confidential Information and Highly Confidential Information shall not be used by any person granted access under this Protective Order for any purpose other than for use in this proceeding (including any subsequent administrative or judicial review) unless otherwise ordered by the Commission or a court of competent jurisdiction, shall not be used for competitive business purposes, and shall not be used or disclosed except in accordance with this Order. This shall not preclude the use of any material or information that is in the public domain or has been developed independently by any other person who has not had access to the Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information nor otherwise learned of its contents.

12. Pleadings Using Confidential Information. Submitting Parties and Reviewing Parties may, in any pleadings that they file in this proceeding, reference the Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information, but only if they comply with the following procedures:

- a. Any portions of the pleadings that contain or disclose Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information must be physically segregated from the remainder of the pleadings and filed under seal;
- b. The portions containing or disclosing Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information must be covered by a separate letter referencing this Protective Order;
- c. Each page of any Party's filing that contains or discloses Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information subject to this Order must be clearly marked: "Confidential Information included pursuant to Protective Order, Proceeding No. 22-280, Bureau ID No. EB-22-MD-003" or "Highly Confidential Information included pursuant to Protective Order, Proceeding No. 22-280, Bureau ID No. EB-22-MD-003," as applicable; and
- d. Any portions of a pleading or other submission that contains Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information, to the extent it is required to be served, shall be served upon the Secretary of the Commission and Outside Counsel of Record for the Reviewing Party. Such portions that contain Confidential Information or Highly Confidential

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Information shall be filed under seal. They shall not be placed in the Commission's Public File unless the Commission directs otherwise (with notice to the Submitting Party and an opportunity to comment on such proposed disclosure). A Submitting Party or a Reviewing Party filing a pleading containing Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information shall also file a redacted copy of the pleading as follows:

1. A pleading containing no Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information and an accompanying cover letter shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System, which shall be placed in the Commission's public files. The public version of the pleading shall bear on the front page the legend "PUBLIC VERSION" and shall clearly indicate where Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information has been redacted from an individual page. If any pages are removed in their entirety to prevent disclosure of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information, the Submitting Party shall insert a placeholder that (a) identifies each omitted document by its page, exhibit, or appendix number, (b) includes a descriptive title for the omitted document, and (c) contains the words "CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS OMITTED" below the descriptive title.
11. In cases where a pleading contains Confidential Information, but not Highly Confidential Information, an original and one copy of the pleading and an accompanying cover letter shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission containing such Confidential Information. This version of the pleading shall not be placed in the Commission's public files but may be made available to those persons authorized by this Order to review Confidential Information. The confidential version of the pleading shall state on the front page in bold print, "DO NOT RELEASE," "NOT FOR INCLUSION IN THE PUBLIC RECORD," and on each page containing Confidential Information. In addition, the confidential version of the pleading shall identify any Confidential Information by including the legend "BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL" and "END CONFIDENTIAL" at the beginning and end of any such information.
111. In cases where a pleading contains both Confidential Information and Highly Confidential Information, an original and one copy of the pleading and an accompanying cover letter shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission containing Confidential Information, but not Highly Confidential Information. Further, one copy of the pleading shall be filed containing both Confidential Information and Highly Confidential Information. These versions of the pleading shall not be placed in the Commission's public files but may be made available to those persons authorized by this Order to review Confidential Information. The Confidential and Highly Confidential versions of the pleading shall state on the front pages in bold print, "DO NOT RELEASE," "NOT FOR INCLUSION IN THE PUBLIC RECORD," and on each page containing Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information. In addition, the Confidential and Highly Confidential versions of the pleading shall identify any Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information by including the legend "BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL" and "END CONFIDENTIAL" at the beginning and end of any such information.

A Submitting Party or a Reviewing Party may provide courtesy copies of pleadings

containing Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information to Commission staff so long as the notation required by subsection c. of this paragraph is not removed.

13. Challenges to the Designation of Confidential or Highly Confidential Information. If a party disputes whether material designated pursuant to this Protective Order and 47 C.F.R. § 0.459 by a Submitting Party is Confidential or Highly Confidential Information as defined in Paragraphs 1(c) and 1(d) above, the challenging party may file a motion with the Commission to that effect pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.727 and 1.731, and the Submitting Party will then have five (5) business days to file a response. Until the motion is decided by the Commission, the information at issue will be treated consistent with the manner in which it was initially designated by the Submitting Party.

14. Violations of Protective Order. Should a Reviewing Party that has properly obtained access to Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information under this Protective Order (or a person who has obtained access through a Reviewing Party) violate any of its terms, that Reviewing Party (“Violating Party”) shall immediately convey that fact to the Commission and to the Submitting Party. Further, should such violation consist of improper disclosure or use of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information, the Violating Party shall take all necessary steps to remedy the improper disclosure or use. The Violating Party shall also immediately notify the Commission and the Submitting Party, in writing, of the identity of each party known or reasonably suspected to have obtained the Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information through any such disclosure. The Commission retains its full authority to fashion appropriate sanctions for violations of this Protective Order, including but not limited to suspension or disbarment of attorneys from practice before the Commission, forfeitures, cease and desist orders, and denial of further access to Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information in this or any other Commission proceeding. Nothing in this Protective Order shall limit any other rights and remedies available to the Submitting Party at law or equity against any party using Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information in a manner not authorized by this Protective Order.

15. Termination of Proceeding. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission or a court of competent jurisdiction, within two weeks after final resolution of this proceeding (which includes any administrative or judicial appeals), Authorized Representatives of Reviewing Parties shall destroy or return to the Submitting Party all Confidential Information and Highly Confidential Information as well as all copies and derivative materials made. Authorized representatives shall certify in a writing served on the Commission and the Submitting Party that no material whatsoever derived from such Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information has been retained by any person having access thereto, except that counsel to a Reviewing Party may retain two copies of pleadings submitted on behalf of the Reviewing Party and other attorney work product. Any Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information contained in any copies of pleadings retained by counsel to a Reviewing Party or in materials that have been destroyed pursuant to this paragraph shall be protected from disclosure or use indefinitely in accordance with paragraphs 9 and 11 of this Protective Order unless such Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information is released from the restrictions of this Order either through agreement of the parties, or pursuant to the order of the Commission or a court having jurisdiction.

16. No Waiver of Confidentiality. Disclosure of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information as provided herein shall not be deemed a waiver by the Submitting Party of any privilege or entitlement to confidential treatment of such Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information. Reviewing Parties, by viewing these materials: (a) agree not to assert any such waiver; (b) agree not to use information derived from any such materials to seek disclosure in any other proceeding; and (c) agree that accidental disclosure of Confidential Information or Highly

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Confidential Information shall not be deemed a waiver of any privilege.

17. Client Consultation. Nothing in this Protective Order shall prevent or otherwise restrict Counsel from rendering advice to their clients relating to the conduct of this proceeding and any subsequent judicial proceeding arising therefrom and, in the course thereof, relying generally on examination of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information; provided, however, that in rendering such advice and otherwise communicating with such client(s), Counsel shall not disclose Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information to any person who is not authorized pursuant to this Protective Order to receive such information.

18. Subpoena by Courts, Departments or Agencies. If a court, or a federal or state department or agency issues a subpoena or orders production of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information that a party has obtained under the terms of this Protective Order, such party shall promptly notify each Submitting Party of the pendency of such subpoena or order. Consistent with the independent authority of any court, department, or agency, such notification must be accomplished such that the Submitting Party has a full opportunity to oppose or seek any other available protection from such production prior to the production or disclosure of any Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information.

19. Additional Rights Preserved. The entry of this Protective Order is without prejudice to the rights of the Submitting Party to apply for additional or different protection where it is deemed necessary or to the rights of Reviewing Parties to request further or renewed disclosure of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information.

20. Effect of Protective Order. This Protective Order constitutes an Order of the Commission and an agreement between the Reviewing Party, executing the attached Declaration(s), and the Submitting Party.

21. Authority. This Protective Order is issued pursuant to Sections 4(i) and 4(j) and 208 of the Communications Act, as amended; 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i) and (j) and 208; sections 0.457(d) and 1.720-1.736 of the Commission's rules; 47 C.F.R. § 0.457(d) and 1.720-1.736; and the authority delegated by sections 0.111 and 0.311 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.111 and 0.311.

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Appendix A to Protective Order

Before the
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In the Matter of ) Proceeding No. 22-280
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Respondents. )

DECLARATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the Protective Order in this proceeding, and that I agree to be bound by its terms pertaining to the treatment of Confidential Information submitted by parties to this proceeding. I understand that the Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to anyone except in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order and shall be used only for purposes of the proceedings in this matter. I acknowledge that a violation of the Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Federal Communications Commission. I acknowledge that this Protective Order is also a binding agreement with the Submitting Party.

Without limiting the foregoing, to the extent that I have any employment, affiliation, or role with any person or entity other than a conventional private law firm (such as, but not limited to, a lobbying or public interest organization), I acknowledge specifically that my access to any information obtained as a result of the Protective Order is due solely to my capacity as Counsel or consultant to a party or other person described in Paragraph 5 of the foregoing Protective Order, as applicable, and that I will not use such information in any other capacity nor will I disclose such information except as specifically provided in the Protective Order. I acknowledge that it is my obligation to ensure that: (1) Confidential Information is used only as provided in the Protective Order; and (2) documents containing Confidential Information are not duplicated except as specifically permitted by the terms of Paragraph 9 of the Protective Order, and I certify that I have verified that there are in place procedures, at my firm or office, to prevent unauthorized disclosure of Confidential Information.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Protective Order.

**Federal Communications Commission**

Executed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_

(printed name) \_\_\_\_\_

(representing) \_\_\_\_\_

(title) \_\_\_\_\_

(employer) \_\_\_\_\_

(address) \_\_\_\_\_

(phone) \_\_\_\_\_

(date) \_\_\_\_\_

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Appendix B to Protective Order

Before the  
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	)	
<i>Complainants,</i>	)	
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v.	)	
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Verizon Delaware LLC, <i>et al.</i>	)	
	)	
<i>Respondents.</i>	)	

DECLARATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the Protective Order in this proceeding, and that I agree to be bound by its terms pertaining to the treatment of Highly Confidential Information submitted by parties to this proceeding. I understand that the Highly Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to anyone except in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order and shall be used only for purposes of the proceedings in this matter. I acknowledge that a violation of the Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Federal Communications Commission. I acknowledge that this Protective Order is also a binding agreement with the Submitting Party.

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Executed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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