

January 20th, 2021

Via Electronic Filing

Mr. Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Petition by Big River Telephone Company, LLC, to Amend its Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Facilities-Based Services

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Big River Telephone Company, LLC (“Big River”) respectfully submits this Petition to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) to amend its Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Facilities-Based Services.

We have electronically filed this document with the Commission, and copies have been served on the parties on the attached service list, which includes the Department of Commerce, the Office of the Attorney General – Residential Utilities and Antitrust Division, the Department of Administration, and the municipalities and telecommunications services providers in the proposed additional service area pursuant to Minn. R. 7812.0200, subp. 6.

Please contact me at kkeaveny@bigrivercom.com (573) 651-3373 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

BIG RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC

/s/ Kevin Keaveny

Enclosures
cc: Service List

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
BEFORE THE
MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

In the Matter of a Petition by Big River
Telephone Company, LLC, to Amend its
Certificate of Authority to Provide Local
Facilities-Based Services

Docket No. _____

PETITION TO AMEND CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I. INTRODUCTION

Big River Telephone Company, LLC, (“Big River” or “Company”) respectfully requests that its current Certificate of Authority issued by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) be amended to permit Big River to provide local facilities-based service in the municipality of Red Lake Falls. Big River stipulates that the authority requested will be conditioned upon the Commission's approval of Big River’s updated 911 plan.

II. SUMMARY OF FILING

This filing includes a one-paragraph summary of the Petition pursuant to Minn. R. 7829.1300, subp. 1.

III. SERVICE ON OTHER PARTIES

Pursuant to Minn. R. 7829.1300, subp.2, Minn. R. 7812.0200, subp. 6, and Minn. Stat. § 216.17, subd. 3, Big River has electronically filed this document on applicable parties.

IV. GENERAL FILING INFORMATION

Pursuant to Minn. R. 7829.1300, subp. 3, Big River provides the following required information.

A. Name, Address, and Telephone Number of Applicant

Big River Telephone Company, LLC
24 S. Minnesota Ave
Cape Girardeau, MO 63702
(573 651-3373

B. Name, Address, Electronic Address, and Telephone Number of Applicant's Attorney

N/A

C. Date of Filing and Proposed Effective Date

The date of this filing is _____ 2020. Big River requests approval of its amended Certificate of Authority twenty (20) days after filing unless an objection is filed; otherwise, immediately upon issuance of the amended certificate.

D. Statute Controlling Schedule for Processing the Filing

This Petition is made pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 237.16 subd. 4, which states if no objection is filed with the Commission or raised by the Commission within twenty (20) days of filing, it is considered approved unless an acquisition governed by section 237.23 is involved. This request does not involve an acquisition.

E. Applicant Employee Responsible for the Filing

Kevin Keaveny
Chief Technical Officer
Big River Telephone Company, LLC
24 S Minnesota Ave
Cape Girardeau, MO 63702
(573) 651-3373
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V. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Pursuant to Minn. R. 7829.0700, Big River requests that the following persons be placed on the Commission's official service list for this proceeding:

Kevin Keaveny
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VI. DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF FILING

A. Background

Big River's current Certificate of Authority permits it to provide facilities-based telecommunications services in the municipalities listed on Attachment A to this Petition. Big River desires to expand its authority to permit the provision of local facilities-based service in the municipality of Red Lake Falls.

B. Current Local Facilities-Based Service Certification

Big River was granted its Certificate of Authority by the Commission on December 19, 2007.

C. Amended Local Facilities-Based Service Certification

Big River requests to expand its authority to conduct business as a facilities-based telecommunications provider within the State of Minnesota. Upon approval of the requested amendment to its Certificate of Authority, Big River expects to offer telecommunications service in the additional municipality of Red Lake Falls.

Big River acknowledges that Commission approval of this request is conditioned upon the filing and approval of a 911 plan pursuant to Minn. R. 7812.0550.

VII. CONCLUSION

For the reasons herein, Big River requests that its Amended Certificate of Authority be issued within the twenty-day period provided by Minn. R. 7812.0300, subp. 5. This request does not involve an acquisition under Minn. Stat. § 237.23. Big River's experience in providing telecommunications services in Minnesota supports Commission approval of the Petition. Big River has demonstrated its ability to provide quality service to the communities it serves and will do so in Red Lake Falls. If you or your staff have any questions regarding this petition, please contact me at (573) 651-3373

Dated: August 18, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kevin Keaveny

Kevin Keaveny

Chief Technical Officer

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SUMMARY OF PETITION

Big River Telephone Company, LLC, ("Big River"), files a Petition seeking expansion of its current Certificate of Authority issued by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") to permit Big River to provide local exchange service in the additional municipality of Red Lake Falls. Big River recognizes that the authority requested will be conditioned upon the Commission's approval of Big River's updated 911 plan.

ATTACHMENT A

RATE CENTER	Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Serving Exchanges(s)
St. Cloud	Qwest
Avon	Qwest
St. Joseph	Qwest
Pierz	CenturyTel of Minnesota
Clearwater	Citizens Telecommunications of Minnesota
Royalton	Qwest
Richmond	Melrose Telephone Company
Cold Spring	Qwest
Clear Lake	Citizens Telecommunications of Minnesota
Holdingsford	Qwest
Foley	Qwest
Becker	Sherburne County Rural Telephone Company
Ogilvie	Qwest
Foreston	Benton Cooperative Telephone Company
Rush City	Qwest
Braham	Qwest
Pine City	Qwest
Mora	Qwest
Milaca	Citizens Telecommunications of Minnesota
Lindstrom	Citizens Telecommunications of Minnesota
Scandimrin	Citizens Telecommunications of Minnesota
Sillwaler	Qwest
Wyoming	Citizens Telecommunications of Minnesota
North Branch	Qwest
Princeton	Qwest
Cambridge	Qwest
Zimmerman	Sherburne County Rural Telephone Company
Plainview	Embarq Minnesota
Kellogg	CenturyTel of Minnesota
Elgin	Embarq Minnesota
Wabasha	Qwest
Mpls/St. Paul Metro Calling Area	Qwest
Mpls/St. Paul Metro Calling Area	Frontier Communications of Minnesota
Mpls/St. Paul Metro Calling Area	Embarq Minnesota
Mpls/St. Paul Metro Calling Area	Citizens Telecommunications of Minnesota
Mpls/St. Paul Metro Calling Area	CenturyTel of Minnesota
Mpls/St. Paul Metro Calling Area	CenturyTel of Minnesota
Mpls/St. Paul Metro Calling Area	CenturyTel of Minnesota
Mpls/St. Paul Metro Calling Area	Qwest
Warroad	Citizens Telecommunications of Minnesota
Roseau	CenturyTel of Minnesota
Baudette	CenturyTel of Minnesota
Thief River falls	Qwest
Warren	Citizens Telecommunications of Minnesota

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kevin Keaveny, hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the following document via electronic filing or United States mail with prepaid postage to all persons indicated on the attached service list:

Petition by Big River Telephone Company, LLC, to Amend its Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Facilities-Based Services and Attachment A-1.

Dated this 20th day of January 2021.

*/s/ Kevin Keaveny*_____

Service List

First Name	Last Name	Email	Company Name	Address	Delivery Method	View Trade Secret
Brian	Grunhovd	brian.grunhovd@gvtel.net	Garden Valley Telephone Company	201 Ross Ave PO Box 259 Erskine, MN 56535	Electronic Service	No
Linda	Chavez	linda.chavez@state.mn.us	Department of Commerce	85 7th Place E Ste 280 Saint Paul, MN 55101-2198	Electronic Service	No
Generic Notice	Commerce Attorneys	commerce.attorneys@ag.state.mn.us	Office of the Attorney General-DOC	445 Minnesota Street Suite 1400 St. Paul, MN 55101	Electronic Service	No
Generic Notice	Residential Utilities Division	residential.utilities@ag.state.mn.us	Office of the Attorney General-RUD	1400 BRM Tower 445 Minnesota St St. Paul, MN 55101-2131	Electronic Service	No
Alice	Roberts-Davis	admin.info@state.mn.us	Department of Administration	15 Sherburne Avenue St. Paul, MN 55155	Electronic Service	No